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**Subject: CEPS participation in Green Growth Knowledge Platform as Knowledge Partner**

Dear Mr. Simmons,

I am writing to express the interest of CEPS in becoming a knowledge partner within the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP).

Founded in Brussels in 1983, the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) is among the most experienced and authoritative think tanks operating in Europe today. CEPS has repeatedly been ranked among the top ten leading think tanks in the world and has demonstrated its capacity for in-depth analysis of policies and performance in all areas of importance in the European agenda. Its main distinguishing feature lies in its strong in-house research capacity, complemented by an extensive network of partner institutes throughout the world. CEPS serves as a leading forum for debate among all stakeholders (industry, business, associations, policy makers, academia, NGOs etc), engaging a large base of corporate and institutional members.

CEPS has worked intensively on generating and disseminating knowledge on the green economy. Among the key projects in which CEPS participates is GreenEcoNet which has set up a web platform for SMEs offering relevant information and networking opportunities on the green economy. Another relevant project is NETGREEN which supports policy-makers, practitioners and researchers in different fields in measuring green growth. CEPS has also worked extensively on smart cities and was part of a project consortium that set up the Smart Cities Stakeholder Platform, called today the "Smart Cities and Communities Market Place". It has also collaborated in other smart city projects such as the POCACITO (Post Carbon Cities of Tomorrow) and has supported the International Electrotechnical Commission to prepare its white paper on technology integration for smart cities.

In the related field of the circular economy, CEPS has a strong portfolio of work in the areas of circular economy business models, resource efficiency indicators and green financing. In this context, CEPS has built a Task Force comprised of representatives of major multinational companies in Europe as well as senior executives from NGOs and research institutes with the objective to prepare policy recommendations on the circular economy. CEPS also co-chairs the Circular Economy Task Force of the T20 Think Tank Network that supports G20 policy making under German Presidency. It has also published papers and studies on topics such as "The Use of resource efficiency indicators in policy-making", "Barriers and enablers to the implementation of circular economy business models" and "The link between climate change and the circular economy".

In view of our experience on the above fields, CEPS would be pleased to join the Green Growth Knowledge Platform as Knowledge Partner and contribute to its activities. This would also give us the opportunity to participate in the GGKP's research committees featuring leading experts from around the globe.

Yours sincerely,

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