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## NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE H2020 PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

**Subject:           Introducing Open Research Europe - The European Commission  
open access publishing platform**

Dear Horizon 2020 project beneficiary,

I am pleased to inform you that we are preparing the launch of [Open Research Europe](#), the European Commission scientific publishing service, which will provide Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe beneficiaries with a venue to publish their results in full compliance with our open access policies. The formal launch of the platform will take place in early 2021, but submissions are already starting in a few weeks, so we all need to prepare in advance. This is why I would like to ask you to convey the information below to your colleagues and collaborators.

Open Research Europe will provide all Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe beneficiaries and their researchers with an easy, high quality peer-reviewed venue to publish their results in open access, at no cost to them, and in full compliance with our open access policies. The article processing charges will be paid through a procurement contract for publishing and technology services with F1000 Research managed by us. The service will be available also after the end of the grants.

The platform will accept publications in all fields of science. Research should be original and stem from a Horizon 2020 grant (and later Horizon Europe) in which at least one of the authors is involved. The [article guidelines](#) for publishing in the platform have just been released and submissions will be possible as of early December 2020.

The platform will use a model of immediate publication of submissions followed by transparent, invited and open peer review with inclusion of all supporting data. The names of the reviewers will be open, as well as their reviews, which will also be citeable.

The platform boasts a strong [international Scientific Advisory Board](#) that advises the Commission on strategic scientific issues.

As a Horizon 2020 beneficiary, you are eligible to publish research articles stemming from your Horizon 2020 research on this platform. Your involvement is key to making this initiative a success, so please extend this message to all researchers who are contributing to Horizon 2020 projects.

Yours faithfully,

(e-signed)

Jean-Eric PAQUET