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AW: AW: requested essential information about the rejected CTI /n°CTI 25888.1 INNO-LS

À valere.hofstetter@arrco2.ch Copie life.sciences@kti.admin.ch

Dear Mr. Hofstetter

As Ms. Gerber already mentioned, the reason for rejection was the lack of information. You are free to resubmit the application in a revised form. So please do either resubmit the application or accept the decision of the CTI. Regarding your second question: I will not comment on the budget situation of the CTI, if there would be a lack of budget, this would be communicated in time on our website.

Regards

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Von: Valère Hofstetter [mailto:valere.hofstetter@arrco2.ch]

Gesendet: Dienstag, 20. Juni 2017 16:43

An: _KTI-LifeSciences <life.sciences@kti.admin.ch>

Betreff: Re: AW: requested essential information about the rejected CTI /n°CTI 25888.1 INNO-LS

Dear Ms. Gerber,

Sorry to bother you again.

I just have one last question that I am sure you will be able to answer at the same time as you send me as this so long awaited answer with the link to this mysterious film that might be plagiarism. I am sure you don't want to be plagiarism accomplice and actively cover it.

So this last question is when is the last time the CTI was audited and by whom?

Is there somebody responsible to oversee your tax payers money spending ?

I still so amazed that you can manage to run out of money for a 7'500 CHF Innovation check at the end of the year with a 154.7 Million in budget.

Maybe those who audited you have a an idea.

I am still thinking about your proposition of resubmitting. For instance I am trying to improve the website accordingly to the anonymous experts tastes for information but I guess I would still need to know when approximately you are running out of money, June July...

With my best regards,

Le 16 juin 2017 à 16:08, Valère Hofstetter <valere.hofstetter@arrco2.ch> a écrit :

Dear Ms. Gerber,

Let's not rewrite history shall we!

I provided all the information requested and you failed to document the video on which you based your decision to rejected my grant demand, which is so amateurish but anyway...

I would love to submit again but I don't want to wait again months to hear my demand is rejected because you don't like my website, no sorry let's be exact because "you don't find informative enough".

I provided all the information you requested but its seems you are not able or not willing to understand. Maybe its the language barrier so I will try in German:

Ich fordere den Link und Sie haben mich meine Zeit verlieren.

Alles klar?

With my best regards,

Le 16 juin 2017 à 13:55, life.sciences@kti.admin.ch a écrit :

Dear Mr. Hofstetter

Again, thank you for your patience. Please mind our answer below:

The approval of the innovation cheque has not failed because of the video. Discussing this question would definitely be the wrong approach.

The innovation cheque could not be properly evaluated due missing information.

The following questions should be answered:

- Si le photobioréacteur lamellaire existe déjà, comment se présentent les premières cultivations (p.e. biomasse, acides gras etc.)?
- A quoi servent les images microscopiques (distribution de la lumière, état physiologique des cellules?)
- ...et quel sera le produit final?

You have all the information you need and nothing is withheld; the video is probably a misinterpretation of web-data.

If you describe your technology properly, you may resubmit an innovation cheque.

Best regards

Eva Gerber

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Von: _KTI-LifeSciences

Gesendet: Mittwoch, 14. Juni 2017 16:31

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Dear Mr. Hofstetter

I have forwarded your e-mail, so I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thanks for your patience.

If we are not receiving this critical information requested many times by the end of this month, new legal actions against CTI experts will be studied.

As a note:

Please keep in mind that I have already contacted our experts on March 21 regarding your question(s). I have told you on March 22 that we both have to wait for the experts' answers. After that, you have decided that you do not want to wait for an answer anymore: You have then contacted the Tribunal administrative federal on April 11.

Based on this, I would like to kindly ask you to be patient, so I can get an answer from the experts.

Thank you!

Best regards

Eva Gerber

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Dear Madam Gerber,

As you know, we have tried to follow the appealing path proposed to contest the rejection of the grant demand mentioned above .

We have given up the administrative appealing process because it's a waste of time and money really not worth a CTI Innovation Check.

However we have not given up on receiving the answers to the questions we have asked to the experts.

I am expecting them to give me the link to this mysterious film they allegedly saw on the internet and I find very curious, to say the least, that this information was not already transmitted.

