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Subject: Cuts in the Horizon 2020 science budget

The European scientific community is mobilising itself to face the prospect of a redistribution of the resources of the Horizon 2020 science budget. This could involve major cuts in many current projects and affect programmes such as Marie Curie mobility, as well as European Research Council funds.

Such cuts not only directly affect the development of many projects, but also expectations regarding EU priorities. One such measure, as part of the EFSI presented by President Juncker, creates widespread uncertainty in society, in the scientific community and also among the investors about whom they are so concerned. It is a serious sign that the EU is not backing research and innovation as a driver of a sustainable economy, in which knowledge is one of the major pillars.

Is this measure going to be pursued? Which programmes specifically are going to be affected, and to what extent?