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### Draft report

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**Umberto Guidoni**

European Research Area: New Perspectives  
(COM(2007)0161 – 2007/2187(INI))

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment by Adam Gierek

Amendment 1

Citation 4 a (new)

- *having regard to its resolution of 24 May 2007 on putting knowledge into practice: a broad based elevation strategy for Europe<sup>1</sup>,*

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<sup>1</sup>P6\_TA(2007)0212.

Or. pl

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 2

Recital A

- A. whereas the European Council of 23 to 24 March 2000, held in Lisbon, endorsed the objective of creating a European Research *and Innovation* Area;

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Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 3  
Recital A a (new)

***Aa. whereas the Barcelona European Council proposed setting the target of increasing total R&D expenditure to 3% of the Union's GDP by 2010 (two thirds from the private sector and the remaining one third from the public sector),***

Or. es

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 4  
Recital A a (new)

***Aa. whereas the European Council of 2002 in Barcelona called for increasing R&D investment to 3% of GDP by 2010,***

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 5  
Recital B a (new)

***Ba. whereas the creation of the European Research Area (ERA) should be accompanied and supplemented by the establishment of the European Area of Higher Education and the European Innovation Area, the three points of the so-called 'knowledge triangle',***

Or. es

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 6  
Recital C

- C. whereas ERA encompasses three main aspects: an internal market for research, where researchers, technology and knowledge can freely circulate, effective coordination at EU level of **Community**, national and regional research activities, programmes and policies and initiatives implemented and funded at EU level,

Or. es

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 7  
Recital D

- D. whereas greater efforts, **particularly as regards coordination**, are needed in all dimensions of EU research: people, infrastructure, organisations, funding, knowledge sharing and global cooperation, in order to overcome the fragmentation of research in the EU and realise the EU's potential therein,

Or. es

Amendment by Adam Gierek

Amendment 8  
Recital D a (new)

- Da. whereas it is increasingly likely that new knowledge will be generated, something which depends on many factors, and whereas scientific research should not be divided into basic and applied research,***

Or. pl

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 9  
Recital D a (new)

- Da. whereas job opportunities and working conditions do not encourage young men and***

*women to enter the research sector, which means that valuable human resources are going to waste,*

Or. es

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 10  
Recital D a (new)

***Da. whereas R&D funding in the EU is still far behind the Lisbon objective of 3% GDP,***

Or. en

Amendment by Paul Rübige

Amendment 11  
Recital D a (new)

***Da. whereas a broader view for creating an ERA is needed involving all relevant stakeholders,***

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 12  
Recital D c (new)

***Dc. whereas women are still unrepresented in most areas of science and engineering and in management posts,***

Or. es

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 13  
Recital D b (new)

***Db. whereas the European Union's private sector R&D contribution is lagging behind in comparison with our direct competitors,***

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 14  
Paragraph 1 a (new)

***1a. Strongly supports the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for their recruitment as means to increase the ERA attractiveness for researchers, and calls on the Commission to publicise the degree of their implementation in the Member States;***

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 15  
Paragraph 1 a (new)

***1a. Stresses the need to establish and introduce a single European career path in the field of research and to introduce an integrated information system on job vacancies and training contracts in the research sector in Europe and believes that it is essential to create a single labour market for research workers;***

Or. es

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 16  
Paragraph 1 c (new)

***1c. Stresses the importance of making the recruitment and promotion procedures for research workers fully open and transparent; calls on Member States to ensure a***

*better balance between men and women on recruitment and promotion boards;*

Or. es

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 17  
Paragraph 2

2. Endorses the plan to increase the geographical mobility of researchers as well as their inter-sectoral mobility (i.e. between universities and research organisations and between academia and the business world) as a means of achieving knowledge sharing and technology transfer; ***calls, to that effect, on the Commission and the Member States to enrich post-graduate and doctoral curricula by encouraging joint research supervision in different countries, and to consider the launching of European postdoctoral fellowships and training schemes building on the highly successful Erasmus programme;***

