

Joint Statement

By a group of public and private stakeholders working on Sustainable Agriculture

On the Council proposed reduction of the Horizon Europe budget 2022

Horizon Europe presents a vital programme for research and innovation, with the aim to strengthen the scientific bases of the European Union, foster its competitiveness in all Member States and contribute to sustainability strategies and objectives – such as the European Green Deal and the Sustainable Development Goals. Reducing the 2022 budget by EUR 316 million, as proposed by the Council, goes against scientific evidence on research and implementation action needed to meet the EU's and global environmental goals. Particularly in light of the start of the Horizon Europe Missions, which are essential to combining R&I on the ground, monitoring and training, the budget should be revised to be in line with the ambition of the European Commission and the proposed additional funding of EUR 305 million by the Parliament.



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