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Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society
Commissioner-designate for Innovation and Youth
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Request for a meeting on the Future of European Research Policy

Dear Commissioner Gabriel,

As President and Secretary General of Science Europe, we would like to congratulate you on your outstanding performance before the European Parliament during your hearing as Commissioner-designate for Innovation and Youth. We highly welcome your commitment to supporting excellent research in Europe, as highlighted in our public [statement](#).

We would like to follow up on our previous letter, sent to you on 24 September, and invite you to suggest a few dates in the coming weeks for a meeting with us.

As mentioned in our letter, you will find in [Science Europe](#) a strong ally to strengthen the role that research and innovation plays in addressing the societal challenges. In particular, we agree with you that more robust links with education and innovation are needed to lead Europe to become a sustainable and digital society in the global landscape.

We represent the 37 members of Science Europe, including some of the largest and most respected European research organisations in the world which develop, manage, and implement national research policies. They also implement a large variety of funding programmes, from bottom-up schemes to mission-oriented research. They collectively invest over €18 billion each year on research in 28 European countries, thus pushing the frontiers of how scientific research is produced and how it benefits society.

We understand that the new European Commission will start its term of office after a formal vote of approval by the European Parliament in a few weeks. We would welcome the opportunity of an early exchange of views with you on the future of European research and how we can better contribute to the common goal of building an excellent research-base for Europe.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Sincerely,



President, Science Europe



Secretary-General, Science Europe