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Dear William,

FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE HORIZON EUROPE GUARANTEE

As you are aware the Government is moving forward with discussions on the UK's involvement in EU programmes and hopes that these negotiations will be successful. Our priority remains to support the UK R&D sector by providing funding for existing applicants and as of the end of April 2023, UKRI has issued over 2,000 Grant Offer Letters for grant awards of £1.05 billion.

In November 2021, the Government announced a guarantee for the first wave of eligible, successful applicants to Horizon Europe. In December 2022 and March 2023, the Government extended the guarantee to cover a fourth and fifth wave of eligible, successful applicants, covering calls until the end of June 2023. We established the Horizon guarantee to ensure there is no loss in funding for the UK sector.

The Government has today (8 June) announced a further extension to the support provided to Horizon Europe applicants. The extension will ensure that eligible, successful UK applicants will continue to be guaranteed funding, supporting them to continue their important work in research and innovation. The guarantee will now be in place to cover all Horizon Europe grant calls that close on or before 30th September 2023. Eligible, successful applicants to Horizon Europe will receive the full value of their funding at their UK host institution for the lifetime of their grant. Successful awardees do not need to leave the UK to receive this funding, which will provide reassurance for future collaborations, and support UK researchers whether association is confirmed, or otherwise.

This guarantee extension is independent of discussions on the UK's involvement in EU research programmes. While the UK hopes negotiations on Horizon Europe will be successful, and that is our preference, we are prepared to support the R&D sector in all scenarios. Extending the guarantee supports the sector regardless of the outcome of negotiations and does not commit the UK to either association or non-association.

If we are unable to secure association on fair and appropriate terms, we have set out our bold, ambitious alternative to Horizon Europe, Pioneer.



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Details regarding the scope and terms of the extension are available on the UKRI website. We will of course keep the committee informed of any further developments.

Yours sincerely,

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