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 18  
Paragraph 2

2. Endorses the plan to increase the geographical mobility of researchers as well as their inter-sectoral mobility (i.e. between universities and research organisations and between academia and the business world) as a means of achieving knowledge sharing and technology transfer ***and calls for legal and administrative barriers to mobility to be removed;***

Or. es

Amendment by Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski

Amendment 19  
Paragraph 2

2. Endorses the plan to increase the geographical mobility of researchers as well as their inter-sectoral mobility, ***with the aim of securing closer integration of research communities in the enlarged Union*** (i.e. between universities and research

organisations and between academia and the business world) as a means of achieving knowledge sharing and technology transfer;

Or. pl

Amendment by Gunnar Hökmark

Amendment 20

Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. *Recalls that a mean to achieve the increased mobility of researchers could be a research voucher, following researchers from other Member States to hosting institutions and universities, thereby contributing with additional financial resources to the actual research that attracts foreign researchers. This would not only increase the interest for research institutions and universities to host researchers from other Member States, it would also contribute to the development of centres of excellence by making it possible for the most attractive research programmes and institutions to gather more researchers and to improve their economic conditions. This added support for mobility of researchers should be additional to current funding schemes for mobility with money from Cooperation and Capacity. A system of a “research voucher” will also be an incentive for Member States and for research institutions to compete in attracting the most talented scientists;***

Or. en

Amendment by Angelika Niebler

Amendment 21

Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. *Considers that access to the EU for researchers should not be impeded by existing national barriers; urges the Member States to design their national legislation on public law employment relationships, for example, in such a way that researchers from Member States and third countries are accorded comparable working conditions and are not prevented from taking up research work;***

Or. de

Amendment by Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski

Amendment 22

Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. *Points to the need to provide support for young researchers in particular, ensuring that they are able to continue receiving grants when they change their place of work within the EU;***

Or. pl

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 23

Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. *Calls on the Commission and Member States to eliminate obstacles to unhindered mobility: such as insufficient recognition/portability of acquired social entitlements, tax disadvantages, difficulties in relocating families;***

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 24

Paragraph 2 a (new)

- 2a. *Believes that the EU regulatory framework on the free circulation of researchers within the ERA needs to be reinforced so as to facilitate the issuance of visas and work permissions for nationals of third countries;***

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 25

Paragraph 3

- 3. *Considers it necessary to introduce specific measures to promote greater participation by women in all research activities, with the aim of significantly increasing the proportion of women pursuing research careers;***

Or. es

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 26  
Paragraph 3

3. Considers it necessary to stimulate exchanges of experience among the Member States in order to develop a coherent approach to promoting women in **public** funded research, with the aim of significantly increasing the proportion of women pursuing research careers;

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 27  
Paragraph 3 a (new)

- 3a. ***Believes that the reduced interest in younger generations to pursue science and technology education is closely linked to the lack of cooperation between the private and the academic sphere; calls therefore for Member States and the Commission to increase their efforts to promote frameworks of collaboration between these two sectors;***

Or. en

Amendment by Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski

Amendment 28  
Paragraph 3 a (new)

- 3a. ***Calls for exchanges of experience among the Member States in order to develop a coherent approach to promoting the participation of the disabled in Community funded research and an increase in the proportion of disabled people embarking on and pursuing research careers;***

Or. pl

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 29

Paragraph 3 a (new)

- 3a. *Considers also that the public authorities, research bodies and undertakings should promote measures to reconcile professional and private life;*

Or. es

Amendment by Philippe Busquin

Amendment 30

Paragraph 4

4. Calls on the Commission to investigate how the teaching of sciences in the Union can be improved at all levels of education; *considers that rapid developments in science risk creating a gulf between ordinary citizens and scientific and technological research; considers that there is a need to promote and support the dialogue between scientists and society at large and that, accordingly, scientists should make the results of their research comprehensible to all and available to all;* considers the lack of human resources in R&D to be a problem in many Member States, due to decreasing interest among the younger generation in following scientific curricula and engaging in scientific careers;

