Alliance for Biomedical Research in Europe

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The BioMed Alliance supports EBC call for Horizon Europe budget increase and for a better distribution of funding among clusters in pillar II

The BioMed Alliance supports the European Brain Council (EBC) statement "**Counting down to zero: Towards a future with underfunded health research?**" which calls on the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council to increase the budget of the Horizon Europe programme to at least €120 billion, and to dedicate a much higher proportion of the research budget to the "health" cluster.

The EU is the prime source for funding of successful collaborative cross border multidisciplinary translational research. Continued transnational funding is needed to foster knowledge transfer, entrepreneurship and partnerships between academia and industry, and to maintain Europe competitiveness.
The ERC, since its creation, has demonstrated outstanding results, and contributed to the visibility of EU research. It has established a gold standard for excellence within and beyond the scientific community.

Health research is an area with immediate societal relevance and visibility to the European population. Biomedical research has increased its competitive visibility over the last decades as obvious from the increased attendance and quality of the European biomedical conferences and increased impact of the European biomedical journals.

The proposed budgets do not make full use of the respective potentials and requirements. Horizon Europe includes € 7.7 billion for health research and the ERC has approximately the same budget share it had in Horizon 2020. We strongly believe that the proposed budget is insufficient. The BioMed Alliance calls on the European Institutions to increase the total Horizon Europe budget to at least €120-125 billion, and to dedicate 25-30% of the Horizon Europe budget to biomedical and health-related research.

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