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Letter of Support to the European Research Council

On behalf of CISPA Helmholtz Center for Information Security, Germany, I express full support to the campaign to protect the European Research Council (ERC) in the EU budget. The ERC has been a success story in the European Framework Programmes of Research and Innovation.

These unprecedented times of global crisis necessitate high quality bottom-up research initiatives 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. By promoting research and innovation, EU will show willingness and action to take a lead in solving the large societal challenges.

CISPA 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.

Yours sincerely,

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