



Higher education and research help us build a sustainable future

The world is facing major global challenges such as climate change, labour market transformation and the polarization of societies. Universities play a vital role in solving these problems: they provide us with a better understanding of the changing circumstances, generate knowledge and enhance dialogue between people. The key values of tomorrow will be openness and cooperation. Universities, in co-creation with other societal sectors, will ensure a sustainable future and guarantee well-being for generations to come.



Four reasons to strengthen EU funding for research

LEVERAGE

The EU framework programme is a powerful funding tool. According to European Commission, every euro invested in scientific research generates an average of €13 of added value for the business sector.



TALENT

Currently, only 25% of high quality proposals are funded in the framework programme. Europe cannot afford to waste good research ideas and competitive science.



INTERNATIONALISATION

As the most international research programme, Horizon 2020 plays an important role in building international research networks, thus enhancing collaboration within the EU and globally.

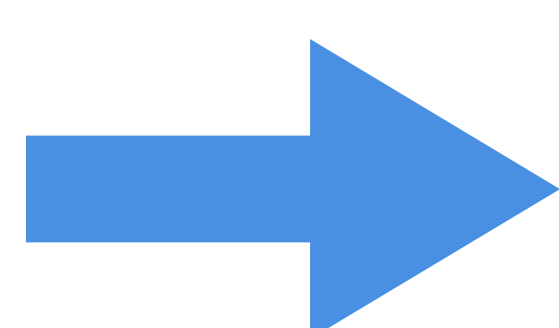


IMPORTANCE

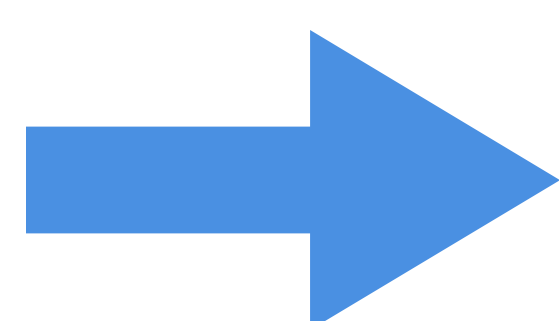
A European Union-level common funding tool for research and innovation cannot be replaced by national or bilateral instruments.



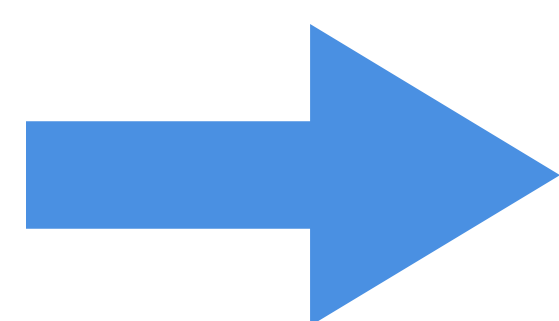
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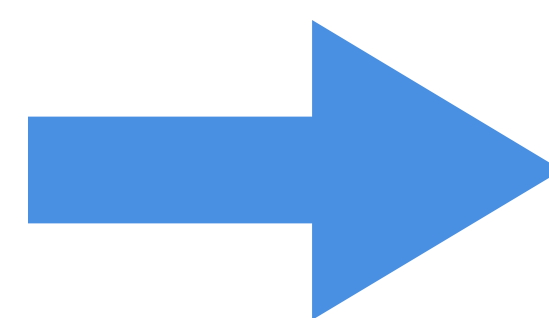
Provide adequate funding for research and innovation programmes. Make sure that Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+ will not face any cuts.



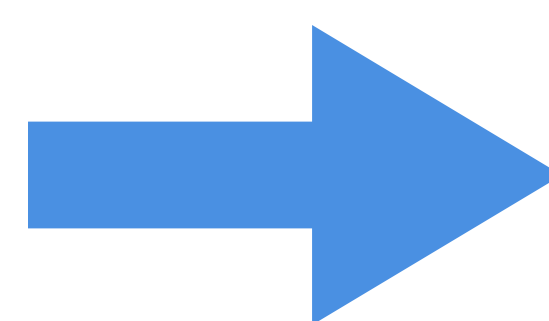
Double the budget of the FP9 to €160 billion. This will create an estimated 650,000 jobs by 2040 and will help the EU to become a worldwide leader in many areas.



Invest in excellence, high level science and risk research. Support new talent. They have what it takes to find creative solutions to global problems.



Promote open science and participate actively in building the European Open Science Cloud. Openness enhances the societal impact of European research.



Support simple, sufficient and transparent funding. No loan schemes, but grants. This helps beneficiaries fully concentrate on actual work.