

## New European Research Alliance for Sustainable Development Calls for Greater EU Focus on Collaborative Research with Low- and Middle-Income Countries

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**BRUSSELS, 22 November 2024**—The European Research Alliance for Sustainable Development, ERASuD, has called on European policymakers to keep on investing in long term equitable research partnerships with Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) to better address the interconnected challenges facing our planet.

Launched today, ERASuD comprises 12 leading European research organisations. Its appeal comes as the European Union is debating the allocation of as much as €200 billion in funding for its next multiannual Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, FP10.

The Alliance’s members believe the EU should prioritise research that results in **better science-driven policy-making** in areas as far-ranging as climate change, biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and economic inequality. That, in turn, requires the EU to **deepen its collaboration with research organisations in low- and middle-income countries**, and embed it further in the 360° approach of the EU Global Gateway, where education and research are considered as integral part.

“Collaborative research on global challenges is essential to shape a more sustainable future—both for Europe and for low-and middle-income countries,” said Eloísa del Pino Matute, President of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC). “We want to see EU policies bring about meaningful and transformative change that will benefit everyone. We are convinced that such changes are both possible and imperative.”

The Alliance is driven by the values and principles of co-construction, equity, inclusiveness, diversity, ethics, integrity, and inter- and trans-disciplinarity that are at the core of Sustainability Science.

ERASuD delivered its appeal at an event at the European Parliament in Brussels attended by representatives from the European research organizations, from LMICs, from the European Commission and from the UNESCO.

“While we fully understand the need for Europe to align its research efforts to its new reaffirmed political priorities and in particular its sustainable competitiveness, strategic autonomy and economic security, one must not forget that this cannot happen in

isolation. Sustained efforts to mobilise resources to tackle global challenges through collaborative research with our partners from LMICs should continue to be a must” said Valérie Verdier, President of the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD). “Both discussions on the FP10 and on the contribution of research to the EU Global gateway offer excellent opportunities to contribute to a common future”.

### **About the new European Research Alliance for Sustainable Development**

The members of ERASuD include:

- French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD), France
- Institut Pasteur, France
- German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Germany
- German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Germany
- Politecnico di Milano (Polimi), Italy
- Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Spain
- Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Sweden
- Nordic 5 Tech Alliance (Aalto University - Helsinki, Finland; Chalmers University of Technology - Gothenburg, Sweden; Technical University of Denmark - Lyngby, Denmark; KTH Royal Institute of Technology - Stockholm, Sweden ; Norwegian University of Science and Technology - Trondheim, Norway)

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