

**To: Partner Organisations of the University of Strathclyde in European Collaborative Research**

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### **Present and Future Collaborative Research with the University of Strathclyde in EU-Funded Research**

While you will be aware that clarity is at present incomplete on the role of UK Higher Education in EU-funded research programmes beyond the end of the post-Brexit transition period at the end of 2020, I am writing to you with a **positive forward look for your future collaboration with the University of Strathclyde in European projects.**

In line with UK Higher Education as a whole, the University of Strathclyde is eligible to participate in the remaining actions of **Horizon 2020**, including the **EU Green Deal call**, with its deadline of 26 January 2021. (Please see official UK information at: <https://www.ukri.org/research/international/ukri-europe/>) Strathclyde will also be able to participate in projects in **Horizon Europe**, in which provisions are evolving to enable a role for UK universities from the time of the scheduled start of the programme in 2021. This will be either on the basis of **association** to Horizon Europe by the UK or by participation as a **third country** in the actions of the programme open to the world (with funding from UK Government): The UK Government made its commitment to support both options explicitly in its recently published UK R&D Roadmap.

The University of Strathclyde has a very strong track-record of participation in international collaborative research funded by the European Commission since the inception of the EU First Framework Programme of Research in the 1980s. Since the vote of the UK to leave the EU in 2016, and the formal leaving in 2020, the University has continued to add strongly to its European research portfolio through competitively won projects in Horizon 2020 that are substantial in size and number.

**Staff of the Strathclyde academic community, with the support of experienced on-campus services in the field of European funding, are in a state of readiness for and anticipation of further European research with the University's extensive network of European partners from 2021 onwards.**

We very much look forward to working with you in European collaborative research projects in the future.

Tim Bedford



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