

Online questionnaire for the Green Paper on a common strategic framework for EU research and innovation funding.

This European Commission **Green Paper** proposes major changes to EU research and innovation funding to make participation easier, increase scientific and economic impact and provide better value for money. The questions are the same as those set out in the Green Paper. To facilitate responding, you are asked to rate the relative importance of the aspects covered in each of the questions. Text responses are limited to 1500 characters. If you wish to provide detailed written comments you are encouraged to use the written response submission form.

Information about the respondent

- I am answering as: [individual, government body, university/ higher education, commercial organisation (less than 250 employees), commercial organisation (more than 250 employees), association, other (please specify)]
- Country of location [Austria, Belgium...etc., EU level organisation]
- My/ my organisations' main activity is [research, higher education, manufacturing, services, public administration, other (please specify)]
- The name of my organisation is [free text (optional)]
- I/ my organisation has received funding from: [FP7, CIP, other EC programme (please specify), research/innovation support programme in my country]
- Have you or do you intend to submit a separate written response to this consultation? [yes, no]

Working together to deliver on Europe 2020

The questions in this section correspond to Section 4.1 of the Green Paper.

1. How should the Common Strategic Framework make EU research and innovation funding more attractive and easy to access for participants? What is needed in addition to a single entry point with common IT tools, a one stop shop for support, a streamlined set of funding instruments covering the full innovation chain and further steps towards administrative simplification?

[Free text response]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

2 How should EU funding best cover the full innovation cycle from research to market uptake?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

3 What are the characteristics of EU funding that maximise the benefit of acting at the EU level? Should there be a strong emphasis on leveraging other sources of funding?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

4 How should EU research and innovation funding be used to pool Member States' research and innovation resources? Should Joint Programming Initiatives between groups of Member States be supported?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

5 What should be the balance between smaller, targeted projects and larger, strategic ones?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

6 How could the Commission ensure the balance between a unique set of rules allowing for radical simplification and the necessity to keep a certain degree of flexibility and diversity to achieve objectives of different instruments, and respond to the needs of different beneficiaries, in particular SMEs?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

7. What should be the measures of success for EU research and innovation funding? Which performance indicators could be used?

[Free text response]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

8. How should EU research and innovation funding relate to regional and national funding? How should this funding complement funds from the future Cohesion policy, designed to help the less developed regions of the EU, and the rural development funds?

[Free text response]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

Tackling Societal Challenges

The questions in this section correspond to Section 4.2 of the Green Paper.

9. How should a stronger focus on societal challenges affect the balance between curiosity-driven research and agenda-driven activities?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

10. Should there be more room for bottom-up activities?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

11. How should EU research and innovation funding best support policy-making and forward-looking activities?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

12. How should the role of the Commission's Joint Research Centre be improved in supporting policy-making and forward-looking activities?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

13. How could EU research and innovation activities attract greater interest and involvement of citizens and civil society?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

Strengthening competitiveness

The questions in this section correspond to Section 4.3 of the Green Paper.

14. How should EU funding best take account of the broad nature of innovation, including non-technological innovation, eco-innovation and social innovation?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

15. How should industrial participation in EU research and innovation programmes be strengthened? How should Joint Technology Initiatives (such as those launched in the current Framework Programmes) or different forms of 'public private partnership' be supported? What should be the role of European Technology Platforms?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

16. How and what types of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) should be supported at EU level; how should this complement national and regional level schemes? What kind of measures should be taken to decisively facilitate the participation of SMEs in EU research and innovation programmes?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

17. How should open, light and fast implementation schemes (e.g. building on the current FET actions and CIP eco-innovation market replication projects) be designed to allow flexible exploration and commercialisation of novel ideas, in particular by SMEs?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

18. How should EU-level financial instruments (equity and debt based) be used more extensively?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

19. Should new approaches to supporting research and innovation be introduced, in particular through public procurement, including through rules on pre-commercial procurement, and/or inducement prizes?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

20. How should intellectual property rules governing EU funding strike the right balance between competitiveness aspects and the need for access to and dissemination of scientific results?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

Strengthening Europe's science base and the European Research Area

The questions in this section correspond to Section 4.4 of the Green Paper.

21 How should the role of the European Research Council be strengthened in supporting world class excellence ?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

22 How should EU support assist Member States in building up excellence?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

23. How should the role of Marie Curie Actions be strengthened in promoting researcher mobility and developing attractive careers?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

24. What actions should be taken at EU level to further strengthen the role of women in science and innovation?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

25. How should research infrastructures (including EU-wide e-Infrastructures) be supported at EU level?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

26. How should international cooperation with non-EU countries be supported e.g. in terms of priority areas of strategic interest, instruments, reciprocity (including on IPR aspects) or cooperation with Member States?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

27 Which key issues and obstacles concerning the ERA should EU funding instruments seek to overcome, and which should be addressed by other (e.g. legislative) measures?

[Free text]

How important are the aspects covered in this question? [Very important, Important, Of some importance, Unimportant, Don't know]

Closing questions

Are there any other ideas of comments which you believe are important for future EU research and innovation funding and are not covered in the Green Paper?

[Free text]