



# CHARLES UNIVERSITY

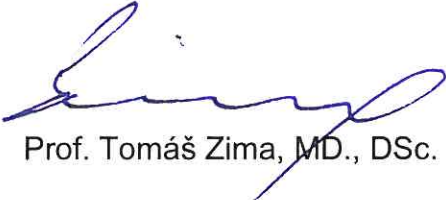
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## Petition to protect ERC funding in the EU budget

On behalf of Charles university, the largest Czech research university, I fully support the petition requiring the ERC grant programme be sustained, or rather enhanced. History has taught us many times that curiosity-driven research is the most essential basement for discoveries, inventions, innovations and development. The ERC programme proved to generate highly valuable research outputs and must be therefore maintained or even pampered.

With all best wishes,



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