Or. fr

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 31

Paragraph 4

4. Calls on the Commission to investigate how the teaching of sciences in the Union can be improved at all levels of education; *deplores* the lack of human resources in R&D (*deletion*) in many Member States, due to decreasing interest among the younger generation in following scientific curricula and engaging in scientific careers; *proposes, therefore, the launching of initiatives which familiarise school pupils with laboratory and field research; proposes, in addition, the promotion of active and investigatory methods of teaching using observation and experimentation, the creation of professor-researcher exchange programmes, and the support of innovative training methods by local and regional authorities;*

Or. en

Amendment by Angelika Niebler

Amendment 32

Paragraph 4 a (new)

- 4a. *Considers that social conditions for researchers should be improved by means of employment opportunities for their partners and support in the search for care facilities or schooling for their children;***

Or. de

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 33

Paragraph 5

- 5. Welcomes the progress made in developing research infrastructures with the adoption of the European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) roadmap *(deletion)*;**

Or. es

Amendment by Angelika Niebler

Amendment 34

Paragraph 5 a (new)

- 5a. *Urges that funding for new, pan-European research infrastructures should only be provided if there are no national infrastructures of equal value providing similar access opportunities for researchers from other Member States;***

Or. de

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 35  
Paragraph 6

***Deleted***

Or. es

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 36  
Paragraph 6

6. ***Underlines the role and importance of the Research Performing Organizations (RPO's) in the European research landscape, alongside the universities and the Research Funding Agencies.*** Calls on the Commission to establish a degree of collaboration with national agencies, ***universities and RPOs*** in Europe, before agreeing on a common policy and implementation plan;

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 37  
Paragraph 6

6. Calls on the Commission to establish a degree of collaboration with national agencies and research performing organisations (RPOs) in Europe, ***in association with regional authorities***, before agreeing on a common policy and implementation plan;

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 38  
Paragraph 7

7. Calls on the Commission to propose a legal framework to facilitate the creation, ***construction and operation of major Community infrastructures***, and ***calls for this framework*** to consider the involvement of existing European institutions (e.g. the

European Organisation for Nuclear Research and the European Space Agency), albeit that the intergovernmental treaties (*deletion*) to implement such *infrastructures* should be avoided;

Or. es

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 39

Paragraph 7

7. Calls on the Commission to propose a legal framework to facilitate the creation of new forms of pan-European research organisations, and to consider the involvement of existing European institutions *and agreements, such as* the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (*CERN*), the European Space Agency (*ESA*) *and the European Fusion Development Agreement (EFDA)*, albeit that the intergovernmental treaties usually needed to implement such organisations should be avoided;

Or. en

Amendment by Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Alexander Alvaro

Amendment 40

Paragraph 7 a (new)

- 7a. ***Believes that the European Parliament buildings in Strasbourg could offer a perfect home to all institutions related to building up the ERA. Reminds Commission and Member States that housing research institutions in Strasbourg is much more advantageous than a second seat for the European Parliament;***

Or. en

Amendment by Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski

Amendment 41

Paragraph 7 a (new)

- 7a. ***Recommends at the same time that bodies from countries with less dynamic research sectors, but appropriate research potential, should be fully involved in the process of building the pan-European research infrastructure;***

Or. pl

Amendment by Dominique Vlasto, Catherine Trautmann, Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 42

Paragraph 8 a (new)

**8a. *Underlines the role and importance of the Research Performing Organizations in the European research landscape, alongside the universities and the Research Funding Agencies, and as engines of European integration;***

Or. en

Amendment by Adam Gierek

Amendment 43

Paragraph 8 a (new)

**8a. *Recognises that the European Institute of Technology (EIT) is an important factor in strengthening the European Union's research infrastructure;***

Or. pl

Amendment by Dominique Vlasto, Catherine Trautmann, Anne Laperrouze

Amendment 44

Paragraph 8 b (new)

