

Why Europe needs 'A Pact for Innovation'

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A close cooperation both at the level of the different Commission DGs as well as the stakeholder community will help strengthening Europe's innovation performance.

INPACT calls for a joint effort to create pro-innovation conditions to overcome well-known weaknesses in turning knowledge created by research and inventions into innovation providing "added value" for Europe's economy and citizens. The signatories of INPACT share the vision that a globally competitive and successful Europe needs stakeholders and institutions to work together in an integrated approach to ensure that innovation can deliver solutions to major challenges Europe and the world are facing. Europe needs to modernise and implement Quadruple Helix principles.

To move quickly from research and invention to innovation and accelerate the market uptake of innovations, Europe must build on its existing strengths but also address shortcomings by creating a favourable environment and encouraging the next generation of entrepreneurs to take risk.

The focus of INPACT is on implementation of actions within identified priorities, where concrete timely changes can be achieved best at EU level. Harnessing Europe's innovation will be best achieved by creating strong value chains and effectively orchestrating innovation ecosystems at all levels. The signatories commit to implement INPACT projects across EU borders, individual regions and sectors by 2020.

INPACT Priorities

A) *A coherent set of EU policies for innovation*

- i) Ensure a horizontal approach in EU innovation policy making with a particular attention on synergies between industrial, digital and research and innovation policies as well as those that address major challenges.
- ii) Based on a political mandate, the Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation should foster the coordination of policies relevant for innovation across the Commission. A hand-in-hand cooperation with the Commissioner for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness is indispensable.
- iii) Create a supportive regulatory framework that fosters innovation, strengthens transparency and focusses on the quality of legislation.
- iv) Apply systematically analysis on the consequences for innovation during the impact assessment of new and reviewed policies and legislation in various sectors.
- v) Ensure an important role of science in the decision-making process with high standards for science in policy making.
- vi) Foster a better exchange of best practices in innovation policy between member states and the EU to stimulate new solutions how to turn research into innovation and innovation into successful business.
- vii) Make sure that political structures and processes are adapted to new technological and societal challenges, while ensuring a strong role for stakeholders.

B) *Re-focusing and aligning EU budgets and investments towards innovation*

- viii) Use the mid-term reviews of the MFF, Horizon2020 and the ESIF funds to scale up innovations creating new European-wide markets.
- ix) Take into account the important role of intergovernmental organisations and Joint Programming through which Commission funds are strongly leveraged by national innovation funding.
- x) Align various funding programs and instruments to overcome “Valley of Death” to ensure a smooth transition from invention to innovation and the creation of economic value and employment. This should be considered for all critical phases from early stage to growth as well as on the way from SME to mid-cap and international market leader.

C) *Improve Citizens and Investor confidence in Europe*

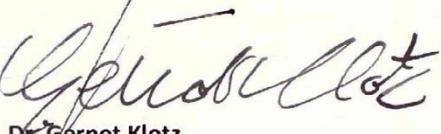
- xi) Enhanced tools for science communication and dialogue with key stakeholders to increase the understanding in the public for science and innovation in society and strengthen the relationship between scientists, societal stakeholders, media and the public.
- xii) Increase consumer and investor confidence in Europe by creating an EU wide dialogue between the different communities to find a balance between technology driven developments and those that are relevant from an environmental-, health and safety perspective.

D) *Paving the way for the next generation*

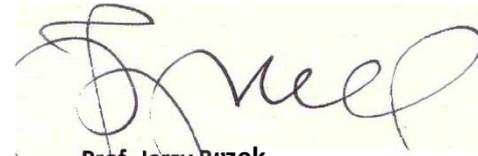
- xiii) Foster the engagement of the next generation of scientists, researchers, inventors and innovators.
- xiv) Prepare the future by strengthening networks of young innovators and entrepreneurs to gain critical mass across Europe. Appropriate skills sets have to be developed and made available in national curricula from primary school to master degree levels.



