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The Framework Programme that Europe Needs: a new Position Statement from Science Europe

(Brussels, 20 October 2016) With the public consultation on the interim evaluation of Horizon 2020 due to launch this month, and with preparations underway for the design of the next Framework Programme (FP), European research organisations have a golden opportunity for an open dialogue on the type of research programme that Europe needs.

Horizon 2020 is a unique programme worldwide; it is widely appreciated and has an ambitious agenda. It can meet expectations as long as its nature as a programme capable of supporting excellent research is reinforced. With this in mind, Science Europe firmly believes that Europe deserves a research programme which:

- Is focused on excellence;
- Demonstrates clear added value;
- Links excellent research with innovation and benefits society;
- Is driven by a strategic approach to international co-operation;
- Integrates Open Science;
- Has a sufficient budget to realise its ambitions; and
- Is clear, simple and transparent in its implementation.

In releasing this Position Statement Science Europe wishes to share the extensive experience and collective views of its members, many of whom have decades of experience in setting up world-leading research programmes or are among the main beneficiaries of the FPs, and to provide recommendations to help prepare future FPs.

The full Position Statement can be downloaded at the following address:
<http://scieur.org/h2020-position>.

Notes to Editors

Science Europe is an association of major European research funding and research performing organisations in 27 countries, established in 2011 to promote the collective interest of its members and to foster collaboration between them. For more information see: www.scienceeurope.org.

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