

Working Together for a Strong and Standalone FP10

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Science Europe strongly welcomes the shared recognition by the European Parliament, the research ministers of the Member States of the EU, and the European Research Council (ERC) and the European Innovation Council (EIC) on the critical importance of maintaining a standalone EU Research and Innovation Framework Programme (FP10).

The March 2025 statements in the [Warsaw Declaration](#), the [EP Resolution](#), and [the joint statement](#) by ERC and EIC align in many aspects with Science Europe's positions on FP10, including '[10 Key Messages for FP10](#)'; '[What European Research Needs](#)', and the conclusions of our event, '[FP10: Beyond an Investment](#)'.

We call for an FP10, with an ambitious budget within the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) starting 2027, matching its strategic role, and allocated solely to R&I. Moreover, we concur with the view that the European Research Council (ERC) and the European Innovation Council (EIC) should be clearly independent and agile in their governance and operations respectively.

Building on the solid foundations outlined above, FP10 must not be subjugated to purely short-term economic competitiveness objectives, as scientific advancements foster Europe's strategic independence, and societal, cultural and competitive development in the long term. This should be taken into account, whether FP10 is integrated into any broader fund or not.

Such a programme should support the freedom of scientific enquiry, fundamental and curiosity-driven research as well as research collaboration in low- to mid-Technology Readiness Levels (TRL), in Europe and globally. FP10 should also contribute to decrease the research gap performance within Europe and foster an integrated European R&I ecosystem, in line with the values in Science Europe's [Vision and Framework for Research Cultures](#).

Continued dialogue between EU Institutions and R&I stakeholders is crucial to enabling an excellent and free research system. In this spirit, Science Europe is ready to provide evidence of best practises for the European Commission to develop an ambitious FP10, and looks forward to constructive collaboration.

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