



GLOBAL APPROACH to Research and Innovation



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*“My Commission will be a **geopolitical Commission** committed to sustainable policies”.*

*“**Multilateralism** is in Europe’s DNA. It is our guiding principle in the world”.*

*“Europe will always fight for a **level playing field**”.*

*“In deepening our relationships, we will always be **guided by our values** and our respect for international law”.*

*“Europe should have a stronger and more **united voice** in the world”.*



Global approach to research & innovation

*Europe's strategy for international cooperation in a changing world**

WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE GLOBAL APPROACH TO RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (R&I)?

To preserve openness in research and innovation international cooperation while promoting a level playing field and reciprocity underpinned by fundamental values.

To strengthen multilateral partnerships to deliver new solutions to green, digital, health and innovation challenges.



HOW WILL THIS BE ACHIEVED?

Modulating bilateral cooperation in line with European interests and values and EU's open strategic autonomy.

Accelerating sustainable and inclusive development, and the transition to resilient, knowledge-based societies and economies in low and middle-income countries.

Using a *Team Europe* approach, with actions by the EU, its financial institutions and Member States.





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Guiding principles

Commitment to openness and values in research & innovation

- Openness is crucial to accelerate scientific progress, pool resources and nurture vibrant innovation ecosystems.
- Researchers and innovators should be free to operate within a supportive environment based on values and principles such as academic freedom, research ethics, gender equality and the respect of human rights.
- Science diplomacy and connectivity as an instrument of soft power, meeting demand and interest from partner countries.



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Guiding principles

Pursuit of a level playing field and reciprocity

- Balanced approach to better safeguard EU interests, values and boost its resilience, while maintaining wide openness to cooperation.
- Assertive promotion of fair innovation ecosystems, open standard setting, non-discriminatory state subsidies, protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights.
- Reciprocity in access to equivalent programmes.



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Delivering the strategy: highlight actions

Commitment to openness and values in research & innovation

- Develop **principles for international R&I cooperation** with the Member States (“ERA Pact for R&I”) and promote them in a dialogue with third countries and other international settings – French Presidency Conference, 8/9 March.

Pursuit of a level playing field and reciprocity

- Agree on targeted **bilateral R&I roadmaps** with priority non-EU countries.
- Present **guidelines on dealing with foreign interference** targeting EU R&I and higher education organisations.
- Present a **code of practice on smart use of IP**, including in an international context.



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Guiding principles

Pool global efforts to tackle global challenges

- Global cooperation is necessary to tackle effectively global challenges such as pandemics, or the climate and biodiversity crises.
- The EU should strive to bring countries together in multilateral research and innovation partnerships focused on finding solutions to green, digital, health, social and innovation challenges.



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Delivering the strategy: highlight actions

Pool global efforts to tackle global challenges

- Contribute to policy agendas and strengthen cooperation through **multilateral initiatives** in key green, digital and health priorities (e.g. All-Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance, Mission Innovation, Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator, ...)
- Support the establishment of a joint undertaking under the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership.
- Build joint research activities on **industrial** issues and international **digital partnerships** matching the four pillars of the 2030 Digital Compass.
- Establish, through the New **European Bauhaus** initiative, an international knowledge management platform.



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Modulated cooperation with third countries

- Based on EU and partner country interests, levels of reciprocity, a level playing field, and respect for fundamental rights and shared values.
 - Industrialised countries (eg TTC, Letter of Intent with Japan) and emerging economies (eg China)
 - EFTA countries, Western Balkans, Turkey, European Neighbourhood (East and South) & UK
 - Africa, Latin America (EU-CELAC Roadmap) and other regions and countries
- Co-design initiatives to support low-middle income countries that wish to upgrade their research and innovation ecosystems (NDICI).



Thank you!

For more info:

- Commission Communication on the Global Approach to research and innovation:
https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_2465
- Horizon Europe:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en
- Commission's website on international R&I cooperation:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/strategy/international-cooperation_en

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