

Brussels, 15th July 2019

Dear Director General,
Dear Mr Paquet,

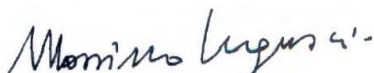
It is with great interest that we are following the development of Horizon Europe, and we welcome your approach of co-creation and of strongly involving stakeholders in this process.

We are willing to contribute to this discussion as a European umbrella group. G6 is an informal network of six major European research organisations that lead the way in terms of skills, networks and interdisciplinary research: Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR), Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Helmholtz-Gemeinschaft, Leibniz-Gemeinschaft and Max-Planck-Gesellschaft. Together, we represent an annual budget of approximately €13.5 billion and almost 135,000 staff.

G6 provides a platform for joint initiatives and regular exchange of views on issues of European research policy both at the level of the organisations' presidents and at the level of their representatives for European affairs. Its most recent public activity is a statement with six key principles to guide the future of research and innovation, which was published in November 2018. The statement is driven by the strong conviction that knowledge will be the most powerful engine to lead Europe towards sustainable development and common progress ([link](#)). We are also determined to position Europe as a magnet for international talents.

We would welcome the opportunity to be part of the list of European umbrella organisations the European Commission consults during the strategic planning process in order to contribute to shaping the future of European research and thereby the capability of Europe to master the challenges ahead.

Sincerely,




Massimo Inguscio, President, CNR



Antoine Petit, President, CNRS



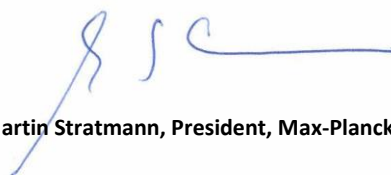
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