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Dear ERC grantee,

As you may know the year 2017 will mark the 10th anniversary of the European Research Council which was set-up by the European Commission in 2007.

In ten years only our organization has become a brand of scientific excellence and a recognised success story for the European Union: thousands of research leaders such as you supported, 90.000 articles featuring ERC projects in scientific journals, hundreds of breakthroughs and discoveries that are opening new horizons to tackle medical, industrial, societal challenges and so on.

Ten years of successes deserve to be celebrated and widely communicated, to show to citizens, beyond the scientific community, the importance and added value of what Europe is doing in the field of research. We plan to celebrate this milestone in Brussels and beyond. In particular, to mark this important moment in a truly European fashion, we would like to invite you to join us by celebrating the ERC and 10 Years of Great Ideas in your country. **From 13 to 19 March, an "ERC week" will take place and we are encouraging all the institutions and national authorities to organize ERC events at a national and/or local level, ideally in those days.**

Staying true to our bottom-up approach, the choice of the format, duration and location of these events will be totally free.

Here are a few suggestions:

- A scientific conference, round table or press conference involving ERC grantees hosted by your institution
- "ERC days" in one or more universities or other remarkable premises such as science museums in your country to attract the public and visitors interested in ERC-funded science
- A "get together" event focusing on Research and Innovation topics with invited ERC grantees and key opinion leaders



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- An article in a national or regional newspaper
- A TV or radio programme

Please note that a similar message has been sent to host institutions in all EU and associated countries, however, **if you feel that your institution should celebrate this occasion, please pass this message on to the relevant person.** It would be advisable to coordinate your possible initiative with them and any other actor in your country, **in particular with your country's National Contact Point.** Should you decide to join the “ERC Week”, we would be pleased to hear about it.

Should you decide to join the “ERC Week”, please write to us using our mailbox:

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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