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### **Research and Innovation for the Future of Europe**

A Manifesto from the European R&I community to promote the discussion on R&I issues within the Conference on the Future of Europe and beyond

*“We call on the Conference on the Future of Europe to discuss and deepen Research & Innovation issues over the months to come, so as to place R&I at the core of the debate on the EU’s future challenges and priorities”.*

This is main message included in the Manifesto *Research and Innovation for the Future of Europe*, promoted by 20 European research and innovation actors, and now open for public subscription on [researchforeurope.eu](https://researchforeurope.eu).

Among the first signatories, there are national organizations and transnational associations representing the entire European R&I landscape, from universities to research institutions and RTOs, to business and regional associations, including amongst others Business Europe, EARTO, ERRIN, LERU and The Guild.

The [Conference on the Future of Europe](#), which started last spring and has now entered its decisive phase, has been presented as a unique opportunity for European citizens to reflect and debate on Europe’s challenges and priorities. Nevertheless, despite its central role, research and innovation – the signatory organisations highlight – do not appear among the selected priority topics of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

There is no doubt that the future of Europe and its citizens will be largely linked to our performance in science and technology, the promoters state. In the coming years, research and innovation will be crucial to steer Europe’s recovery, preparedness and resilience, accelerate the twin green and digital transitions, and support the EU’s aspirations of open strategic autonomy.

*To do this, for instance, the Union should raise its ambitions on the ongoing relaunch of the European Research Area, design a stronger innovation policy framework for the new decade, and conceive an enhanced Europe-proof public and private funding approach for R&D.*

The pandemic has brought science and technology at the heart of public debate. Today more than ever – the Manifesto also states – an open dialogue between science, technology and society will be crucial to promote a more dedicated and proactive citizens’ engagement in R&I activities, so that Europeans will continue

to share scientific values and recognise the contribution of science and technology to progress and to their daily lives.

The Manifesto *Research and Innovation for the Future of Europe* is now public on [researchforeurope.eu](http://researchforeurope.eu) and can be supported both as an organization and individually.

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