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1. Name:

2. Organisation (if applicable):

Nokia UK Ltd (Nokia Research Center)

3. Email address:

4. Address:

5. In responding, it would be helpful if you could indicate whether you are responding as

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Please keep me informed by email of the progress of this review, and other BIS Balance of Competence reviews.

1. 1. Where has EU action had a positive impact for the UK on research, technological development, innovation or space? What evidence is there for this? Has EU action encouraged national action in any areas?

Funding of the FET Graphene Flagship. This project aims to co-ordinate activities on the research and development of a highly promising material that will have an impact in many areas from electronics to structural composites. Graphene is essentially a UK discovery and as a country we should benefit from exploiting it. There are many prominent UK partners in the Flagship including the Universities of Manchester, Cambridge and Lancaster, as well as Nokia UK Ltd (Nokia's graphene R+D activities primarily occur in our Cambridge UK lab, where all staff are employed by Nokia UK). The UK government has matched research funding in the graphene area, though I couldn't say this is as a result of the EU funding.

2. 2. Where has EU action had a negative impact for the UK in these fields? What evidence is there for this? Has EU action prevented potentially useful national action in any areas?

I don't think so.

3. 3. How and where has UK engagement with partner countries or international bodies, both within and outside the EU, been helped or hindered by EU involvement?

From the R+D perspective, the ability to participate in EU-funded projects has only helped engagement with complementary partners throughout Europe. I do not believe it has ever been a hinderance

4. 4. What benefits or difficulties has the objective of a European research area (ERA) delivered for the UK?

5. 5. How has the EU sought to coordinate the policy instruments at its disposal across different policy areas to create an enabling environment for researchers and innovators? How successful has this been?

1. 6. What could the EU most helpfully do to promote scientific and technological progress and innovation (including in the space sector)? - How could the EU use its existing competence differently to deliver more in your area? - How might a greater or lesser degree of EU competence deliver more in your area? - How could improvements to existing EU activities make them more effective and efficient?

- Continuing to understand the needs of industry in creating funding calls - Tightly basing funding criteria on the scientific and exploitation potential merits of proposals - Focussed funding on areas where Europe can really excel, and where European industry can really benefit

2. 7. Where might future EU level action be detrimental to your work in this area?

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3. 8. Where might action at national rather than EU level be more appropriate / effective?

In general, Europe-wide activities are very beneficial purely in terms of scale to compete globally. Where it can be seen that it is possible to create the entire supply chain in the UK, national level action would be beneficial for the UK, obviously. The TSB seems like an appropriate mechanism for these activities.

4. 9. How could EU and national policies and funding streams interact better?

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5. 10. What impact would any future enlargement of the EU have on this area of competence?

Potentially very little.

6. 11. Are there any other points you wish to make which are not captured above?

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