



Lettera Aperta per ripristinare la Ricerca e l'Istruzione come aree prioritarie per l'Europa
Open Letter to reinstate Research and Education as European areas of focus

Cari Colleghi,

ho ricevuto un pressante appello (riprodotto di seguito nel riquadro) per sottoscrivere una Lettera Aperta, indirizzata ai Presidenti Sassoli, Juncker e von der Leyen, che ho immediatamente firmato. Invito tutti coloro che ne condividono i contenuti a farlo **tempestivamente** e a diffondere il più possibile questo appello nell'ambito della loro comunità scientifica, in Italia e all'estero. L'urgenza è alta poiché è imminente la seduta del Parlamento Europeo in cui la questione potrebbe essere risolta. Almeno 10000 firme sono necessarie nei prossimi giorni per poter rivolgersi al Parlamento.

Grazie per l'attenzione e per il vostro aiuto.

Luisa Cifarelli
Presidente SIF

Dear Colleague,

We are writing you for the following reason: the candidates for the new EU commissioners were presented last week. In the new commission the areas of education and research are not explicitly represented anymore and instead are subsumed under the "innovation and youth" title.

This emphasizes economic exploitability (i.e. "innovation") over its foundation, which is education and research, and it reduces "education" to "youth" while being essential to all ages.

We, as members of the scientific community of Europe, wish to address this situation early on and emphasize both to the general public, as well as to relevant politicians on the national and European Union level, that without dedication to education and research there will neither exist a sound basis for innovation in Europe, nor can we fulfill the promise of a high standard of living for the citizens of Europe in a fierce global competition.

President von der Leyen, in her [mission letter](#) to commissioner Gabriel has emphasized that "education, research and innovation will be key to our competitiveness".

We have prepared an open letter at www.futureofresearch.eu to demand that the EU commission revises the title for commissioner Gabriel to "Education, Research, Innovation and Youth" reflecting Europe's dedication to all of these crucial areas. We also call upon the European Parliament to request this change in name before confirming the nominees for commissioner.

Please support this letter by going to www.futureofresearch.eu and signing up as supporter on line.

With best regards,

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