



**SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND
INNOVATION PERFORMANCE
OF THE EU
2022**



**Launch event
Report "Science, Research and Innovation Performance of the EU 2022"**

Transforming Europe for uncertain times

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(online event)

Europe is going through testing times. The past two years have been dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has shaken our private and professional lives. The damage done by the Russian invasion of Ukraine is immense and the war is expected to have significant implications for the years to come. Moreover, these events come on top of long term challenges facing Europe, such as accelerating climate change, severe loss of biodiversity, progressively ageing populations, diminishing productivity growth, sluggish digitalisation, and growing inequalities. The ongoing crises interact with these trends, often making them more pronounced.

Research and innovation (R&I) make an integral part of the response to these challenges. Bold transformative policies are needed to ensure the success of Europe's digital and green agenda, to strengthen resilience and preparedness, and to support Europe's competitive edge in the global race for knowledge and tech sovereignty.

The 2022 edition of the 'Science, Research and Innovation Performance' of the EU Report provides insights into how R&I policies can help build an inclusive, sustainable, competitive and resilient Europe by leveraging the essential role of R&I as source of prosperity and catalyst for social, economic and environmental sustainability. The Report combines a thorough indicator-based analysis with deep dives into topical hot policy issues topics. This is a flagship biennial publication by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Research & Innovation that draws on a long tradition of economic analyses. It is the third edition in this report series.

The evidence presented in this Report leads to six main policy guidelines for EU R&I policy and beyond that are essential to deliver on our ambitions and objectives:

1. Build forward better in a post-pandemic world
2. (Re)gain competitiveness
3. Think the "unthinkable" (and be ready for it)
4. Leverage businesses, institutions and people
5. Connect actors and address disparities
6. Ensure R&I-friendly conditions

AGENDA

- 15h00 Welcome by **Mariya Gabriel**, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth
- 15h10 Key findings of the Report by **Alexandr Hobza**, Chief Economist, Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission
- 15h30 Panel discussion
- Chair: **Julien Guerrier**, Director of the Common Policy Centre, Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission
- Panellists:
- Nuria Oliver**, Cofounder and Director, Institute of Humanity-centric AI (ELLIS unit Alicante Foundation)
Pierre-Alexandre Balland, Professor, Utrecht University
Debora Revoltella, Chief Economist and Director of the Economics Department, EIB
Chiara Criscuolo, Head of the Productivity Innovation and Entrepreneurship (PIE) Division, OECD
Andreas Teichgraeber, Research Assistant, Centre for Economic Performance, LSE
- 16h45 Closing by **Jean-Eric Paquet**, Director-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission
- 17h00 End of the event