In the case this film really exists and is not just an undocumented pretext then this film could be an attempt to misuse my intellectual property or a plagiarism attempt.

Retaining this kind of information on purpose could be very prejudicial to the commercial interest of the startup project ArrCO2 is defending.

If we are not receiving this critical information requested many times by the end of this month, new legal actions against CTI experts will be studied.

With my best regards,

Le 21 mars 2017 à 16:02, Valère Hofstetter <valere.hofstetter@arrco2.ch> a écrit :

Dear Madam Gerber,

I am so sorry to give you all this work.

As I have been working for years on this CTI demand, there is no problem for me to be a little patient to get answers from your experts. However I cannot let the limits for appeals be crossed because I am waiting for some experts answers.

The appeal is ready to be sent. So unless you formally extend the limit for appeal, without an answer from these experts, I will have to send the appeal within two days.

I don't know if these experts are anonymous but otherwise you could give me the email address of these experts in charge of this demand and I could ask them my questions directly.

With my best regards,

Le 21 mars 2017 à 14:12, life.sciences@kti.admin.ch a écrit :

Dear Mr. Hofstetter

Please mind my answers below.

I will get back to you as soon as possible – thanks for your patience.

Best regards

Eva Gerber

Eva Gerber

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Von: Valère Hofstetter [valere.hofstetter@arrco2.ch]

Gesendet: Dienstag, 21. März 2017 09:59

An: _KTI-LifeSciences <life.sciences@kti.admin.ch>

Cc: cberthoud@vtxnet.ch

Betreff: Re: AW: requested essential information about the rejected CTI /n°CTI 25888.1 INNO-LS

Dear Madam Gerber,

Thank you very much for your answer. I am sorry but the legal entity applying is ArrCO2, inscribed at the commerce registry as you ask for, and not Valere Hofstetter inscribed as an independent in the commerce registry. The person you are corresponding with is the president of ArrCO2, which is me currently and the info will be shared with the ArrCO2 members. I do not understand why the Swiss post office allegedly told you the address I entered was incorrect, since I received your letter, you just did not correctly address it to ArrCO2.

As I explained before, we take the information directly from the application form you have sent us.

We do correspond with the person indicated in the application form (in this case, it is you). We also take the company name from the form (in this case, it is the same one that is registered in the commercial register).

To avoid a misunderstanding, the original letter is here with me. I have only sent you the scanned version of the original letter. Could you please give me the right address? You have only told me that I have not correctly addressed it, but I still do not know which address is the correct one. I have copied the address from the commercial register entry and the application form:

PME / Requirant					
*Nom Hofstetter		*Prénom Valère		Titre Monsieur	
*Nom de l'entreprise Association de recherche pour le recyclage du CO2		Adresse postale			
Sige AmCO2		*Rue Faubourg de l'Hôpital 26			
*NPA 2000		*Localité Neuchâtel		canton/pays Neuchâtel/Suisse	
*E-Mail valere.hofstetter@amco2.ch		Site internet www.amco2.ch		*Téléphone prof. 077 450 15 96	
<small>* Champs obligatoires</small>					
<small>! Précision: Tous les partenaires du projet doivent être des personnes autorisées à signer</small>					

Association de recherche pour le recyclage du CO2
inscrite le 08 décembre 2016
Association

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Dates des Statuts	
1	17.10.2007 (stat. origin.) - 01.11.2016 (dem. mod.)

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Ref.	Adresse	
1	faubourg de l'Hôpital 26, c/o Valère Hofstetter, 2000 Neuchâtel	

Since according to you the "date of notification" is translated into "the date the letter was written", we have an extremely short time to follow the appealing procedure. Therefore I would be thankful if you could answer all my previous questions before the end of the appealing period.

The letter was not written on this date. On February 24 the letter has sent to you by post. Unfortunately, the Swiss post office returned it to us afterwards.

For instance could you provide the link of this unrelated film you've mentioned as a reason for the rejection.

Secondly I would need an answers as for why you are asking results before the experiment I am trying to finance with an innovation check...?

I have forwarded your questions to the experts. As I explained before, I cannot answer your questions myself, because I only evaluate the applications formally. I would like to ask you to be patient – I will forward you the answers as soon as I have got them.