**8b. *Calls upon the Commission to support these three types of institutions to both build their strength and to link their resources in building the European Research Area. The goal is to reach global leadership in major scientific areas;***

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 45

Paragraph 9

**9. *Acknowledges the importance of the ERA's regional dimension and considers that***

*the development of regional clusters is an important means of gathering critical mass, bringing together universities, research institutions and industry, and creating European centres of excellence; believes that the “Regions of knowledge” programme, promoting the research and innovation potential of the regions, should be seen as a key contribution of FP7;*

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 46

Paragraph 9

9. Believes that the **“Research Potential” and “Regions of knowledge” programmes, strengthening the research capacities in Europe and** promoting the research and innovation potential of the regions, should be seen as a key contribution of FP7;

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 47

Paragraph 9

9. Believes that the **Structural Funds**, promoting the research and innovation potential of the regions, should be seen as a key contribution **to the objectives** of FP7;

Or. es

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 48

Paragraph 9 a (new)

- 9a. Underlines the importance of national and regional contact points in strengthening the effects of framework programmes and calls for deepening their cooperation;**

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 49

Paragraph 10

10. Calls on the Commission to establish *a European forum with high-level national representation, including national research councils, entrusted with the mission of identifying, developing and supporting major cross-Europe research initiatives, as well as* a common system of scientific and technical review to better exploit the results of European programmes; believes it would be beneficial to put in place a reliable system of validating knowledge and methods of analysis, control and certification and to network centres of excellence in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 50

Paragraph 10 a (new)

- 10a. Believes that few and important projects could have catalytic effects on research institutions. Ambitious programmes such as Moon and Mars exploration, establishing green hydrogen technology or mapping the cancer genome, would add a strategic vision, mobilize energies of young scientist and give a competitive edge to European research;*

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 51

Paragraph 10 a (new)

- 10a. Calls on the Commission to make sure that networks of excellence and online research communities are fully complementary, by spelling out their objectives, operating rules and funding arrangements;*

Or. es

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 52

Paragraph 11

11. Calls on the Commission to ***further promote*** public procurement ***to support*** R&D at EU level by virtue of the more consistent use of public instruments and resources;

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 53

Paragraph 11 a (new)

- 11a. Welcomes the Intellectual Property Charter proposed by the EU-Council on 25 June 2007, provided that it leads to a usable set of rules which in particular take account of the needs of scientific knowledge elaboration and transfer;***

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 54

Paragraph 11 a (new)

- 11a. Draws attention to the role to be played by SME as research bodies; believes it is necessary to strengthen their participation in R&D tasks at European level in line with the objective of earmarking at least 15% of the budget of the Seventh Framework Programme for these enterprises;***

Or. es

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze, Catherine Trautmann, Dominique Vlasto

Amendment 55

Paragraph 11 a new

- 11a. Welcomes the Intellectual Property Charter proposed by the EU-Council on 25 June 2007, provided that it leads to a usable set of rules which in particular take account of the needs of scientific knowledge elaboration and transfer;***

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 56  
Paragraph 11 a new

**11a. Considers that strong research must be strictly linked to innovation, therefore believes that concrete steps towards creation of a fully integrated European Research and Innovation Area should be envisaged;**

Or. en

Amendment by Christopher Heaton-Harris

Amendment 57  
Paragraph 12

***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 58  
Paragraph 12

12. Believes that ***investments in infrastructure, functionality and electronic cross-reference initiatives have enabled major improvements in dissemination and usage of scientific information and that the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities (deletion) is an example of how opportunities for experimentation with new models have been opened up by the Internet.***  
***Underlines the importance of respecting authors' freedom of choice and intellectual property, ensuring the continuation of quality peer review and the trusted secure preservation of refereed work, and encourages stakeholders to work together through pilot projects to evaluate the impact and viability of alternative models, such as the development of Open Access.***

