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NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF PROJECT COORDINATOR

**Subject: e-Infrastructure project groups for Horizon 2020
Work programme 2014-15**

As announced in the Grant Preparation Mandate letter, e-infrastructure projects that successfully complete the grant preparation phase will be asked to coordinate their work with related projects. To trigger this process, we have made a preliminary allocation of projects into project groups¹ (see Annex 1). Your project has been allocated to one or more project groups. The groups are expected to work proactively and independently, however a dedicated Programme Officer (PO) has been identified for each group to facilitate its work.

The purpose of these groups is to exploit synergies, remove overlaps and identify gaps, as well as to share knowledge among the projects in each project group. In practice this may mean mutual and cross-domain cooperation; exploring from an early stage options for sharing know-how, computing facilities, organising joint pilots and demos, and common business or sustainability perspectives.

The e-Concertation meeting referred to in the Grant Preparation Mandate letter will take place on 9-10 November 2015 in Brussels. The aim of the meeting is to agree on a final allocation of projects into groups, to kick off the project groups' activities, and decide the next concrete steps. We expect all our projects to participate. We encourage projects to proactively initiate contacts with those in the same project group. To this end, your project group's dedicated PO will be soon in contact with you. Annex 2 presents the preliminary Agenda for the e-Concertation meeting.

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¹ We use the term "project group" instead of "cluster" mentioned in the Grant Preparation Mandate, to avoid confusion with various other existing "clusters" (for example ESFRI project clusters).