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## NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF H2020 BENEFICIARIES

**Subject: Dissemination and Exploitation (D&E) obligations and opportunities beyond the end of the grant**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I take this opportunity to congratulate you for your participation in Horizon 2020 and for having completed your Horizon 2020 project. I would like to highlight that the importance of your project does not stop with its end-date. Its results, on which you already reported during the course of the project, are important for demonstrating the European research value, the creation of impact on society and further strengthening of the European Research Area. As project results often continue to grow and appear after the end-date of the project, it is therefore crucial to ensure their follow up and monitoring. In light of this, I want to remind you of the obligations of H2020 beneficiaries to continue to exploit and disseminate their project results **up to four years after the end of the project** as stipulated in articles 28 and 29 of the [Model Grant Agreement](#).

In order to do so, you can access the continuous reporting module under the [Funding and Tenders Portal](#), which stays at your disposal also after the end of your project. I strongly encourage you to use this reporting facility to share with us further information on the progress of your dissemination and exploitation activities and on the results of your project. This can include scientific publications, patents, but most importantly results such as products, services or policy frameworks and recommendations.

In addition, if you have Key Exploitable Results (KERs) of any nature such as products, services, software, policy recommendations, I would strongly suggest you to publish those on the [Horizon Results Platform](#)<sup>1</sup>. Once your result is published on this platform, a dedicated team is at your service to help you promote it vis-à-vis various targeted audiences such as investors, public procurers, policy makers, as well as potential business partners for free.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the use of the Horizon Results Platform will be mandatory under Horizon Europe within a year after the end of the project

Additionally, under the obligation to disseminate, there is also the obligation (Article 29.2 & 29.3) to provide open access to scientific publications and the research data funded by the Framework Programme. In this respect, the Commission offers its own open access publishing platform, [Open Research Europe](#), a service for Horizon 2020 and future Horizon Europe beneficiaries. Original publications stemming from Horizon 2020 R&I activities during but also after the end of the project are eligible to be submitted to the platform at no cost for researchers. The publication has the highest scientific standards in policies and procedures, and implements open peer-review for transparency in the scientific publishing process.

As you know, over the past years, the Commission has further developed a wide range of free of charge services to support ongoing and past projects in their D&E activities such as the [Horizon Results Booster](#). Please see the annex for more information on how the Commission can help you make the most out of your research and innovation results by making use of the available services best suited for your needs.

I wish you every success in promoting, sharing and using the results of your project.

Yours sincerely,

*(e-signed)*

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