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Dear Dr. Adriano Barra

The Government of Spain, through its Ministry of Universities, is inviting relevant international scientists to constitute an "Interdisciplinary Assessment Board" to support a **pilot interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary research programme in Artificial Intelligence**, within the framework of the European Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan -funded by the European Union- NextGenerationEU.

This is an innovative and highly relevant initiative within the "**Spanish Artificial Intelligence Strategy**", which seeks to promote a new approach to focus on interdisciplinary, creatively innovative and exploratory scientific projects, **bringing together both humanities and social science disciplines, as well as Artificial Intelligence experts**, in order to open up new research ideas that transcend, combine or simultaneously span several disciplines.

Who we are looking for

- We are directly inviting **international researchers** who are not part of the Spanish system for the "Interdisciplinary Evaluation Board. The selection has been made on the basis of the **scientific reputation**
- We welcome researchers from all disciplines **who understand and appreciate interdisciplinary research and who find it as an opportunity to be part of a novel interdisciplinary research initiative.**

What you'll be doing

- Each reviewer will receive between **one and a maximum of three proposals** from the end of September to the end of October.
- An "**evaluation guide**" **will be provided** to assist the researchers in the review process.
- You will receive a remuneration fee of **€130 for each evaluated proposal.**
- As **the evaluation will be using online platforms**, there will be no requirement to travel or attend any meetings, so the engagement as an evaluator is limited to submitting the expert opinion in the evaluation of proposals.
- Proposals will be evaluated on the **basis of "excellence, interdisciplinarity and originality" as the sole criterion**, inspired in the Sinergy Grant call from the European Research Council (ERC).

Further information

It is in our best interest that you could agree to participate in the process of this pilot initiative. In that regard, we aim to make any reasonable adjustments to support your full participation. Contact us if there is anything that might hinder your participation and we will try to solve it.

Acknowledgements

The Government of Spain is very grateful to you for your willingness to accept the invitation. By participating in the evaluation you are contributing to support a new strategic interdisciplinary and hybrid research culture in the research and academic policy of the Spanish Government.

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