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Subject: Call for proposals for indirect actions under the multiannual Community Programme to make digital content in Europe more accessible, usable and exploitable (eContentplus) – (Official Journal C233 of 10/09/2005)

Ref: Proposal No. 38097 “Bernstein”

Dear Mr. Wenger,

The European Commission (EC) has evaluated the proposal which you submitted in response to the above call for proposals with the assistance of outside experts. The Evaluation Summary Report (ESR) summarizing the experts' main comments and recommendations regarding your proposal has already been forwarded to you. A copy is attached for ease of reference.

Pending a final decision on the proposals likely to benefit from EU funding, the EC would like to clarify with you and your partners the technical, financial and administrative conditions for signing a grant agreement funding your project.

The EC official in charge of your proposal, Mr Raymond Hudson, will contact you soon to arrange for a meeting on our premises in Luxembourg. The Negotiation Guidelines detailing the documentation needed by the Commission services to prepare for that meeting and subsequently to be able to generate a grant agreement will be forwarded to you by email.

The consortium delegation should consist of a) the intended project manager within the co-ordinating organisation, b) the person within the co-ordinating organisation who is expected to handle administrative, financial and contractual matters, and – where appropriate – c) any other partner(s) who would be able to highlight particularly important aspects of the planned work.

The EC will not refund your travel and accommodation expenses nor any other costs that you may incur in the process of conducting the discussions leading up to the signature of a possible grant agreement.

All the required documents should be delivered to the above contact person **five days before the meeting date**. Failure to respect this deadline may be considered by the Commission as a wish not to enter into negotiations and therefore to withdraw your proposal.

Negotiations must be successfully completed as quickly as possible and **no later than 19 May 2006**. The Commission reserves the right to terminate the negotiations after that deadline.

Please inform the other consortium members of the current situation and feel free to contact the EC official below should you need any further information or assistance prior to the meeting.

Contact Person in charge of your file:

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This letter should not under any circumstances be considered as a formal commitment by the Commission to fund your project. This depends, in particular, on the satisfactory conclusion of the upcoming discussions and the completion of the formal selection process.

Further information and practical details regarding the forthcoming meeting will be provided in due course via electronic mail.

Yours sincerely,


Richard Swetenham
Head of Unit

Enclosures: Evaluation Summary Report

Copy: Raymond Hudson