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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?

The EU action continues to be supportive of innovation and development in the cogeneration and fuel cell industries. The sector welcomes the availability of relatively small funds and grants which allow the kind of supply chain and support issues which can often block innovation to be explored. (The IEE fund, sets up databases of best practise innovation in the cogeneration sector providing valuable input to the emerging UK district heating market)

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?

The volume of legislation generated at the European level may on occasion lead to too rapid change in legislation effecting product design where the development time for new products may be 5-10 years. EU legislation must have clear opportunities for derogation for manufacturers with reasonable concerns.

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?

The cogeneration fuel cell micro CHP sector in the UK is benefiting directly from an EU supported deployment of fuel cell micro CHP across 12 member states (ene field project) This provides valuable marketing and product experience across several market sectors to the UK manufacturers and partners.

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

No Response

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?

The EU has consistently moved its approach to R&D in a direction to better co-ordinate its internal departments (DG RES and DG Energy FP6, FP7, for example and latterly introducing DG Enterprise in Strategy 2020). This appears to have been positive.

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?

There is a tendency for Europe to focus on increasingly larger projects which is a sensible approach from economy of scale and unique convening capability. However the EU should maintain a balance of smaller projects where it is currently filling a gap in enabling funding.

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

No Response

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

No Response

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

No Response

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

No Response

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

No Response

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