

# Guidelines for future European Union policy to support research

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## Details

I am answering as

	replies	%
individual person	540	(31.2%)
governmental body	141	(8.2%)
university/higher education	456	(26.4%)
commercial organisation (including consultancy) more than 250 employees	115	(6.7%)
commercial organisation (including consultancy) less than 250 employees	144	(8.3%)
association (e.g. trade association, trade union, employers association, chamber of commerce, NGO)	113	(6.5%)
other (please specify)	218	(12.6%)

Your role in the organisation

	replies	%
none - I am answering as an individual	350	(20.2%)
senior management	350	(20.2%)
management	180	(10.4%)
researcher	619	(35.8%)
strategy/policy function	154	(8.9%)
specialist/expert	178	(10.3%)
other (please specify)	210	(12.1%)

Your organisation's country of establishment (indicate your country of residence if answering as an individual person):

	replies	%
AT - Austria	79	(4.6%)
BE - Belgium	142	(8.2%)
DE - Germany	258	(14.9%)
DK - Denmark	28	(1.6%)
EL - Greece	80	(4.6%)
ES - Spain	123	(7.1%)
FI - Finland	22	(1.3%)
FR - France	132	(7.6%)
IE - Ireland	33	(1.9%)
IT - Italy	147	(8.5%)
LU - Luxembourg	1	(0.1%)
NL - Netherlands	89	(5.1%)
PT - Portugal	81	(4.7%)
SV - Sweden	68	(3.9%)
UK - United Kingdom	157	(9.1%)
CY - Cyprus	12	(0.7%)
CZ - Czech Republic	10	(0.6%)

<sup>1</sup> These are the overall figures based on all replies sent during the consultation. There are a couple of cases of coordinated actions. In one case a group of researchers from different countries have put forward additional comments in favour of a specific research topic. In another case a group of researcher in one country have submitted exactly the same form. However these two cases have not significantly affected the overall outcome of the statistics.

EE - Estonia	10	(0.6%)
HU - Hungary	10	(0.6%)
LV - Latvia	4	(0.2%)
LT - Lithuania	22	(1.3%)
MT - Malta	5	(0.3%)
PL - Poland	16	(0.9%)
SK - Slovak Republic	7	(0.4%)
SL - Slovenia	6	(0.3%)
BG - Bulgaria	8	(0.5%)
TR - Turkey	44	(2.5%)
RO - Romania	29	(1.7%)
IS - Iceland	1	(0.1%)
LI - Liechtenstein	0	(0%)
NO - Norway	31	(1.8%)
CH - Switzerland	25	(1.4%)
IL - Israel	17	(1%)
Other:	30	(1.7%)

Your organisation's geographical area of activities (indicate your area of activities if answering as an individual person):

	<b>replies</b>	<b>%</b>
local	57	(3.3%)
regional	116	(6.7%)
national	370	(21.4%)
European	292	(16.9%)
international	852	(49.3%)
not applicable	40	(2.3%)

Your organisation's activity type (indicate your activity type if answering as an individual person):

	<b>replies</b>	<b>%</b>
Higher Education	400	(23.1%)
Research	818	(47.3%)
Industrial	199	(11.5%)
Public Administration	80	(4.6%)
Other (please specify)	230	(13.3%)

## I. Six Major Objectives (see Section 2 of the Communication)

### Creating European centres of excellence through collaboration between laboratories

Importance of this objective?

	replies	%
very important	837	(48.4%)
important	733	(42.4%)
not important	78	(4.5%)
unnecessary	48	(2.8%)
don't know	23	(1.3%)

Do you agree with the views stated in the text?

	replies	%
agree	589	(34.1%)
mostly agree	948	(54.8%)
mostly disagree	105	(6.1%)
disagree	31	(1.8%)
don't know/ not concerned	54	(3.1%)

If European centres of excellence are created through collaboration in specific research areas, the overall impact on the quality of European research compared to the current situation will be:

	replies	%
substantially greater	492	(28.5%)
greater	968	(56%)
the same	154	(8.9%)
less	42	(2.4%)
substantially less	14	(0.8%)
don't know	57	(3.3%)

### Launching European technology initiatives

Importance of this objective?

