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Subject: "Responsible Business" initiatives adopted on 25 October 2011

Dear Mr Zourek,

Thank you for transmitting to the EDPS the text of the "Responsible Business" package adopted by the Commission on 25 October 2011. The documents you sent us include an overarching Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Central Bank, the Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the EDPS, describing the "Responsible Businesses" package, the Communication on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Communication on "Social Business Initiative".

The Communications announce a number of initiatives which the Commission intends to adopt in cooperation with the Member States. On the basis of our analysis, at this stage there seems to be no necessity for an intervention of the EDPS in relation to possible data protection aspects connected to the three Communications.

We remain at the Commission's disposal for any future consultation which involves data protection aspects. We are therefore looking forward to an open and fruitful exchange of views with you and your services in relation to the further steps of the Commission on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

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