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To the attention of:
Mr. Carlos MOEDAS
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European Commission
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Letter sent via regular mail

RE: Request for recognition by the European Commission of the Human Resources Strategy for Research developed at the University of Franche-Comté, according to the "European Charter for Researchers" and the "Code of Conduct for the recruitment of researchers"

Dear Sir,

The University of Franche-Comté (UFC) is a human-sized multidisciplinary university (22 358 students and 2 468 members of staff), located in 5 cities all over the region: Besançon, Belfort, Montbéliard, Vesoul and Lons-le-Saunier.

With 27 research teams, 6 of which are partnered with CNRS (French National Center for Scientific Research) and INSERM (French National Institute for Health and Medical Research), research at the University of Franche-Comté covers 3 disciplinary fields: environment and health sciences, human and social sciences, basic and engineering sciences.

Throughout the years, the university has developed strong relationships with research institutions (Etablissement Français du Sang, the French National Blood Agency, Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique et aux Energies Alternatives, the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission, Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, the French National Institute for Agricultural Research, Institut National de Recherches Archéologiques Préventives, the French National Institute for Preventive Archaeological Research...), with Besançon Regional University Hospital, as well as with different partners of higher education, research and innovation in Franche-Comté and in Burgundy. Research at the University of Franche-Comté is also strongly supported by local institutions (the Region, local communities, councils, towns and cities)

Since 2007 already, the UFC has officially endorsed the principles of the European Charter for Researchers and of the Code of Conduct for the recruitment of researchers. Today, by requesting the "HR Excellence in Research" award, the University wishes to give a formal turn to its commitment to respecting the Charter and Code principles and thus to contribute to a European Research Area aiming at excellence.

With best regards,

