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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION

The Director-General

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Subject: Solidarity with refugee researchers of Ukraine

Dear beneficiary in a Horizon project,

I am asking for your support as a beneficiary in an EU funded grant under the Horizon programmes, to help researchers of Ukraine in the current difficult circumstances.

In October 2021, we have signed an agreement on Ukraine's association to Horizon Europe and Euratom Research & Training Programmes. While the ongoing Russian war of aggression against Ukraine put the agreement's entry into force on hold, our commitment towards Ukraine to bring our research communities closer together grows bigger and stronger with every day. Even without association in force, Ukrainian entities are eligible for EU funding under Horizon Europe and we are as flexible as possible with ongoing Horizon 2020 projects involving Ukrainian participants in terms of reporting and project finalization deadlines.

On 22 March, we have launched a dedicated portal [ERA4Ukraine](#) (under the [Euraxess network](#)) as a one-stop-shop for information on support to researchers of Ukraine by the EU, its Member States and Associated Countries, including bottom up initiatives like [ScienceforUkraine](#).

The main purpose of my message today is to ask for your support to refugee researchers of Ukraine in your ongoing Horizon projects.

Where possible, I would kindly ask you to give special consideration to researchers from Ukraine as you publish and fill up the vacancies.

You will soon be able to notify such opportunities in your ongoing project via the Funding & Tenders Portal ('My Projects' menu). We will inform you on the details in another dedicated message, once the new function is available.

I hope that this move can make a difference in the lives of those who need it today the most.

Yours faithfully,

Jean-Eric PAQUET

