CSIC’S POSITION PAPER ON H2020 MID-TERM REVIEW
The role of the European Innovation Council (EIC)
  ➢ pilot stage within H2020

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The role of the European Innovation Council (EIC): pilot stage within H2020

- a new scenario for markets creating high quality innovation but not another instrument for funding SMEs or big industry

- searching all the possibilities within the existing funding instruments dedicated to innovation

- synergies among different mechanisms (ESIF/EFSI) should be better linked

- actions envisaged for a potential EIC must not accentuate the gap between R & I by overriding the research carried out by European RPOs

- the Commission and the Member States should remove institutional and structural obstacles to innovation and deepen the Single European Market
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H2020 Evaluation of Proposals to date

- One-stage versus two-stage evaluation procedure
- The scoring and the non-negotiation policy
- The quality of external experts
- The information given to experts and participants
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Drafting of the H2020 Work Programme 2018-2020: basic issues

- The practical integration of Social Sciences and Humanities issues into H2020

- Top-down versus bottom-up approach

- The increasing importance of economic impact under H2020: an excess of “market fundamentalism”?
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Budgetary envelope 2018-2020

- **EU large-scale political initiatives must not be supported in detriment of the existing Union policies.**

- **Large-scale proposals with huge budgets should be limited to what is strictly necessary**

- **reinforce partnership and involvement of Member States, regional and local authorities as well as other research and innovation stakeholders.**

- **fully offsetting the EFSI-related cuts to accomplish the goals agreed for H2020 by the European institutions and the Member States on 11 December 2013.**
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Simplification once again

- **a single and interlocking rule book:** fewer rules and more clarity
- **unit costs, flat-rates and lump sums:** the exception rather to become the norm.
- **reimbursement of costs based on concrete objectives, results and outcomes:** CSIC reserves its position until the Commission clearly explains all aspects included under this type of reimbursement
- **the cohesion policy:** complement and play a key role in building capacity and as a stairway to excellence to those participants needing an improvement in their management practices and accounting principles
- **the non-profit rule should be respected, but not in detriment of the quality of the resources provided if the participants should complement the funds not covered by H2020**
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Final remarks

Science of excellence is the source of innovation, which in turn contributes to create new knowledge and capacity building for the future generations.

European Science is one of the most valuable assets that the Union possesses and must be protected at all costs.