



## **7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Funders**

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# **State of Play of future Flagships Estonian Presidency event**

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# High Level Event on FET-Flagships

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### Objectives

- To take stock of the value and the importance of FET Flagships for Europe
- To discuss how the partnership with Member States in FET Flagships could evolve and how to maximise their impact by capitalising on the experience from Horizon 2020.
- Hand-over of the Quantum Flagship final report to Vice-President A. Ansip

### Brussels - 100 Participants

- Member States and Associated Countries
- Academia and industry organisations and European associations
- Graphene Flagship, Human Brain Project, Quantum Flagship

**Widely announced, publicly web streamed and recorded**

<https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/cnect-estonian-presidency-event-on-fet-flagships>

**Conclusions published: T. Skordas blog-post**

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/node/89596>

### Value & Importance for Europe

- ❖ Long-term and large scale cross-disciplinary collaborations
- ❖ Create a unique Research & Innovation ecosystem
- ❖ Build Europe by focusing on jointly agreed priorities
- ❖ Shorten the research to innovation development cycles
- ❖ High international visibility
- ❖ Training, education and mobility of young researchers
- ❖ Structuring effects on national research and innovation
- ❖ Clear impact on S&T
- ❖ Too early to assess longer term impact on economy and society
- ❖ A strong asset for Europe for the future Framework Programme

### How to maximise impact

- ❖ Based on Excellence in science , but need also to contribute to more European cohesion
- ❖ Need to strengthen the role, contributions and synergies with the Member States
  - ❖ Access to centres of excellence, research capabilities and infrastructures?
  - ❖ Use of structural funds available for regional innovation investments?
  - ❖ Others?
- ❖ Sustaining useful activities after the flagship end
- ❖ Engage more with citizens and communicate expected benefits.

### Towards FP9

- ❖ Proven value as mission oriented research initiatives
- ❖ In line with the recommendations of the 'Lamy report'
  - ❖ of having more mission oriented research
  - ❖ of engaging in more ambitious partnering with the Member States
- ❖ Discussions should be pursued on alignment, complementarity and synergies with national and regional initiatives when revising the Implementation model in FP9
- ❖ Keep an open and inclusive process in preparing new flagships

**THANK YOU!**