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Recommendations for the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement (MGA) relating to Open Access

Dear Ms Gabriel,

The European Chemical Society (EuChemS) would like to express its concerns concerning the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement relating to Open Access.

In the previous mandate of the European Commission, the European Chemical Society was invited to join the high-level group on Open Science and we are grateful that we had an opportunity to contribute to reshaping the landscape.

We are thus fully aware of major changes in the publishing area in recent years and want to point to the fact that the full consequences of these changes are still unclear. In view of this, rather than rushing the transition and risk jeopardizing high-quality chemistry journals and consequently learned societies, many of which are European based, the situation should be carefully monitored before a final recommendation is being made, and thus that major change in the MGA should not be introduced now. As the European Chemical Society is not a publisher itself, we shall not go as far as proposing explicit recommendations, while asking you to re-consider the MGA from the above point of view.

Yours sincerely,

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