

Statement on EU's Next Long-Term Budget

(Multiannual Financial Framework)

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EIROforum welcomes the European Commission's proposal to significantly increase the budget of the upcoming EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The proposed budget sends a timely and important message asserting the EU's ongoing commitment to research and innovation as essential pillars of Europe's global competitiveness, sovereignty, growth and long-term resilience.

We reaffirm that scientific excellence must continue to be the cornerstone of FP10. Sustained and robust investment in frontier research is therefore essential. World-class research infrastructures play a crucial role in maintaining and enhancing Europe's leadership in science and technology, delivering substantial added value for the continent. Many of these infrastructures, operated by EIROforum members, enable ground-breaking discoveries, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, and train the next generation of technicians, engineers, and scientists across Europe. They also play a vital role in addressing major societal challenges and driving innovation in collaboration with industry.

We encourage EU institutions to maintain this momentum and to recognise the strategic role of research-performing infrastructures in shaping a competitive, knowledge-based Europe.

EIROforum remains committed to supporting the success of the future Programme and to contributing its collective expertise for the advancement of European science.

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