



EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
IN SUPPORT OF EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



To the Attention

His Excellency the European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation
Doctor Carlos Moedas

Europe is facing great challenges on a broad range of fields, most of them concerning the need to generate a sound sustainable union for the wellbeing of the European Community.

The world is in a permanent change, sometimes more unexpected than ever and Europe has to continue facing unpostponable challenges. That is why we think this is the moment to foster initiatives that certainly will impact in our future in a favourable way, such as Horizon (for) Europe, that promotes the implementation of critical principles like subsidiarity, eco-sustainability, comfort and jobs for all, underlining the grassroots of our development, while maintaining the grounds of all our future, which is based on education.

To build on all these we need fair new ideas promoting innovation capacity to guarantee a sustainable economic growth enabling to surpass all our boundaries.

Therefore, we reiterate the urgency for Europe to redirect its focus towards innovation and on doing so to allocate adequate funding for the exploitation of different steps of the value chain, going from creative ideas to its conversion on market assets while providing for suitable support for the transformation of the European industry and strengthening it to improve its competitiveness in major areas of science and technology. Following the experience of 8th European Research and Innovation Framework Program, H2020 (2014- 2020) and emerging discussions within Europe over the last few months, substantiated the need for the allocation of the amount of 100 billion euros for the 9th European Research and Innovation Framework Program, 2021-2027, as a minimum budget that will facilitate the vision for the exploitation of innovation in Europe. Indeed, with the close collaboration and support of the European industry we anticipate the forthcoming challenges of the global market putting Europe in the lead. Indeed, European industry know how has to be preserved and reinforced in order to secure its utmost importance to face inevitable future challenges.

We strongly share the Vision of Commissionaire Carlos Moedas in his commitment to address these global challenges through his budget proposition for the 9th European Research and Innovation Framework Program, "Horizon Europe", aiming at strengthening the union and enhancing its impact on economic growth, wellness, job creation and progress.

It is our common vision that if this bet as proposed by Horizon Europe is not approved, we will assist to the agony of the future of Europe and that is why all of us are supporting the current Commission Proposal and we do expect that this could be recognized by those who have the responsibility to drive Europe to a better future prospect. This requires all parts involved, including Member States and the European Parliament, to speed-up current negotiations and approve the 9th European Research and Innovation Framework Program, "Horizon Europe" before the end of 2018.

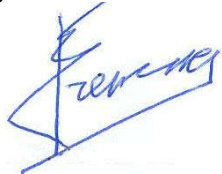
With this in mind, we appeal to all the Member States, the European Commission and the European Parliament to approve the 9th European Research and Innovation Framework Program, "Horizon Europe" and the corresponding proposal for the allocation of at least 100 billion euros for the period 2021-2027 at the Council meeting scheduled for late November 2018.

We annex a summary of who signed the petition, besides the list of more than 1000 personalities that signed the petition.

Thanking you so much for your attention.

Sincerely Yours,

The Presidents of Academies and Associations that promote the petition



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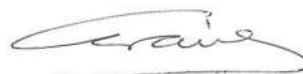
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Petition to support Horizon Europe Summary

Delivered to:

European Parliament

- President, Dr. Antonio Tajani

European Commission

- President, Dr. Jean-Claude Juncker
- European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Dr. Carlos Moedas

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- Chair, Dr. Eva Kaili

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- Chair, Dr. Jerzy Buzek

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- Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Dr. Manuel Heitor

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- Prime Minister, Dr. Pedro Sánchez
- Minister of Science, Innovation and Universities, Dr. Pedro Duque

Belgium

- Prime Minister, Dr. Charles Michel
- Secretary of State for Equal Rights, Disabled Persons, Scientific Policy, Urban Policy and fighting Poverty, Dr. Zuhair Demir

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- Minister of Education and Science, Dr. Krasimir Valchev

Czech Republic

- Prime Minister, Dr. Andrej Babiš
- Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, Dr. Robert Plaga

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- Minister for Science, Technology, Information and Higher Education, Dr. Tommy Ahlers

Deutschland

- Chancellor of Germany, Dr. Angela Merkel
- Federal Minister for Education and Research, Dr. Anja Karliczek

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- Prime Minister, Dr. Jüri Ratas
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- Prime Minister, Dr. Édouard Philippe
- Minister for Higher Education, Research and Innovation, Dr. Frédérique Vidal

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- Minister of Science and Education, Dr. Blaženka Divjak

Republic of Ireland

- The Taoiseach, Dr. Leo Varadkar
- Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Dr. Heather Humphreys TD

Italy

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- Minister of Education, University and Research, Dr. Marco Bussetti

Cyprus

- President of the Republic of Cyprus, Dr. Nicos Anastasiades
- Minister of Finance, Dr. Harris Georgiades

Latvia

- Prime Minister, Dr. Māris Kučinskis
- Minister for Education and Science, Dr. Kārlis Šadurskis

Luxembourg

- Prime Minister, Dr. Xavier Bettel
- Minister for Higher Education and Research, Dr. Claude Meisch

Lithuania

- Prime Minister, Dr. Saulius Skvernelis
- Ministry for Education and Science, Dr. Jurgita Petrauskienė

Hungary

- Prime Minister, Dr. Viktor Orbán
- Minister for Innovation and Technology, Dr. László Palkovics

Malta

- Prime Minister, Dr. Joseph Muscat
- Parliamentary Secretary for Financial Services, Digital Economy and Innovation, Dr. Silvio Schembri

The Netherlands

- Prime Minister, Dr. Mark Rutte
- Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, Dr. Eric Wiebes

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- Chancellor of Austria, Dr. Sebastian Kurz
- Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research, Dr. Heinz Fassmann

Poland

- Prime Minister, Dr. Mateusz Morawiecki
- Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Science and Higher Education, Dr. Jarosław Gowin

Romania

- Prime Minister, Dr. Viorica Dăncilă
- Minister for Research and Innovation, Dr. Nicolae Hurduc

Slovenia

- Prime Minister, Dr. Marjan Šarec
- Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Science and Sport, Dr. Jernej Pikalo

Slovakia

- Prime Minister, Dr. Peter Pellegrini
- Minister for Education, Science, Research, and Sport, Dr. Martina Lubyová

Finland

- Prime Minister, Dr. Juha Sipilä
- Minister of Economic Affairs, Dr. Mika Lintilä

Sweden

- Prime Minister, Dr. Stefan Löfven
- Minister for Higher Education and Research, Dr. Helene Hellmark Knutsson

United Kingdom

- Prime Minister, Dr. Theresa May
- Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation, Dr. Sam Gyimah

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- President, Dr. Joseph Daul

S&D – Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats

- President, Dr. Udo Bullmann

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- Chairman, Dr. Syed Kamall

ALDE – Alliance of Liberals and Democrats of Europe

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