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Dear Professor Jiří Drahoš,

I would like to thank you most sincerely for the support you gave to the European Union Contest for Young Scientists (EUCYS). The European Commission was grateful to the Czech Republic for hosting the contest and your attendance and kind words at the Opening and Awards ceremonies, at the Gala Dinner at the Senate and at the contest itself were very much appreciated by all concerned. I would also like to acknowledge the generous prize offered by your office that I am sure will be valued by the winner.

I understand from my services that this year's contest was a huge success and that is thanks, in no small part, to the excellent organisation of the Centre of Operations and Administration of the Academy of Sciences and the support that they received from your office.

The EU Contest is of great benefit to the participants not only in terms of increasing their motivation for science but also for the unforgettable multi-cultural experience that it provides. The Czech Republic can be proud of its association with the contest.

Yours sincerely,

Máire Geoghegan-Quinn