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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION

The Director-General

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Subject: Extension of the Manifesto for EU COVID-19 Research until 1 January 2023

Dear Endorsers of the Manifesto for EU COVID-19 Research,

With this letter, I would like to inform you that the duration of the [Manifesto for EU COVID-19 Research](#) has been extended until 1 January 2023.

Let me first thank you for endorsing the Manifesto when it was released in July 2020. This voluntary initiative remains highly relevant as the world is still fighting against the Covid-19 pandemic. The importance of voluntary licensing mechanisms in the fight against Covid-19 has been recently reiterated by the European Parliament in the context of the [Walsmann Report](#) on the European Intellectual Property Action Plan to support the recovery and improve the resilience of the EU.

EU Research and Innovation played a crucial role in the fight against the pandemic. The Manifesto is part of the common European response to the coronavirus outbreak and aims to maximise the accessibility of research results in the fight against the pandemic. It provides key principles to follow for all Research and Innovation ecosystem operators involved in Covid-19 prevention, testing, treatment and vaccination to guarantee that their research results will be accessible for all.

So far, more than 650 organisations (including universities, research institutes and private companies) and more than 1875 individuals endorsed the Manifesto from all over Europe and beyond. This shows a clear commitment and strong citizen engagement towards a better valorisation of research results, leaving no one behind.

The Commission has been made aware of various initiatives to improve sharing and access of intellectual assets in the fight against the pandemic in line with the Manifesto approach. To help the Commission gather more information on such concrete actions undertaken by you, Manifesto endorsers, we would be grateful if you could please fill in a survey accessible here: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/ManifestoExtended> by **next 31 March 2022**.

I would like to thank you once again for endorsing the Manifesto for EU COVID-19 Research and for your continuous commitment towards better sharing of intellectual assets to fight against the pandemic.

In case you decide to withdraw your endorsement of the Manifesto, please contact RTD-VALORISATION-POLICIES-IPR@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

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