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Dear Kristof

It is with regret that the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) hereby notifies you that we will be resigning our membership of the European Network of Environmental Professionals (ENEP). In accordance with the ENEP statutes and bylaws, giving 3 months' notice, our membership will cease on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

This decision was not taken lightly. The Governing Board is very sensitive to its implications and understands the potential impacts of this decision on ENEP.

Like most organisations, CIEEM has only limited funds and it is the duty of the Governing Board to ensure that they are used in the most effective way possible to achieve CIEEM's objectives.

After much deliberation, the CIEEM Governing Board has decided that the funds currently spent on ENEP membership and travel would be more effectively spent on CIEEM's other Brexit-related policy engagement activities at the UK, Irish and European levels.

CIEEM remains committed to European collaboration, is pro-Europe and campaigned in the EU Referendum for the UK to remain a member of the EU. There is a sad irony in the fact that Brexit means that CIEEM has to redirect funding and resources away from organisations such as ENEP.

Although CIEEM will no longer be a member of ENEP from the beginning of 2018, we are certainly happy to explore new collaborative working and potentially paying for some limited services if you think that this is appropriate.

Yours sincerely,



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President

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