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Europe needs a higher number of researchers who could, among others, develop exploratory research, as they are indispensable for the increase of its productivity and competitiveness and contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Europa 2020 strategy. The increased mobility of researchers and the enhancement of the resources of the institutions that attract researchers from other Member States will encourage the creation of excellence centres and will spread this excellence across the European Union.

In this context, could the Commission, together with the Member States, analyse the possibility of creating a European pension fund for researchers, irrespective of the term of the research contract?