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Research and innovation investments at the EU level deliver the science and innovations that are needed for effective, sustainable cross-sectoral solutions to tackle our European priorities. They are also at the core of the productivity and competitiveness of the economy. The budget proposed by the Commission for research and innovation in the next Multiannual Financial Framework, and in particular for Horizon Europe, reflects this central role.

The Commission has taken note of the resolution of the European Parliament on the Multiannual Financial Framework and its support for an ambitious budget for Horizon Europe. The Commission has also taken note of the proposal with figures by the Finnish Presidency in December 2019 in the so-called revised “negotiating box”.

In line with its proposals of May 2018, the Commission is committed to defend an EU long-term budget that allows the Union to carry out the priorities set out in the EU Strategic Agenda and the Political Guidelines for the Commission 2019-2024. In that respect, a robust budget for research and innovation as proposed by the Commission is essential to deliver the maximum impact, including for the European Green Deal and a Europe fit for the Digital Age.