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Support Stick to Science Initiative

Dear members of the European Society for Biomaterials,
Dear friends of ESB,

With the non-associated third country status of the UK and Switzerland for submission of projects in Horizon Europe, researchers from these countries can participate to a limited extent of the calls. This limits collaborations with EU Universities and vice versa.

[Stick to Science initiative](#) has been set up by the European research community calling for open and barrier-free collaboration among Europe's Research & Innovation (R&I) actors.

The initiative is a response to the delayed progression of association agreements with the UK and Switzerland which are being held up by political barriers that have nothing to do with science.

The signatories request that the EU, Parliament, Commission, as well as EU Member States, and the governments of the UK and Switzerland, recognise that advancement in R&I is best achieved when all actors in science and innovation work together across geographic boundaries.

We need now as many signatures as possible, increasing the ratio from EU Member States in particular.

It will not take more than 3 minutes. Just click here (<https://stick-to-science.eu/>). You can support the initiative by just signing up and sharing it on your social media.

The ESB invites you to support this initiative in the sense of international collaboration.

Kind regards,



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(on behalf of the ESB Council)*