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**Subject: Horizon 2020 Framework Programme** 

Project: 777536 — EOSC-hub Project review (Article 22) Draft project review report

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing in connection with the above-mentioned review procedure for your grant.

Please find enclosed the draft review report. As you know it was drafted with the help of outside experts.

In our view, the project implementation is satisfactory.

To improve the implementation, we would recommend the following changes:

- Deliverables 1.5, 1.6, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 8.1 and 10.4 should be revised according to the recommendations in the review report (Annex 1).
- The project should keep a high focus on the Portal development, on service integration, backend and frontend services. It is recommended to continue working to make sure that the Portal looks like a single Portal instead of two different frontends (Portal and Marketplace).
- The project needs to increase service integration and work to expand the service offerings beyond the HPC/cloud computing provision, which still seems the core product. Further interaction with the with ESFRI clusters projects is expected.
- The project should adjust the training strategy to make it more focused. The training catalogue and materials should be enhanced with clear routes that should be used by interested scientists/communities when trying to understand how to use EOSC, as well as for service providers to be able to provide services in EOSC.
- The consortium should ensure fluid and open communication with the European Commission. Also, the Portal metrics should be kept monitored on an ongoing basis and a monthly report should be sent to the EC.
- The project should make more efforts to ensure the timely submission of deliverables in the next project period. Moreover, the consortium is invited to take into account the comments by

the reviewers in the deliverables for which a next version is foreseen (detailed comments and suggestions in the review report, Annex 1).

Please also note that a positive assessment of the technical work does NOT automatically guarantee that the costs will be accepted. This will depend on a number of other factors (such as compliance with cost eligibility rules, which will be assessed separately, on the basis of your financial statements and financial audits, if any).

Please submit **observations** — within **30 days** of receiving this letter — as formal notification via your <u>Funding & Tenders Portal account</u>.

I would be grateful if you could inform the other members of your consortium (if any) of this letter.

For any questions, please contact us via your Funding & Tenders Portal account.

Yours faithfully,

**Authorising Officer** 

Enclosures: Review report