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Re.: Letter of Intent for the support of ILVO in the candidate consortium for the Testing & Experimentation Facility for Agrifood

To whom it may concern,

After due consideration of the Departement of Economics, Science and Innovation of the Flemish Government, and following a positive analysis of the proposal filled in by ILVO in the context of the Artificial Intelligence sectorial Testing and Experimentation Facilities (TEFs) calls under the Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL) and its alignment to existing Flemish policy priorities; we hereby confirm that the Flemish Government intends to commit to cofund the strategic research centre ILVO of the consortium 'AgrifoodTEF', should it be selected by the European Commission, with 2.000.000 euro within the Agrifood AI Testing & Experimentation Facility Call.

This commitment is of course pending on final Flemish Government procedures and approval which will take place once the project has been selected.

Kind regards,

Hilde Crevits

Flemish Minister of Economy, Innovation, Work, Social Economy and Agriculture

