



Science in Europe should have no borders

At a moment where the future of Europe and of the United Kingdom are subject to considerable uncertainty, and without intending to intervene in the negotiations between the European Union and the United Kingdom, we, the undersigned wish to reaffirm our trust in the unity of science and scientific research in all Europe.

We are unanimous to support European research integrating the United Kingdom. Collaborations and communications are foundations of scientific discoveries and are the essential driving forces for the progress of knowledge and the advancement of applications. Hence we plead for a fair participation of the United Kingdom to the Framework program Horizon Europe, subject to suitable financial adjustments.

Science advances require a continuous exchange of ideas, joint efforts, data sharing, network building as well as multilateral educational programs involving students at all levels and postdoctoral scholars. Such partnerships have been beautifully supported by the European Union. The scientific community feels that it is essential to preserve these partnerships and make sure that the same EU legislative rules will apply to young scientists spending time in one of our countries or in the United Kingdom.

Mobility of scientists and cooperation are essential to the development of science, technologies, engineering and health and all applications that are vital to our societies and economies. All scientists participating to a EU research project should have to comply with the simplest possible procedures facilitating their travel to and from the UK at least during the period of cooperation.

All European countries, including the United Kingdom, should strive to preserve the integrity and cohesion of the science system in our countries and enhance its research capacity. The academies express the hope that suitable arrangements will be found that will allow the accelerated development of science in all our countries.
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(This statement has been sent to Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission Michel Barnier, Chief Negotiator Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom and to Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation.)

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