



## **The CSIC remarks to the current negotiations on the General Budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020 and the MFF 2021 - 2027**

The Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) is the major Spanish Public Research Institution and ranks among Europe's main research performing organisations, carrying out a key role in scientific and technological policies in Spain and worldwide.

As of October 2019<sup>1</sup>, the CSIC has obtained 550 projects in Horizon 2020 with a total EU financial contribution of 236 million euros. The CSIC is listed the first organisation in Spain and the third participant by number of projects in the current Framework Programme.

The CSIC fully supports the European Parliament report<sup>2</sup> on the Council position on the Draft General Budget of the European Union for the financial year 2020, especially with regards to the budget of Subheading Ia – Competitiveness for growth and jobs. The CSIC also agrees with the Parliament proposal to make available the commitment appropriations de-committed in 2018 as a result of non-implementation of the Horizon 2020 research projects.

The Council position<sup>34</sup> on the 2020 draft budget for Horizon 2020, cutting 413 million euros in commitment appropriations compared to the Commission proposal, and the recent news regarding the MFF 2021 – 2027 negotiations and the possible cuts on Horizon Europe will undermine the strong contribution that these Framework Programmes make to the European Union competitiveness, prosperity, economic growth and to address crucial societal challenges. Research and Innovation are key to deliver to the European Union political priorities such as the the Paris Agreement or the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Taking all this into consideration, the CSIC calls to the European Institutions to maintain the budget proposed by the European Commission for the last year of Horizon 2020 in the upcoming negotiations and strongly urges them to preserve an ambitious budget for the next R&I Framework Programme, confirming research and innovation as one of the priorities of the European Union.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/horizon-dashboard>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2019-0038\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2019-0038_EN.html)

<sup>3</sup> <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-10919-2019-ADD-1/en/pdf>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2019/10/23/2020-eu-budget-council-cannot-accept-ep-amendments/?amp;utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2020+EU+budget%3a+Council+cannot+accept+EP+amendments](https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2019/10/23/2020-eu-budget-council-cannot-accept-ep-amendments/?amp;utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020+EU+budget%3a+Council+cannot+accept+EP+amendments)