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Dear Professor Mariana Kotzeva,

as President of the Italian Statistical Society, I am supporting/pushing the idea to run a random sample survey from population, as opposed to observational data collection, with COVID-19 preventive and surveillance scope.

Would you be interested in participating in the discussion on this topic that I have recently started (getting positive feedbacks) inside our Society and Istat, the Italian National Statistical Institute?

You can see the activity of our Society during this emergency period here

<http://www.sis-statistica.it/ita/5645/index.php?p=9991>

Your comments and feedbacks would be very valuable.

I am involved in a similar effort in Italy with the Italian Statistical Society together with the Istituto Nazionale di Statistica, the President of Istat, Professor Gian Carlo Blangiardo, who is coordinating this initiative in Istat reads in copy.

We are designing a random sampling strategy that I think would be valuable also in other countries. (happy to share the details).

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter, I am sure that you share my concern for the production of effective data to protect the health of the European population and favouring a prompt restoration of normal life for everybody.

I am waiting for your feedback.

With my best regards,

Stay safe,

Sincerely,

Monica Pratesi

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Monica Pratesi'.