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Dear colleagues,

I write to you because you have an interest in EDI matters in the EA or are a prominent member or representative of an EA network and we've spoken recently about the launch of the SEEN network (so 'sorry' for the officious tone!). As you know, this launch took place on the 20th of October, and we are officially recognised by Cabinet Office as a cross-government network . Clearly, the network will be of limited utility unless colleagues know of its existence. The network has been touch with DEFRA EDI leadership at the highest levels with a regard to launch communications. I wanted to let you know that it is the network's stated intention, with agreement from the DEFRA EDI leadership, to publish an item on the DEFRA Yammer 'All Company' feed during the w/c 7th of November (likely between the 8th and 11th). The exact text to be used is still being finalised, but I'm reasonably confident that it will not diverge dramatically from the information found on our 'About Us' page. Knowing that members of some networks have expressed concerns at the protected beliefs held by many of our members, I consider it good form to let you know with as much notice as possible. As a SEEN member, I am assured that in the future the network will be open to conversations between networks (where desired) where we can explore each other's aims and objectives in more detail. In the meantime, my offer to engage with anyone interested with regard to my personal story and beliefs stands, and I hope we can engage constructively going forward.

Kind regards,

