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Alliance Calls on Policymakers to Swiftly Set the Course for the Future German Research System

The Alliance of Science Organisations in Germany has called upon policymakers at the federal and state government levels to swiftly address the future organisation of the research system in Germany.

In its letter to the Federal Chancellor, the Federal Minister of Education and Research, the Chairpersons of the parties and parliamentary groups in the federal government and the Minister-Presidents of the federal states, the Alliance stated:

"Good science and research require medium-term certainty. There is broad consensus about the guiding principles governing the configuration of the German research system – improved long-term basic financing for higher education, further development of the Higher Education Pact, the Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation and the funding role of the Excellence Initiative.

It is important that this consensus now be used to implement coherent measures and to define the legal and financial frameworks for the objectives consensually formulated in the coalition agreement. In view of the current state of deliberations and the urgency of the decisions, the institutions that constitute the Alliance of Science Organisations in Germany appeal to you, not entirely without concern, to initiate and support the necessary steps."

The Alliance of Science Organisations in Germany is a union of the most important German research organisations. It regularly issues statements relating to research policy and funding and the structural development of the German research system.

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