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Dear Mr Malgouyres,

Thank you for your letter of 27 September 2020 to the Executive Vice-President Timmermans and Commissioner Breton where you express concerns regarding the effectiveness of the EU science and innovation funding to address humanity's challenges and pinpoint to specific areas for improvement.

The Commission regularly [evaluates, impact assesses and monitors](#) EU research and innovation framework programmes. We aim at continuous improvement of our actions in line with the [better regulation agenda](#). The last [Interim Evaluation of Horizon 2020](#) identified several key areas for improvement. This included the need to break down silos and prioritise the EU research and innovation investment for citizens. Key areas for improvement have been translated into novel features of the next EU research and innovation framework programme [Horizon Europe](#). For instance, Horizon Europe, and its Strategic Plan in particular, is being [co-designed](#), so that the future funding targets issues that matter most. Another novelty are [European research and innovation missions](#) which aim to deliver solutions to some of the greatest challenges facing our world in the areas of cancer, adaptation to climate change, health oceans, seas coastal and inland waters, climate-neutral and smart cities, as well as health and food.

Thank you again for sharing your insights with us – only together, we can shape the future we want.

Yours sincerely,

e-signed
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