

# **Continuing close cooperation on research & innovation after Brexit**

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# Overview

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1. Value of EU research to Russell Group universities
  2. What we're looking for in a new UK-EU relationship
  3. Mutual benefits of continued cooperation on science
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## Value of EU research and innovation

- **Collaboration and networks:** UK made 150,000+ links over FP7
  - **Large-scale**, multilateral projects addressing global challenges
  - **ERC:** excellence, flexibility and mobility
  - **Staff:** 22,800 EU staff at RGUs = 21% of our academics / 25% of those on research-only contracts
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## What do we want?

- Light-touch, fair and transparent immigration system prioritising **highly-skilled** people and those with **specialist expertise**
  - Continued UK participation in EU research and innovation
  - Influence, where possible
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## What does the UK have to offer?

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- Excellence
  - Leadership
  - Expertise
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## Conclusions

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- UK universities are open for business
  - Grateful for support from European partners
  - We are all stronger when we work together
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**Thank you for listening**

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