



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

Directorate E – Societal Resilience and Security
The Director

Letter of Support – Centre of Excellence Application – *NordNatech*

To whom it may concern,

We, the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC), through our Directorate E, are writing to express support for the application to the **Centre of Excellence (SFF)** scheme, led by **Professor Nicola Paltrinieri, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)**, for the proposed Centre initiative **NordNatech**.

We recognize the scientific relevance and ambition of *NordNatech*, and strongly support the initiative. We value our ongoing relationship with NTNU through leveraging both institutions' expertise in Natech risk analysis and contributing to global efforts in reducing these risks, in line with the JRC work programme, and see clear potential for mutually beneficial collaboration aligned with the Centre's thematic focus.

Should the proposal be invited to the next stage, we are open to continuing dialogue and identifying suitable avenues for interaction, including research collaboration, knowledge dissemination and transfer, joint workshops and training sessions, and participation in the Center of Excellence's advisory board.

This Letter of Support does not create any financial and legal obligations on the part of the JRC. There will be no exchange of funds between the JRC and the coordinator of the *NordNatech* initiative.

We wish NTNU success in this competitive process.

Sincerely,

Matthias Oel