	replies	%
very important	725	(41.9%)
important	762	(44.1%)
not important	109	(6.3%)
unnecessary	26	(1.5%)
don't know	105	(6.1%)

Do you agree with the views stated in the text?

	replies	%
agree	555	(32.1%)
mostly agree	877	(50.7%)
mostly disagree	80	(4.6%)
disagree	25	(1.4%)
don't know/not concerned	190	(11%)

If European technology platforms are launched in specific industrial research areas, the overall impact on the quality of applied research compared to the current situation will be:

	replies	%
substantially greater	492	(28.5%)
greater	880	(50.9%)
the same	136	(7.9%)
less	13	(0.8%)
substantially less	11	(0.6%)
don't know	195	(11.3%)

## Stimulating the creativity of basic research through competition between teams at European level

Importance of this objective?

	replies	%
very important	793	(45.9%)
important	611	(35.3%)
not important	140	(8.1%)
unnecessary	111	(6.4%)
don't know	72	(4.2%)

Do you agree with the views stated in the text?

	replies	%
agree	689	(39.8%)
mostly agree	670	(38.8%)
mostly disagree	174	(10.1%)
disagree	89	(5.1%)
don't know/not concerned	105	(6.1%)

If creativity of basic research is stimulated through competition between teams at European level, the overall impact on the output of basic research compared to the current situation will be:

	replies	%
substantially greater	604	(34.9%)
greater	696	(40.3%)
the same	199	(11.5%)
less	71	(4.1%)
substantially less	41	(2.4%)
don't know	116	(6.7%)

## Making Europe more attractive to the best researchers

Importance of this objective?

	replies	%
very important	1272	(73.6%)
important	389	(22.5%)
not important	33	(1.9%)
unnecessary	14	(0.8%)
don't know	19	(1.1%)

Do you agree with the views stated in the text?

	replies	%
agree	943	(54.5%)
mostly agree	653	(37.8%)
mostly disagree	59	(3.4%)
disagree	17	(1%)
don't know/ not concerned	55	(3.2%)

If actions are taken to make Europe more attractive to the best researchers, the overall impact on European scientific careers compared to the current situation will be:

	replies	%
substantially greater	942	(54.5%)
greater	650	(37.6%)
the same	79	(4.6%)
less	7	(0.4%)
substantially less	5	(0.3%)
don't know	44	(2.5%)

## Developing research infrastructure of European interest

Importance of this objective?

	replies	%
very important	751	(43.4%)
important	733	(42.4%)
not important	99	(5.7%)
unnecessary	24	(1.4%)
don't know	120	(6.9%)

Do you agree with the views stated in the text?

	replies	%
agree	667	(38.6%)
mostly agree	761	(44%)
mostly disagree	93	(5.4%)
disagree	25	(1.4%)
don't know/ not concerned	181	(10.5%)

If research infrastructure are developed in Europe through the use of trans-European networks, the overall impact on the performance of these research infrastructure compared to the current situation will be:

	replies	%
substantially greater	566	(32.7%)
greater	835	(48.3%)
the same	130	(7.5%)
less	18	(1%)
substantially less	10	(0.6%)
don't know	168	(9.7%)

## Improving the coordination of national programmes

Importance of this objective?

	replies	%
very important	743	(43%)
important	718	(41.5%)
not important	129	(7.5%)
unnecessary	50	(2.9%)
don't know	87	(5%)

Do you agree with the views stated in the text?

	replies	%
agree	634	(36.7%)
mostly agree	799	(46.2%)
mostly disagree	115	(6.7%)
disagree	48	(2.8%)
don't know/ not concerned	131	(7.6%)

If the coordination of national research programmes is improved, the impact on the efficiency of the overall EU research system compared to the current situation will be:

	replies	%
substantially greater	534	(30.9%)
greater	853	(49.3%)
the same	133	(7.7%)
less	59	(3.4%)
substantially less	16	(0.9%)
don't know	132	(7.6%)

## II. Additional aspects

### Excellence and innovation, the key to European industrial competitiveness

Importance of activities to support research in SMEs and for their benefit?

	replies	%
very important	823	(47.6%)
important	703	(40.7%)
not important	73	(4.2%)
unnecessary	26	(1.5%)
don't know	102	(5.9%)

