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Dear Dr Kienzl,

Thank you very much for your invitation to the 'Umweltbeobachtungskonferenz' to be held in Karlsruhe on 30 September 2004. Due to unforeseeable reasons Peter Bosch will not be able to attend the Conference and unfortunately, due to prior arrangements of the staff involved in the area to be discussed, the Agency will not be represented.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome your activity. We see the EU-EMS network as a good starting point for a bottom up harmonisation of monitoring programmes taking into account the experiences gained in your countries on a pragmatic basis.

From my point of view this network could be useful for the streamlining based on working level contacts, where EEA via the EIONET rely rather on the administrative top down approach for collecting data especially in the framework of reporting obligations.

The main stepping stone for a further cooperation could be indeed the use of REPORTNET, which is obviously already discussed and started with some Austrian colleagues.

We will follow the development with interest and expect good synergies with our activities under EIONET. After starting the harmonising of certain data streams this could in a later stage and with more member states on board be a good support to our efforts on harmonising data flows under EIONET.

I wish you a successful meeting and a good start of the network, please provide us with the proceeding and keep us informed about the further development.

Yours sincerely,

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