

## MAKING RESEARCH RESULTS WORK FOR SOCIETY

### *Sharing knowledge and informing policy*

*“As we come out of the crisis, we must not fall into old habits, we must not hold onto yesterday's economy as we rebuild.*

*On the contrary, we must boldly use this opportunity to build a modern, clean and healthy economy, which secures the livelihoods of the next generation”.*

*President of the European Commission,  
Ursula von der Leyen, 13.05.2020*



The fight against coronavirus has demonstrated the **crucial role of science in informing policy**. Research results and scientific knowledge help contain the pandemic. Coming out of the crisis, using research results and data to inform policy in all areas is a valuable tool to help recover and rebuild our society.

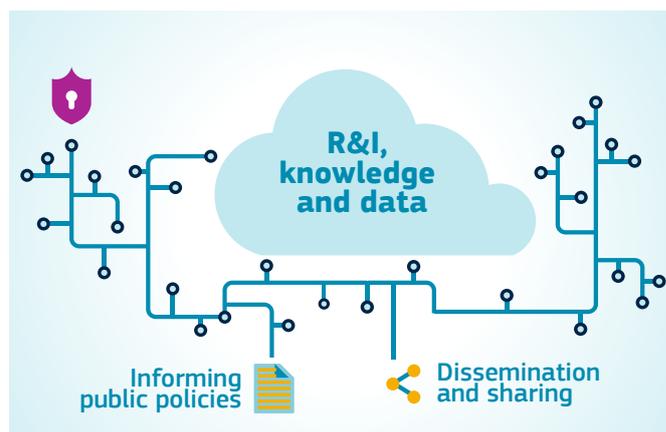
The **EU Valorisation Policy** facilitates innovative ways to deliver new responses to EU's challenges, drawing on research and scientific knowledge. Informing policy with the findings of research, so that different policy options can be better accessed to support decision making, is one of the multiple ways that EU Valorisation Policy works.

*Since the start of the pandemic, demand for scientific knowledge and results to inform policy has risen steeply.*

The European Commission together with several partners launched a **European COVID-19 Data Platform** to enable the rapid collection and sharing of available research data. The platform, part of the **ERAvsCorona Action Plan**, marks another milestone in the EU's efforts to support researchers in Europe and around the world in the fight against the coronavirus outbreak.

Valorising knowledge and using the science to inform policy requires better understanding of the

uncertainties involved and fighting misinformation. This is crucial to citizens' trust. The EU is determined to fight disinformation and misinformation through different tools and actions ([Tackling COVID-19 disinformation - Getting the facts right.](#))



*The EU valorisation policy plays a key role in matching the increased demand for research results, knowledge and data to inform policy, as well as delivering on the benefits of public funded research to prepare and transform EU society for a more sustainable, fair and inclusive future.*

Growing demand for R&I to inform policy may motivate greater awareness from policy makers of the needs to adapt framework conditions and regulation that often lag behind technology advances and societal needs, while promoting European values and way of life. This will foster market uptake and wide use of science-based

innovations so that Europe can rebuild its economy, leaving no one behind.

Valorisation initiatives support the **EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL**, by engaging local communities to take up knowledge based innovative solutions.

## EU SERVICES AND INITIATIVES MAKING RESEARCH RESULTS WORK FOR SOCIETY



The **JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE** is the Commission's science and knowledge service, carrying out research in order to provide independent scientific advice and support to EU policy.



The **EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL** provides scientific advice to EU governments and institutions, including how to prepare for disease outbreaks. Its research and data have been used to inform the Commission's approach and measures relating to COVID-19 and opening up the economy.



The **HORIZON RESULTS PLATFORM** disseminates results and supports beneficiaries' efforts in finding suitable end-users or partners for their project outputs.

## PROJECT EXAMPLES

### *Social science research to inform policy and tackle youth unemployment*

**H2020 EXCEPT** Social Exclusion of Youth in Europe: studied youth unemployment and used its results to inform policy makers in many EU countries about policy initiatives for young people to overcome labour market insecurities and related risks.



<http://www.except-project.eu/>

### *Scientific advice to support policy making*

**H2020 SAPEA** Science Advice for Policy by European Academies: provides scientific evidence reviews on policy questions to the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors whose opinions inform EU policy.



<https://www.sapea.info/topics/>

### *Real-time evidence to save lives and inform public health responses to pandemics*

**H2020 PREPARE** Platform for European Preparedness for (Re-)emerging Epidemics: readiness of hospitals in Europe, enhancing understanding of the dynamics of epidemics.



<https://www.prepare-europe.eu/>