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Participation on the European EIB prize

Dear Mr. President Dr. Werner Hoyer,

First, I would like to thank you for inviting me to the competition by repeatedly emailing me yourself.

I have been searching thoroughly for a suitable topic as this is my last year as a graduate student at this university which also means that this is my last chance to enter this competition. Finally, I had a great idea for a topic and, immediately, set to work and turned it into an article. I spared no efforts in writing the article or in finishing my dissertation which is complicated by the time difference. I would like to ask you to consider this in your decision.

On April 13th I emailed you with regards to the nomination and the delivery of my article but I never received a response which I can prove if necessary. Additionally, I emailed you later using another email address of mine which remained unanswered as well. Only on April 29th, I received an email from you saying that you never got my emails and that it would be too late now. It seems that you may have had an internet-related problem which caused you not to receive my emails. I don't see how this could be my fault.

Shortly before the deadline on April 15th, my supervisor had been busy with other things but I know that she intended to nominate me. Moreover, she told me that she actually tried to nominate me. However, apparently, there was an internet-related problem on your end. I wrote to you in the name of my supervisor enquiring for the current state of the matter but never received a response.

Therefore, I don't think it is fair that it is not possible to nominate someone after the deadline if it is not this person's fault and if the person intended to enter the competition. It is your responsibility that those who are interested in competing will be able to do so. Therefore, in case of technical difficulties at your end, then you will have to react accordingly and allow for late nominations.

In general, I do not understand the procedure and the handling of it. All I want is to enter the competition which my supervisor supported as well. Therefore, don't see a problem from my side and why you won't let me enter the competition.

Below, you will find the beginning of my article. I would greatly appreciate if I would get the chance to compete at last. Please let me know so that I can inform my supervisor that she may still nominate me. After all, I am the best student in my class and have already written other very good articles.

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Sincerely,