

# Statement from University of Münster, Germany

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On behalf of the University of Münster, Germany, we are writing to offer support to the campaign to protect the European Research Council (ERC) in the EU budget. These unprecedented times of global crisis necessitate high quality bottom-up research endeavors that have the potential to create disruptive responses, new perspectives and innovative technologies. Without any doubt, these endeavors must be based on international collaboration and the continuing exchange of knowledge and people across national borders and cultural boundaries. It is in this context especially that we consider the ERC and its ongoing financial support of utmost importance. The University of Münster signs the Friends of the ERC's petition and urges the EU to protect the funding of the European Research Council in the long-term budget.

Regards

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