If you cannot answer those simple questions, submitting again and again (it would be the third time for this specific CTI demand grant and there is an other one for other part of the project, which has been waiting for years in your data base . I've submit this latest demand over more than a year ago) is a questionable time investment for our firm.

Experience has shown me that it would be the faster solution for you to resubmit the application with new information rather than meeting in court or organizing a discussion with the experts, that is why I have advised you to resubmit the application. When you challenge the decision taken at the Federal Administrative Court, please mind that only formal aspects will be discussed, not content-related issues. Additionally, I apologize when this advice did not help you.

I hope you will have the time to answer those simple legitimate questions before we meet in court.

With my cordial greetings,

V. Hofstetter

Le 20 mars 2017 à 15:34, life.sciences@kti.admin.ch a écrit :

Dear Mr. Hofstetter

You can find my answers below. Thank you for your understanding and your patience.

Best regards

Eva Gerber

Von: Valère Hofstetter [valere.hofstetter@arrco2.ch]

Gesendet: Mittwoch, 15. März 2017 16:24

An: _KTI-LifeSciences <life.sciences@kti.admin.ch>

Cc: Colette Berthoud-Rochat <cberthoud@vtxnet.ch>

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Dear Madam Gerber,

I am sorry I could not catch your mail on time, the address was right but it would have been better to address it to ArrCO2' s president and not to me personally but that's ok. For future answers, as there is not much confidential information in it anyway, you can directly send it to me by email, we could thus speed up the process a little.

You have indicated yourself as main implementation partner in the application form. For your next proposal / innovation cheque, it is important to know that we will only correspond with the person(s) indicated in the application. Regarding the process: I have to send the original decision letter by mail (post). I have annexed the scan because the Swiss postal service told us that the address you entered was apparently incorrect.

As I said before, I need to know the actual address, so I could send you the original later on. This was the address you have indicated in the application before:

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Before appealing to this decision, I would like to answer your question and also ask a few questions to the Prof.Dr Beda Stalder.

First of all a little technical question, the 30 days for appeal starts the 24 of February, the day you dated your letter or the 13th of march when I received your email?

The date we have dated the letter (...dans les 30 jours suivant sa notification).

I would like to help with your "difficulties" to judge this application. So first of all, I would like to know what information you are looking for on ArrCO2's website to judge this application? I must admit this website was not really conceived to facilitate the judgement of CTI applications, so your feedback are very important to us to deliver the best service possible.

Secondly I do not know what search engine you have used but if you used Google for instance, all the results are relevant as shown in the joint document. However I am very interested to know more about the video you have found on the net that is using my microPBR4D name in an inappropriate manner. Could you send me the link?

Now comes an embarrassing question, did you understand that the application is about financing the 3D printing and testing of new type photobioreactors, a lamellar photobioreactors? Well, I admit they are not so new any more as they were ready for 3D printing and testing nearly a year ago. So when you ask if there are already lamellar photobioreactor, the answers is not to my knowledge, it is an invention resulting from nearly a decade of ArrCO2 research. So if I am asking you the money for a Uni laboratory to 3D print and test my inventions, how could I have the results about their biomass and oil content ? This is a very awkward question your are asking.

Finally your last question about the use of the microscopic picture is really relevant. I would like to use microscopic picture to analyse at the cellular level how cells stack on one another in details. ArrCO2 laboratory photobioreactors and the protocol it will develop with its academic partners will allow that. The point of this CTI application, the end product if you want, is to obtain scientific laboratory data to plan the proportion of the industrial microPBR4D. I especially

need to match the results from of the latest heliostats solar simulations with laboratory results of cellulars density in lamellar PBR.

I cannot tell you this, actually. The office does not evaluate the application content-related, only formally. Our experts evaluate the content of all applications. The experts evaluated your application due to the information given in the application you have submitted on January 19 2017. So if you think that you have been misunderstood, you should know that there is always the possibility to resubmit an application. I would suggest you that you put this new information *above* in a new application form and resubmit it. I hope this suggestion helped.

I hope I answered all of your questions and I am looking forward to the answers of mine.

With my best regards,



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