



UNIVERSIDADE DE COIMBRA

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**Subject:** Petition to protect ERC funding in the EU Budget

Coimbra, 3rd of July 2020

On behalf of the University of Coimbra, Portugal, I am writing to offer support to the campaign to protect ERC funding in the EU budget. The ERC represents a unique initiative by the European Commission for the development and support of frontier science in Europe.

Over the years, the ERC has become the global gold standard for supporting scientific breakthroughs and scientists to extend the frontiers of knowledge. ERC research is also essential to overcoming present and future societal challenges. In this context, ongoing financial support for the European Research Council is critical.



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