Or. en

Amendment by Catherine Trautmann, Anne Laperrouze, Dominique Vlasto

Amendment 59

Paragraph 13

13. Agrees with the **“open innovation”** concept promoted by the Commission according to which the public and private sectors become full partners and share knowledge ***provided that a balanced and fair system is developed between open access to scientific results and use of such results by the private sector (fair sharing of knowledge). The rule of a fair and equitable financial reward for use of public knowledge by industry should be officially recognised.***

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 60

Paragraph 13

13. Agrees with the **“open innovation”** concept promoted by the Commission according to which the public and private sectors become full partners and share knowledge ***provided that a balanced and fair system is developed between open access to scientific results and use of such results by the private sector (fair sharing of knowledge).***

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 61

Paragraph 13 a (new)

- 13a. Firmly believes that the legal uncertainty and costliness currently reigning in the field of IPR represent a considerable factor of fragmentation of research efforts in Europe; urges therefore the Commission to proceed to an impact assessment of the different legal instruments that can be used to reduce existing barriers in knowledge transfer within the ERA;***

Or. en

Amendment by Adam Gierek

Amendment 62  
Paragraph 13 a (new)

**13a. Notes that properly registered inventions can be an important source of knowledge and that legislation on intellectual property protection, including European patent law, cannot be a barrier to knowledge-sharing;**

Or. pl

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 63  
Paragraph 13 b (new)

**13b. Calls on the Commission, in collaboration with Member States, to establish a European forum whereby European- and national-level processes of civil society engagement in the discussion of science, research, and technology can be coordinated;**

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 64  
Paragraph 14

14. Considers that, in the context of ERA, the Joint Research **Centre (JRC) is playing a key role** as independent and neutral high-level scientific and technical structures providing common expertise to the EU institutions and supporting decision-making processes on key issues (quality of life, food safety, the environment, consumer protection and so on);

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 65

Paragraph 14

14. Considers that, in the context of ERA, the *capacities* of Joint Research Centres (JRCs) should be *exploited* as independent and neutral high-level scientific and technical structures providing common expertise to the EU institutions and supporting decision-making processes on key issues (quality of life, food safety, the environment, consumer protection and so on);

Or. es

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 66

Paragraph 15

15. Believes that, with a renewed mission supporting and encouraging their activities and focused on optimising the benefits to be derived from their structures, *the JRC is also playing an important role to* promote truly European opportunities in the field of training and mobility of young researchers;

Or. en

Amendment by Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski

Amendment 67

Paragraph 15

15. Believes that, with a renewed mission supporting and encouraging their activities and focused on optimising the benefits to be derived from their structures, JRCs could also promote truly European opportunities in the field of training (*particularly for young researchers*) and mobility of *individual research centres*;

Or. pl

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 68  
Paragraph 16

16. Deems it appropriate to implement the principle of the *(deletion)* opening of national programmes to participants from other Member States since this would be a step towards the exchange of information on existing national programmes and would encourage the evaluation of national research activities by international panels;

Or. es

Amendment by Angelika Niebler

Amendment 69  
Paragraph 17 a (new)

- 17a. Stresses the need to enhance complementarity between EU and national research funding;*

Or. de

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 70  
Paragraph 19

19. Observes that local and regional authorities should be engaged in creating a research-friendly framework and should make a significant contribution to the realisation of ERA and that this could be brought about through Community funding programmes such as FP7, but that considerable progress could also be made by means of agreed programmes funded by the Structural Funds; *considers, in particular, that the R&D potential of 'scientifically weaker' regions urgently needs to be enhanced through the combined use of Structural and FP7 funds, as well as national and regional investments, in order to efficiently address, amongst others, local needs in society-driven research;*

Or. en

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 71  
Paragraph 19 a (new)

**19a. Stresses the importance of unlocking research potential of all European regions as a mean of raising competitiveness of European research;**

Or. en

Amendment by Jerzy Buzek

Amendment 72  
Paragraph 20 a (new)

**20a. Recognises the role that Networks of Excellence are playing in creating the ERA through durable integration, thus avoiding fragmentation of research efforts, and calls upon the Commission to continue to support successful Networks in order to reach this goal;**

