

## Meeting between EU-LIFE and EU Commissioner of Research, Education, Culture, Innovation and Youth, Maryia Gabriel

**Date:** 5th December 2019, 10h30, Brussels

### Summary Follow up actions

- ✓ Presentation of EU-LIFE: mission, priorities of action and impact to the society and the economy. Focus on advocating for research & Innovation and promoting change at institutional level.
- ✓ Role of independent research institutes in the R&I ecosystem: hosting a significant fringe of top-notch research, flexible, fast to implement change.
- ✓ Areas of common priority:
  - Research & Innovation's European strategy:** Knowledge transfer and interaction with different sectors; Impact of research; Open science and innovation; Research evaluation, assessment and skills; careers and mobility.
  - Widening and cohesion:** contribution through promotion of institutional change and creating the best environment possible for researchers and impactful research. Example, EU-LIFE inspired already 3 new alliances at EU-13 (AllianceforLife), regional (in one area in Portugal, CO-LIFE) and national (Spain, SOMMA alliance) levels and collaborates regularly with them.
  - International cooperation:** providing case studies and concrete examples of ongoing projects and contributing to new strategies. Two examples will be sent next week and we are collecting more.
  - Gender equality in science:** EU-LIFE ongoing strategy and impact already achieved to promote effective change at the level of scientific leadership & scientific ecosystem
  - Ongoing EU-LIFE campaign:** we are glad to inform that since we met, two articles were issued on mainstream media in Belgium and Spain featuring support for a strong Horizon Europe budget by leading industry and scientists (Spain; Belgium). In January/February more articles will come out in EU-LIFE represented countries as well as a EU-LIFE twitter campaign, as a starting point to directly address national ministries of finance and prime-ministers.

### Follow up actions

As follow up actions we agreed to:

- Schedule a follow up meeting in the upcoming months
- Schedule a meeting with Commissioner Chief of Cabinet to learn how can we contribute to the strategic planning of your mandate
- Send examples of ongoing projects of EU-LIFE institutes with Africa and other regions of the world regarding innovation.



### Information requested

Per Commissioner request we highlight here:

**1. EU-LIFE recommendations to ERAC on the future of ERA** (August 2019, attached to the email, not published online)

**2. Collaborative research across the entire research and innovation spectrum: EU-LIFE recommendations for the Strategic programming of Horizon Europe's Health Cluster** (June 2019)

[https://eu-life.eu/sites/default/files/2019-10/EULIFE\\_statement\\_HHealthCluster\\_HE\\_JUNE2019.pdf](https://eu-life.eu/sites/default/files/2019-10/EULIFE_statement_HHealthCluster_HE_JUNE2019.pdf)

**3. Towards better research value in Europe: Translating knowledge to innovation** (Horizon Europe position paper)

[https://eu-life.eu/sites/default/files/2019-10/EULIFE\\_FP9\\_position\\_paper.pdf](https://eu-life.eu/sites/default/files/2019-10/EULIFE_FP9_position_paper.pdf)

EU-LIFE publications can be found at <https://eu-life.eu/newsroom/publications>

**4. Also attached to the email the EU-LIFE presentation**

### EU-LIFE delegation





## EU-LIFE Presentation

Slides on:

- The mission and members of the alliance; [REDACTED]
- The Leiden ranking with EU-LIFE institutes
- EU-LIFE is a grassroots organization and a true community of practice (not an organization distant from its basis) using good practice sharing to improve science.
- Impact of EU-LIFE institutes:
  - Delivering to patients
  - Delivering to industry
  - Creating R&I agendas
  - Bridging the R&I gap
  - Building strong ecosystems
- EU-LIFE action in policy:
  - We are regular advisors of the EC on 2 main platforms + individual appointments on EU-LIFE sphere
  - Meetings hold recently e.g. with Commissioner, [REDACTED] etc.
  - Topics which we contributed lately: ERA, Horizon Europe, PlanS, Research Infrastructure, Budget R&I

## AGENDA

1. Presentation of EU-LIFE
2. Learning Commissioner views on priorities for the portfolio of Research, Innovation, Education, Culture & Youth
3. Align points of convergence where EU-LIFE can contribute to the Cabinet's agenda

## About EU-LIFE

EU-LIFE is an alliance of research centres whose mission is to support and strengthen European research excellence ([www.eu-life.eu](http://www.eu-life.eu)). EU-LIFE members are leading research institutes in their countries and internationally renowned for producing excellent research, widely transferring knowledge and nurturing talent. The basis for the foundation of EU-LIFE was the perception that there was a gap in the science policy landscape regarding the representation of independent research centres. Since its foundation in 2013, EU-LIFE has become a stakeholder in European policy participating regularly in the EC policy dialogue.

## EU-LIFE Partners



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