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Promoting Research and Innovation represents an increasingly important policy objective, both for the European Union (EU) and for India and obviously for many Research activities as well.

Following the conclusion of a Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement between India and the European Community in 2001, the participation of Indian universities, research centres, companies, etc. in the EU Framework Programmes has been steadily increasing. In the 7th Framework Programme ("FP7"), for instance, India ranked 4th in terms of participation and 3rd in total amount of EU financial contribution received.

An extensive opportunities for collaboration are being offered under the new "Horizon 2020" Framework Programme of the European Commission (2014-20), and also under many other schemes, ranging from bilateral programmes of EU member states to multilateral funding platforms such as Inno Indigo.

We would like to take this opportunities to bring to your attention to note the importance of the framework conditions to engage effectively in the International Cooperation.

EU as taken the lead in the open access " Plan S" initiatives. The Guidelines, instructions and other details for the HORIZON 2020 are available in the following Website:

http://eeas.europa.eu/archives/delegations/india/eu_india/research_innovation/

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