Importance of activities to support innovation (i.e. innovation related action within projects, transnational networking between providers of innovation support services such as technology transfer, intellectual property management, incubators, regional clusters, etc.)

	replies	%
very important	786	(45.5%)
important	735	(42.5%)
not important	67	(3.9%)
unnecessary	30	(1.7%)
don't know	109	(6.3%)

### Realising the potential of Europe of 25 and more

Importance of this aspect?

	replies	%
very important	689	(39.8%)
important	828	(47.9%)
not important	81	(4.7%)
unnecessary	18	(1%)
don't know	111	(6.4%)

Do you agree with the views stated in the text?

	replies	%
agree	613	(35.5%)
mostly agree	874	(50.5%)
mostly disagree	62	(3.6%)
disagree	18	(1%)
don't know/ not concerned	160	(9.3%)

## Taking full advantage of complementarity with the EU Structural Funds

Importance of this aspect?

	replies	%
very important	643	(37.2%)
important	722	(41.8%)
not important	83	(4.8%)
unnecessary	16	(0.9%)
don't know	263	(15.2%)

Do you agree with the views stated in the text?

	replies	%
agree	603	(34.9%)
mostly agree	722	(41.8%)
mostly disagree	67	(3.9%)
disagree	16	(0.9%)
don't know/ not concerned	319	(18.4%)

## Identifying topics of major European interest

Importance of this aspect?

	replies	%
very important	763	(44.1%)
important	758	(43.8%)
not important	94	(5.4%)
unnecessary	46	(2.7%)
don't know	65	(3.8%)

Do you agree with the views stated in the text?

	replies	%
agree	641	(37.1%)
mostly agree	788	(45.6%)
mostly disagree	112	(6.5%)
disagree	64	(3.7%)
don't know/ not concerned	121	(7%)

## Supporting the union's political objectives

Importance of this aspect?

	replies	%
very important	595	(34.4%)
important	767	(44.4%)
not important	167	(9.7%)
unnecessary	74	(4.3%)
don't know	123	(7.1%)

Do you agree with the views stated in the text?

	replies	%
agree	585	(33.8%)
mostly agree	753	(43.6%)
mostly disagree	102	(5.9%)
disagree	87	(5%)
don't know/ not concerned	199	(11.5%)

## Supporting two new areas: Space and Security

Importance of helping to implement European space policy?

	replies	%
very important	416	(24.1%)
important	698	(40.4%)
not important	303	(17.5%)
unnecessary	98	(5.7%)
don't know	211	(12.2%)

Importance of placing research at the service of security?

	replies	%
very important	470	(27.2%)
important	644	(37.2%)
not important	260	(15%)
unnecessary	139	(8%)
don't know	213	(12.3%)

Do you agree with the views stated in the text?

	replies	%
agree	372	(21.5%)
mostly agree	708	(40.9%)
mostly disagree	229	(13.2%)
disagree	111	(6.4%)
don't know/ not concerned	306	(17.7%)

## Doing better to do more

### Science and society

Importance of this aspect?

	replies	%
very important	970	(56.1%)
important	616	(35.6%)
not important	76	(4.4%)
unnecessary	31	(1.8%)
don't know	33	(1.9%)

### III. Overall questions

Do you agree that the support for research at a European level should be strengthened?

	replies	%
mostly agree	712	(41.2%)
agree	975	(56.4%)
disagree	15	(0.9%)
mostly disagree	8	(0.5%)
don't know	16	(0.9%)

(Please only complete the following question if you answered 'agree' or 'mostly agree' to the above) - Do you agree that a strengthened European level research support will have an important impact on Europe's research capacities and capabilities?

	replies	%
mostly agree	670	(38.8%)
agree	980	(56.7%)
disagree	7	(0.4%)
mostly disagree	11	(0.6%)
don't know	17	(1%)

(Please only complete the following question if you answered 'agree' or 'mostly agree' to the above) - Do you agree that a strengthened European level research support will contribute significantly to Europe's competitiveness, social welfare and sustainability?

	replies	%
mostly agree	649	(37.5%)
agree	944	(54.6%)
disagree	11	(0.6%)
mostly disagree	17	(1%)
don't know	40	(2.3%)

Is your organisation intending to submit a separate written contribution?

	replies	%
Yes	535	(30.9%)
No	1191	(68.9%)