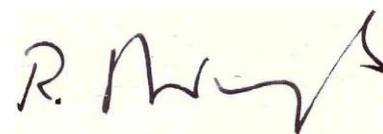
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I would like to **contribute** to the Pact for Innovation (for more information s. p. 9 of the INPACT Terms and Conditions)

I would like to **endorse** the Pact for Innovation (for more information about endorsement, s. p. 10 of the INPACT Terms and Conditions)

Name

Organisation

Date

Signature

ANNEX 1

Governance and implementation

1. **Engagement:** The Pact for Innovation (INPACT) is launched on December 7th, 2015 during the Opening Ceremony of the 7th European Innovation Summit. Initial signatories are the K4I Forum political members and the K4I leaders. The signed document is handed over to the Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation. Other stakeholders willing to engage are invited to co-sign and demonstrate their engagement by actively contributing to the implementation of INPACT priorities.
2. **Transparency and openness:** The Pact will discuss the most urgent questions related to innovation and report on progress. A first progress report will be presented at the INPACT Forum meeting in June 2016. INPACT is open to work with other stakeholder groups working on innovation.
3. **High-level leadership and commitment:** The implementation of the Pact will be steered by a 'Leadership Group' (LG) from committed pro-innovation public, private and non-governmental organisations. The LG will define the working programme and supervise its implementation. A Chair and two Vice-Chairs will be nominated /elected. The Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, a core group of innovation-literate MEPs around the K4I Forum leadership and the President of the Committee of the Regions are invited to represent the EU institutions in the LG.
4. **INPACT Working Groups:** The Pact will establish Working Groups along the priority areas. These will develop proposals to be endorsed by the Leadership Group and submitted to the European Commission. The content of the deliverables will essentially draw on existing work. Unless otherwise decided, the working groups will convene during online meetings.
5. **Annual meetings:** The Pact for innovation will convene twice a year. The European Innovation Summit will host one of two annual Innovation Forums.
6. **Formal set-up:** Following commitment of a critical number of stakeholders, the platform will be set-up formally
7. **Financing:** Financial contributions from the signatories will ensure the long term financing of the INPACT activities.

Note: Some minor but necessary modifications have been made to ANNEX 1 compared to the original signed during the 7th EIS.

A Pact for Innovation

Financial Contribution to the Work and Activities of the Pact for Innovation:

Financial contribution to INPACT can be made by both types of signatories. It gives stakeholders the benefit of having their logo to the INPACT documents and event materials, as well as on the INPACT website. In addition, contributors to the content of the deliverables will be mentioned on the INPACT labelled deliverables.

For 2017, I would like to contribute financially to the work and activities of INPACT.

- Academic, NGO, Foundation, SME, Individual, regions, cities etc.: € 500
- Networks, Trade and Sector Associations: € 1.000
- Large corporations: € 2.000
- Voluntary contribution (sponsorship)

- I have read the INPACT Terms and Conditions

- I am particularly interested in INPACT priority/priorities (*P #.....*) and intend to contribute to the content of these priorities.

Name of Organisation: _____

Address: _____

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V.A.T. Number: _____

Name of Main Contact Person: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Place: _____ **Date:** _____

Name: _____ **Position:** _____

Signature: _____

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INPACT – Terms & Conditions

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As outlined in [ANNEX I](#) of the Pact for Innovation, stakeholders willing to engage are invited to co-sign and demonstrate their engagement by actively contributing to the implementation of INPACT priorities.

1. Scope and Objectives

- Create space for close cooperation between key stakeholders in coordination with the EU institutions
- Address the pressing issues of multiple barriers preventing a strong, globally competitive innovation performance in Europe
- Contribute to trust building for society at large and investors
- Focus on pragmatic implementation
- Progress through coalition of the willing working together
- Deliver input to the EU institutions twice a year under the INPACT label

2. Priorities and Deliverables

Initially, 14 priorities under 4 major headings have been agreed. The implementation of each priority depends on the availability of resources. New priorities can be introduced and will be endorsed by the Advisory Board. INPACT deliverables will be agreed by the working groups in charge and endorsed by the Advisory Board.

