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Dear Ms Maquire, Ms Kogevinas, Mr McKee, Mr Victora,

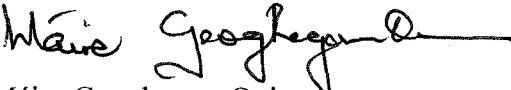
Thank you very much for your recent letter and for your general support for Horizon 2020 – my services and I have worked hard to ensure that we will launch the most comprehensive, challenge-based programme ever when the first calls for proposal are launched next month.

Thank you also for highlighting your concerns about the balance of the work programme for 2014-15.

I would like to assure you that public health and public health systems research are very high on my agenda – you are quite right in highlighting the need for detailed work in these areas, particularly in light of the economic crisis of recent years. Public health and health systems research will be fundamental pillars of the 2014-15 work programme and integral parts of several calls. In addition, my services have been asked to work with Member States on the establishment of an ERA-NET in this area.

I have asked my services to reply to you separately with a comprehensive dossier on public health and health systems research as envisaged in the 2014-15 work programme – you will receive this very soon. In the meantime, I would like to assure you that public health and health systems research are a high priority within societal challenge 2, 'Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing', and the programme will offer very significant opportunities to support and fund such research.

Yours sincerely,


Máire Geoghegan-Quinn