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Subject: NBT platform: update + proposal to meet

Dear all,

As mentioned today to \_\_\_\_\_\_ we would like to inform you that it takes a bit more time to complete the legal arguments for the different techniques. However, we will be able to send our legal argumentation to you by the end of August.

We have already a meeting scheduled with all our members (+ three new ones) on <u>Thursday 13 September</u> here in Brussels. So it would be absolutely perfect (and convenient) to schedule then also a meeting with the Commission to present and discuss our legal arguments.

Could you please let us know as soon as possible if this date would suit and if we could schedule a meeting with you all from 13:00 to 16:00 on 13 September?

Many thanks for letting us know.

Besides, we are currently looking for funds for our research proposal 'The regulatory status of NBTs outside of Europe' within various organizations. Two research institutes have already indicated to contribute. And currently the Dutch ministry of Economic affairs, Agriculture and Innovation is reviewing it as well. They are not yet convinced about the added value of this research versus the already existing JRC research on this topic. Of course, we have no doubts about our reasoning as we will look into 13 instead of 5 countries and will not focus on GM legislation but more specifically on (regulatory) developments regarding NBTs.

We really hope to be able to start this research after summer.

With best regards, On behalf of

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