

EARTO Press Release
An Ambitious FP9 Strengthening Europe's Industrial Leadership
Joint Declaration by Industry and RTOs

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[EARTO](#), the European Association of Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs), along with its industrial and research partners representing European key industrial research & innovation stakeholders - [ASD](#), [BUSINESSEUROPE](#), [CECIMO](#), [CEFIC](#), [CEMBUREAU](#), [CLEPA](#), [DIGITALEUROPE](#), [EFPIA](#), [EOS](#), [EREA](#), [ESA](#), [ETNO](#), [EUCAR](#), [EURATEX](#), [EUROFER](#), [EUROMINES](#), [EUROPABIO](#), [EUROPEAN ALUMINIUM](#), [FOOD DRINK EUROPE](#), [ORGALIME](#), [UEAPME](#), [UNIFE](#) - have published a [Joint Declaration](#) for "An Ambitious FP9 Strengthening Europe's Industrial Leadership".

Together, the 23 signatories of this [Joint Declaration](#) call on the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union to develop an ambitious next EU Research & Innovation Framework Programme (FP9) built on Horizon 2020's achievements. We strongly believe that this means:

- Increasing significantly the overall EU budget for research and innovation in FP9 within the current discussion on the Multiannual Financial Framework,
- Focusing on a well-balanced three-pillar structure, while allocating an equivalent share of the budget to each pillar,
- Strengthening the EU industrial leadership to guarantee sustainable application and implementation of European research,
- Continuing financial incentives in form of grants for all actors of the value chain, including small & large companies.

Together, we are ready to strengthen our cooperation with the EU Institutions to define and implement an ambitious FP9. This will be paramount to position Europe as a global industrial leader and safeguard our growth and jobs.

For a complete view on EARTO position on the future of EU R&I policy, please see our publications on [FP9](#), [H2020 Mid-Term Review](#), and [H2020 Funding Model](#).

EARTO - European Association of Research and Technology Organisations

Founded in 1999, EARTO promotes Research and Technology Organisations and represents their interest in Europe. EARTO network counts over 350 RTOs in more than 20 countries. EARTO members represent 150.000 highly-skilled researchers and engineers managing a wide range of innovation infrastructures.

RTOs - Research and Technology Organisations

From the lab to your everyday life. RTOs innovate to improve your health and well-being, your safety and security, your mobility and connectivity. RTOs' technologies cover all scientific fields. Their work ranges from basic research to new products and services development. RTOs are non-profit organisations with public missions to support society. To do so, they closely cooperate with industries, large and small, as well as a wide array of public actors.

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