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GIURI'S position paper for a more ambitious R&I European Budget

BRUSSELS, 27/10/2020. In the light of the current negotiations about the financial allocations dedicated to the new Research & Innovation Framework Programme "Horizon Europe", a significant representation of the Italian R&I system within the GIURI (the Informal Group of the Italian Representation Offices in Brussels) undertook a resolute initiative in order to reach a more ambitious R&I European budget.

In this context, the GIURI launched in the past days an appeal towards the European Parliament and the German Presidency of the Council of the European Union as to highlight the worrying extent of the cuts related to the R&I budget. Particularly, the R&I Framework Programme "Horizon Europe" appears to be bound to receive 75.9 billion euros from the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) and additional 5 billion euros from Next Generation EU: the overall amount is clearly below the expectations and needs for a bold recovery. The document, which has been submitted to the European legislators who are currently engaged in budgetary negotiations, stresses that not only Horizon Europe has been financially penalised, but also the entire R&I landscape has been negatively affected: this happened through consistent budget reductions suffered by Horizon Europe and other funding instruments, namely InvestEU, Digital Europe and EU4Health.

For those reasons, several representatives from academia, industry, the business community, research, local and regional authorities (LRAs) and finance belonging to the GIURI have mobilised to support the initiative, which was addressed to the European Parliament and other institutional actors enrolled in the ongoing negotiations concerning the MFF and Next Generation EU.

The GIURI, while advocating a prompt and comprehensive agreement between the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, it is ready to endorse with clear determination such initiative, as to ensure that European R&I shall be provided adequate allocations in order to steadily face current and future challenges.

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