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ORGANISATIONAL UPDATE: EIT Health COVID-19 Lines of Action

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Dear Partners of EIT Health,

I trust that you and your loved ones are in good health. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a tight grip on Europe and the world, I am aware that many families are affected. I am touched by the personal stories that reach us from many places and I am grateful to all the health workers who give everything to save lives and help people recover.

At times like this we wish to be closer together, both with our loved ones and with our colleagues. We have to manage difficult, unprecedented situations. Yet, we need to adjust to new ways of communicating and collaborating. Let's acknowledge that this is challenging for all of us. Let us be supportive and patient with each other.

With this brief message, I would like to update you on our key lines of action in the COVID-19 crisis:

- **EIT Health Community Response:** In [a section of our website dedicated to COVID-19](#), you can find descriptions about our [community response](#). There are 69 initiatives specifically impacting Europe captured online at the time of this writing. These descriptions showcase how you, our Partners, are acting to fight the pandemic. I am deeply impressed by the actions taken.
- **Making Connections:** Also in the COVID-19 section of our site, you find [‘Asks’ and ‘Offers’](#) to fight the pandemic. There are already 21 requests or offers of help online. It is our aim to leverage the power of our network to address the pandemic. Task Forces in the CLCs/InnoStars are working to support creating matches, led by [a dedicated team](#). We have received more than 100 of such ‘Asks’ and ‘Offers’ [using this form](#) and kindly ask you to bear with as we are taking them up and facilitate potential matches. I invite you to see if you can support any of the initiatives.
- **Understanding the impact on the organisation and identifying underspend:** I know that many of you are heavily impacted by the crisis and we know that many activities in the portfolio cannot be carried out as planned. We are committed to understanding the details of this impact, flagging them to the EIT as soon as possible to adjust the Business Plan 2020 accordingly. We also have to identify any funding that cannot be used in 2020 as soon as possible, as this is a precondition for reallocating un-used funds (see below). For this we need your support in completing an update on your project. This update will replace all project monitoring actions planned for this month in Campus and the Accelerator. We thank you for giving us an early indication of the impact of the current situation on your project or activity. The PMO team will reach out to the project leaders, by 1 April 2020 with a kind request

for return by 9 April 2020. We will repeat this workflow another 1-2 times during the year.

- **“Rapid Response” in 2020 for on-going and new projects on COVID-19:** If we are able to identify underspent funding (depends on your responses, see above), we would like to dedicate this funding to support immediate responses to the pandemic. In case your on-going project would have the potential and interest to make adaptations to current work plans for rapid response, you are invited to first contact your respective CLC/InnoStars Directors for consultation. Proposals for new ideas can be submitted from 1 April 2020 until 8 April 2020 via an online form that will be posted on Connections and shared through CLCs/InnoStars, with all information from 1 April 2020. Projects have to be implemented rapidly, with full spending and completion in 2020. They have to create short-term impact, leverage our network and include at least one EIT Health Core or Associate Partner. We expect granting decisions on first projects by 15 April 2020 (others may follow as more budget becomes available). Normal co-funding rules for “for profit” partners remain in place (i.e. at least 30% co-funding), KCA contribution and additional co-funding will be appreciated. EIT Health lifts all requirements for financial return for these actions.
- **Call for Proposals for the Business Plan 2021:** The Call 2021 will close 8 July 2020 (4pm, Munich time). This is to give you more time to finish proposals.

We will also invite the submission of **new proposals that address the management and response to pandemics**. These new proposals on pandemics will need to submit Expressions of Interest by 27 May 2020 (Wednesday, 4pm, Munich time). The amended BP

2021 Call for Proposals document with all criteria on this subject will be published by 14 April 2020 on the [BP 2021 Call page in Connections](#). The deadline to submit these new proposals on management and response to pandemics will be the same than for the rest of other areas of the call (now 8 July 2020).

Thank you very much for considering this update. Do not hesitate to reach out to us in case you have questions.

I wish you all strength and good health.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JP Beck', written in a cursive style.

Jan-Philipp Beck

CEO

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