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### It Is Time to Clarify Who Funds What Research in Europe

Brussels, 7 November 2017 – A more strategic approach is needed to the co-ordination between regional, national, and European research activities and to the initiatives supporting them. That is the main message of the Policy Brief ‘On Public-to-Public Partnerships and the Next Framework Programme for Research and Innovation’, released today by Science Europe.

The Policy Brief is presented at today’s 2017 Annual Joint Programming Conference ‘Co-designing Public-to-Public Partnerships for the next Framework Programmes’ in Brussels. The document presents policy makers with the Science Europe view on how to better organise regional, national, and European research efforts. Science Europe recommends simplifying the landscape down to two types of P2Ps:

- A small number of large-scale, top-down initiatives in a few priority areas with clear European added value
- A flexible, bottom-up competitive selection of smaller-scale initiatives, driven by Member States

The ongoing preparation of the 9th Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (FP9) offers a good opportunity to do so.

The Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union intends to call on the European Commission and Member States to jointly establish a strategic process for setting up a roadmap covering the whole lifespan of all large-scale, long-term partnership initiatives. “This is a welcome step, but the proposed rationalisation of the research funding landscape will only be a success if research funding and research performing organisations are actively engaged in the process”, says Michael Matlosz, President of Science Europe.

The Policy Brief is available at <http://scieur.org/p2ps-brief>

#### **Notes to Editors**

##### **About Public-to-Public Partnerships**

Public-to-Public Partnerships are initiatives in which a government body or public sector body work together with other public organisations to achieve improvements; in this case, in the area of publicly funded research.

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