

Public consultation on the European Research Area Framework, areas of untapped potential



Dear research stakeholder,

We all agree that researchers must be able to work and co-operate across the EU as easily as within national borders. Indeed, at the 2011 Spring European Council, European Union leaders gave us a clear mandate for achieving this important part of the Innovation Union flagship initiative.

In line with that mandate, we are committed to putting in place, by 2014, the measures necessary to achieve a unified, European Research Area, in which all actors, both public and private, can

operate freely, forge alliances and gather critical mass in order to compete and cooperate on a global scale.

But we cannot do this without you. We need you to identify the bottlenecks in creating a genuine single market for research and innovation which measures up to the major economic and societal challenges of our times.

That is why it is so important that as many of you as possible take part in this consultation exercise which is open until 30 November 2011.

We need input from a wide range of sources so that we can build up an accurate picture of what is happening on the ground and what we need to do to strengthen Europe's research system.

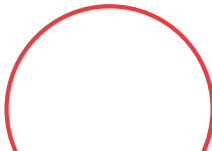
Thank you very much for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire and for your commitment to realising the genuinely unified research area which Europe needs to deliver smart, sustainable growth.

Yours sincerely,

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Commissioner for Science, Research and Innovation

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