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Education and Youth*

*Dear Research and Innovation Community,*

*We must raise our ambition to build a knowledge-based economy and society. We need to increase the number of active researchers in Europe. We should set ambitious targets to accelerate in the next 5 years.*

*We need to address the current obstacles like the precarious and short-term working perspectives of young researchers. Currently, new research posts are often on a project-by-project base, which has a negative impact on employment conditions and career development perspectives, and even on our demography.*

*It is our responsibility to offer long-term perspectives and strengthen and diversify the research career paths by, for example, promoting mobility between academia and industry.*

*We need to build a partnership with Member States and Industry to address commonly agreed critical issues such as precarity and lack of intersectoral careers.*

*A partnership for young careers to create "EU Knowledge Networks" in full respect of the responsibility of Member States and the autonomy of academic institutions, research organisations and industry.*

*We need such partnership to promote stability and long-term perspectives, facilitate intersectoral exchange of researchers, support regional development to create local qualified jobs.*

*We need also to adapt the indicators and the way we assess research, to better link with education and innovation and to exchange best practices across institutions including in terms of transparency.*