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**NOTE TO
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Subject: A vision for the future of the Ispra site

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Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your letter and for your positive approach to further develop the Ispra site. I understand that similar issues have already been raised by you with the previous College, and take good note of the fact that you are now reverting to this matter in the new context of the Coronavirus outbreak.

I will not repeat the positions already expressed on this matter by former Commissioners Oettinger and Navracscics and former Vice-President Georgieva. Suffice it to say that the JRC is generally considered to have achieved major progress in recent years in positioning itself as strategic partner of the Commission and its policymaking. It has also built up its site management services to a high level of expertise and professionalism. Having said that, I also take careful note of your suggestions.

We are currently very much focused on the preparation of the JRC Work Programme under the next MFF and, as you know, the negotiation of the specific sectoral programmes (including Horizon and Euratom), and the available budgets, have yet to be finalised. We are also still very much focused on managing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

That said, I hope we will be able to find the time to meet and further exchange ideas when the circumstances improve later on this year and I finally get the opportunity to travel to the Ispra site.

Best regards,

(e-signed)
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