Or. en

Amendment by Paul Rübig

Amendment 73  
Paragraph 21

21. Considers that a broader approach to establishing priorities for strategic decisions on public funding is needed and that the **European Technology Platforms and Joint Technology Initiatives among others are important means of developing long-term strategies;**

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 74  
Paragraph 21

21. Considers that a broader approach to establishing priorities for strategic decisions on public funding is needed and that the **European Technology Platforms and plans** for

Joint Technology Initiatives, focused on technology, would benefit from the *stronger* involvement of public organisations, such as universities and RPOs, *in order* to develop long-term strategies;

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 75

Paragraph 21 a (new)

**21a. *Believes that foresight and strategic agendas elaborated by the research community should be taken into consideration when designing work programmes and calls for proposals in FP7;***

Or. en

Amendment by Anne Laperrouze, Dominique Vlasto, Catherine Trautmann

Amendment 76

Paragraph 21 a (new)

**21a. *Believes that foresight and strategic agendas elaborated by the research community should be taken into consideration when designing work programmes and calls for proposals in FP7;***

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 77

Paragraph 22

**22. *Believes that it is important to align EU scientific co-operation policies with EU foreign policy and development aid programmes; urges the Commission to develop and submit to the European Parliament an integrated foreign policy strategy for science and technology;***

Or. es

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 78

Paragraph 22

22. ***Considers that research and development cooperation can help to achieve specific MDGs and therefore believes*** that it is important to align EU scientific co-operation policies with EU foreign policy and development aid programmes;

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 79

Paragraph 23

23. Calls on the Commission to strengthen research cooperation to foster dialogue, peace, security ***and economic and social development***. Believes that such cooperation will furthermore enable the EU to address highly relevant issues, such as regional sustainable development, ***health, food security and climate change***;

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 80

Paragraph 23

23. Calls on the Commission to strengthen research cooperation to foster dialogue, peace, security ***and development***. Believes that such cooperation will furthermore enable the EU to address highly relevant issues, such as regional sustainable development ***and the fight against poverty***;

Or. es

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 81

Paragraph 23 a (new)

- 23a. Calls on the Commission to initiate, implement and support measures to improve the level of participation by scientists from developing countries in international collaborative science and R&D projects and promote access to existing intellectual property globally;**

Or. en

Amendment by Nikolaos Vakalis

Amendment 82

Paragraph 24

24. Considers that countries that are more aligned with the EU's geo-political priorities, such as those of the Mediterranean basin, should be encouraged to participate in a **'broader ERA' that may gradually extend its coordination schemes, knowledge-sharing principles and researcher mobility beyond the strict boundaries of the EU and its associated countries;**

Or. en

Amendment by Alejo Vidal-Quadras

Amendment 83

Paragraph 24

24. Considers that countries that are more aligned with the EU's geo-political priorities, such as those of the Mediterranean basin and **Latin America** should be encouraged to participate in ERA **through further promotion of scientific and technological cooperation agreements;**

Or. en

Amendment by Umberto Guidoni

Amendment 84  
Paragraph 24

24. Considers that *the EU neighbouring countries* and countries that are more aligned with the EU's geo-political priorities, such as those of the Mediterranean basin *and Africa*, should be encouraged to participate in ERA;

Or. en

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 85  
Paragraph 24

24. Considers that countries that are more aligned with the EU's geo-political priorities, such as those of the Mediterranean basin, *Latin America and Africa*, should be encouraged to participate in ERA;

Or. es

Amendment by Adam Gierek

Amendment 86  
Paragraph 24

24. Considers that countries that are more aligned with the EU's geo-political priorities, such as those of the Mediterranean basin *and Eastern Europe*, should be encouraged to participate in ERA;

Or. pl

Amendment by Teresa Riera Madurell

Amendment 87  
Paragraph 24 a (new)

- 24a. *Calls on the Commission to draw up a list of the legal obstacles hampering the Member States' efforts to complete the ERA and propose measures to harmonise laws and regulations in order to overcome these barriers;***