3. Implementation of priorities

The core of the INPACT activity is to develop proposals for actions related to agreed priorities. The proposals are essentially based on existing work done by various stakeholders or stakeholder groups. The deliverables are expected to be taken into consideration by the EU institutions and other relevant 'policy making' bodies. This requires a close cooperation between the stakeholder community and policy makers.

4. Governance

a. Leadership Group

The Leadership Group comments on the INPACT strategy and provides its opinion on the proposals of the working groups. It is composed of:

- Initial signatories of the Pact (K4I Forum leadership)
- 2 High-level representatives of each working group
- 2 Members of European Parliament per WG represented in Advisory Board (Stewardship)
- Ex officio representatives of the EC/Commissioner Moedas
- Ex-officio representatives of the CoR/Markku Markkula

The INPACT Leadership Group has the right to refuse new priorities put forward by signatories. The decisions of the Leadership Group are built by consensus.

b. Working Groups

- Working groups are composed of interested and committed stakeholders
- Working Groups collect, bundle and formulate deliverables
- Deliverables are agreed among the contributing stakeholders and submitted for comments to the Leadership Group
- Each WG delegates two high level representatives to the Leadership Group
- Each working group is accompanied by at least 2 Members of European Parliament (Stewardship)
- Recommendations are prepared for legislative and non-legislative initiatives
- Working groups convene during online meetings unless otherwise decided

5. Activities 2017

For 2017 it is suggested to organize 2 INPACT events: one on during the first part of the year, the other during the European Innovation Summit 2017 (27-30 November 2017).

6. Financing

Financial contributions from the signatories, made on a voluntary basis, will ensure the financing of the INPACT activities.

Both types of signatories are encouraged to make a financial contribution necessary for keeping the activities ongoing.

7. Budget 2017

The budget serves mainly for the organization and logistics of two annual events and for providing support to the working groups.

- The budget for 2017 is estimated at € 50k
- Proposed contributions
 - Academic organisation, NGO, Foundation, SME, individual: € 500
 - Trade and sector organisations, other networks, regional/local organisations: € 1.000
 - Large corporations: € 2.000
 - Additional financing through sponsorships

8. Secretariat

Initially, secretariat services are provided by Knowledge4Innovation.

9. Commitment

The signatories of the Pact for Innovation shall commit to:

- Long term active contribution to the working groups
- Agree to position proposals under the INPACT label
- Show interest in concrete implementation
- Addressing issues across sectors
- Further develop INPACT by bringing views and opinions together

10. Signatories

There are two types of signatories:

- For engagement: signing INPACT for engagement means that organisations are committed to provide input to INPACT working groups/priorities/deliverables
- For endorsement: signing INPACT for endorsement means to support the INPACT initiative as such without contributing to the actual work at the time of signature

Signing the Pact for Innovation means having read and agree to the present terms and conditions.

11. Benefits

- Coordinating and complementing messages among networks to gain added value to already ongoing individual initiatives
- Develop pragmatic implementation proposals in coordination with institutions EP, Commission (Moedas), Council (Presidency) and Regions (Markku Markkula)
- Introduce innovation aspects into debate of policy/regulation development formally not directly linked to innovation (e.g. Data protection, Energy Union, DSM, skills, Big data)
- Broad visibility through 'bundling' of inputs from diverse groups of pro-innovation stakeholders
- High level Leadership Group
- Bi-annual outputs and events
- Provide new alliances and opportunities

12. Transparency and openness

The PACT for innovation is open to all pro-innovation stakeholders from public, private and academic sectors. Signatories of INPACT do not need to be members of K4I.

INPACT deliverables will show in a transparent way who are the contributing organisations.

ANNEX 1 to INPACT

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