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Dear Madam/Sir,

On behalf of Copenhagen Research Forum (CRF), I have the great pleasure to present the final report from the second conference, offering recommendations on EU's proposal for the next multi-annual framework programme for research and innovation, Horizon 2020.

Europe needs to find solutions for growth, prosperity and safety for the next decade in the areas of health, food & agriculture, energy, transport, climate change & resources and societies. The CRF represents the European research community's commitment to contributing to a better and stronger Europe with better and stronger research.

The first Copenhagen Research Forum invited more than 600 researchers from across Europe to comment and expand on ideas concerning the societal challenges. This time the CRF has been carried out in a smaller scale with the participation of two highly esteemed representatives from each challenge. Thus CRF II remains **the only example of an unbiased voice of researchers** who have worked jointly, without the involvement of other stakeholders, to formulate an opinion and clear-cut recommendations for the European research agenda. Our goal has been to provide unbiased advice and input to strengthen research in Europe, based on free discussions.

There was a strong consensus across all the participants that **excellence** should be the first and foremost important goal and parameter for all research undertaken under Horizon 2020. Another of the CRF's major recommendations is that **funds should be set aside for cross-disciplinary research**. This is crucial in order to attract, motivate and encourage Europe's top researchers in performing integrated research that requires cross disciplinary approaches in order to solve societal challenges.

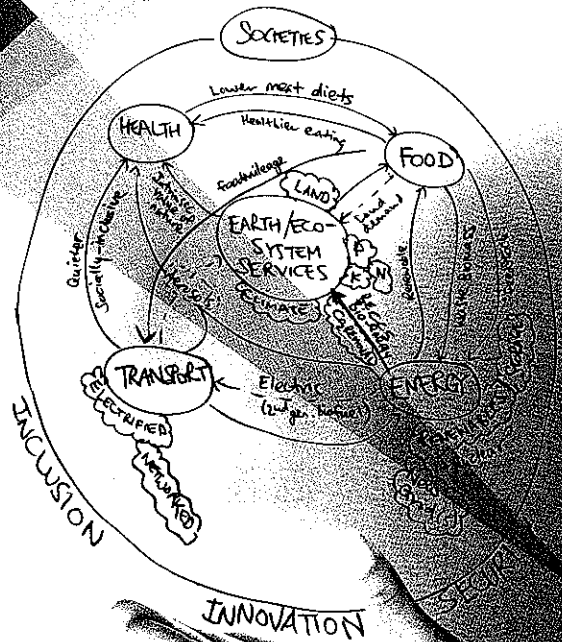
It is our hope that we, with this report can inspire and assist in the process of finalizing the framework programme, by contributing to fulfilling an optimal implementation of Horizon 2020.

Kind regards,

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Recommendations for the optimal implementation of Horizon 2020



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