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I wish to thank you for your letter of 10 March 2024, by which you express your interest in a strengthened partnership between the community of the Framework for Open and Reproducible Research Training (FORRT) and UNESCO in relation to the Recommendation on Open Science.

UNESCO, as the leading UN agency on education, science, culture and communication, places special emphasis on equitable and open access to knowledge resources and participation in science.

The open and community-driven approach exemplified in FORRT is a valuable contribution to the global effort for open science. We appreciate FORRT's efforts to facilitate research transparency, reproducibility, rigour, and ethics.

I also note the participation of FORRT colleagues in some of the five Working Groups established to support the implementation of the Recommendation as well as in the preparation of guidance for progressing open science.

I am pleased to welcome FORRT into the UNESCO Global Open Science Partnership, to which we look for technical advice and guidance as we support countries worldwide in implementing the Recommendation. I appreciate your willingness to exchange knowledge and best practices with UNESCO, other partners and your communities of practice.

Ms Ana Persic, Programme Specialist, Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy Section (email: a.persic@unesco.org, tel: +33145681700), is available for further communication if you require it.

We look forward to strengthening our partnership.

Yours Sincerely,

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