**Future frameworks for international collaboration on research and innovation - call for evidence**

**Feedback form**

**Overview**

*Professor Sir Adrian Smith has been commissioned by the Secretary of State for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy and the Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation to provide independent advice on the design of future UK funding schemes for international collaboration, innovation and curiosity-driven blue-skies research. Professor Graeme Reid from University College London will work with Sir Adrian during the preparation of this advice. The advice team will hold evidence gathering meetings across the UK. Alongside this the team are running a written call for evidence to inform this advice. Written submissions to this call for written evidence would be welcome by close of play on 24 May 2019.*

*The UK is committed to ongoing collaboration in research and innovation with partners across Europe and internationally. Global relationships in research and innovation are more important than ever. The UK would like the option to associate to Horizon Europe and is continuing to actively shape the development of that programme however the Government are also exploring in parallel credible and ambitious alternatives to deliver positive outcomes for science, research and innovation in the event that the UK does not associate.*

*Global relationships in research and innovation are more important than ever. Many of the world’s greatest economic and social challenges can be addressed only through international partnerships. Furthermore, the UK Government is committed to raising total UK investment in R&D to 2.4% of GDP by 2027, and to 3 per cent in the longer term. International partnerships and collaboration will play an important part in helping to achieve these ambitions and in supporting the Industrial Strategy’s Grand Challenges. Sir Adrian’s advice will help the Government to ensure that the UK continues to be a global leader in science, research and innovation, and an attractive country for individuals to study and work.*

Please provide evidence and feedback in relation to the following areas of interest and return to **Lisa Andrews by 15th May 2019.** Your feedback will contribute to the institutional response.

1. Methods by which new funding arrangements can:
   1. support research discovery of outstanding quality in all disciplines through international partnerships;
   2. attract to the UK researchers of outstanding capability from around the world; and
   3. attract further R&D investment to the UK, thereby contributing to the Government’s 2.4% agenda
2. The optimum balance of emphasis for any new funding arrangements in each of the following dimensions
   1. European collaboration, Overseas Development Assistance and global collaboration
   2. support for: outstanding individuals; blue-skies research; business innovation and research impact; and research facilities and infrastructure;
   3. research and innovation domains (research disciplines, business sectors etc).
3. Methods and timescales for introducing any new funding arrangements for international collaboration, including those that
   1. reflect the ambitions of small and large businesses
   2. foster new systems of international peer review and funding
4. The roles of Government, UKRI, National Academies and other organisations in defining the agenda for European and international collaboration and administering any new funding arrangements for such activities.
5. Existing evidence on the efficiency and effectiveness of funding for international collaborations.
6. Any other issues relating to this work that you wish to bring to our attention

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