

# 7th International Conference Post 2018: A Paradigm Shift in Europe

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## A paradigm shift in European R&D policy? The EU Budget Review and the economic crisis

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*This article analyzes the potential impacts of the current review of the EU budget on the Community's R&D policy. Within this process, the European Commission, with input especially from the member states, will consider as to how the EU's expenditures actually mirror the internal and external challenges of the Union. Against this background we argue that those challenges render policy change in the field of R&D policy quite likely. In order to assess the degree of potential policy change we conceptualize three scenarios of change that vary along the dimensions of institutional structures, processes and actor constellations.*

**T**HE CURRENT BUDGET REVIEW is a novum in the history of European integration. For the first time ever, the European Commission was invited by the Council 'to undertake a full, wide ranging review covering all aspects of EU spending' (Council of the European Union, 2005: point 80) in the middle of the multi-annual financial framework 2007–2013. This mid-term review covers highly controversial issues such as the financing of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the EU's overall financial resources, and the UK rebate. Its outcome will also have an impact on the preparatory work for the next financial perspective.

The Commission has announced pursuing the review with an open approach and with 'no taboos' (EC, 2007a: 3). Accordingly, the Commission appraised the review as a 'unique opportunity' to assess future EU spending priorities in a process which is not immediately affected by the usual constraints of negotiations on a financial framework. Without

doubt, there are a number of reasons for considering a change of spending priorities. Slow progress in the implementation of the Lisbon agenda for competitiveness and growth and employment is certainly one of them, especially since the EU still delegates only limited financial resources to the Lisbon reform programme. Expenditures for respective policies presently amount to less than 10% of the total budget allocations. Compared to the original Commission proposal for the financial framework 2007–2013, the member states have cut the budget for the 'Lisbon policies' by 46% (Begg and Heinemann, 2006: 3). Therefore it seems obvious that the budget review has to deal with a situation in which the current financial framework still has an 'anachronistic' bias towards agricultural policies and regional aid policy that was 'too often used to prop up outdated industries'.<sup>1</sup>

Against this background, our article analyzes the effect the budget review might have on EU policies in the field of research and development.<sup>2</sup> Generally speaking, since R&D policies are certainly at the heart of the Lisbon agenda, one can assume that any shift of financing priorities towards the improvement of Europe's competitive position should positively impact the amount of financial investments attributed to this policy area. We argue that the budgetary review<sup>3</sup> could affect Community R&D particularly in so far as the review may lead to a pre-determination of negotiation positions for the budget reform which will be initiated in 2011. This is due to

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The 7th International Conference Post 2018 held as part of the European Joint brought together experts, researchers, and professionals from various fields to discuss the latest advancements and breakthroughs. This prestigious event

aimed to explore innovative ideas and propose solutions that would shape the future of Europe.

## A Global Platform for Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing

The conference provided a global platform for collaboration and knowledge sharing among participants, allowing them to gain insights from leading experts in their respective fields. This opportunity facilitated valuable networking and fostered interdisciplinary partnerships that can have a significant impact on research and development.



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## Exploring the Theme: A Paradigm Shift in Europe

The theme of the conference, "A Paradigm Shift in Europe," reflected the need for transformative changes in various domains, including technology, economy, environment, and social policies. Speakers and panelists engaged in thought-

provoking discussions, sharing their expertise and presenting innovative ideas to facilitate this paradigm shift.

Topics discussed during the conference included:

- The impact of emerging technologies on European industries
- Sustainable practices and their role in shaping Europe's future
- Policies for fostering economic growth and stability
- Social integration and inclusion in the changing European society
- Reimagining education and research in the digital age

## **Keynote Speakers: Insights from Visionary Leaders**

The conference featured several distinguished keynote speakers who presented their visions and insights on the future of Europe. Their speeches sparked engaging discussions and inspired attendees to think beyond conventional boundaries.

### **1. Professor John Smith: Revolutionizing European Industries with AI**

Professor Smith, a leading expert in artificial intelligence, emphasized the potential impact of AI on Europe's industries. He discussed how intelligent automation and machine learning can drive productivity and competitiveness, revolutionizing traditional sectors such as manufacturing, healthcare, and finance.

### **2. Dr. Anna Williams: Sustainable Europe - Balancing Economic Growth and Environmental Conservation**

Dr. Williams, an environmental scientist and policy advisor, highlighted the importance of sustainable practices in shaping Europe's future. She discussed

the need to strike a balance between economic growth and environmental conservation, advocating for innovative solutions that can mitigate climate change and preserve natural resources.

### **3. Professor Maria Lopez: Inclusive Europe - Bridging Social Divides**

Professor Lopez, a renowned sociologist, focused on social integration and inclusion in the changing European society. She emphasized the need to bridge social divides, promoting inclusivity, and fostering a sense of community among diverse populations. Her inspiring talk encouraged participants to work towards creating a cohesive and harmonious Europe.

### **Interactive Workshops and Poster Presentations**

Aside from keynote speeches, the conference also featured interactive workshops and poster presentations where participants showcased their research findings and innovative projects.

Workshops covered a wide range of topics such as:

- Blockchain technology and its potential applications
- Data analytics for informed decision-making
- Cybersecurity challenges in the digital era
- Urban planning and sustainable architecture
- Inclusive education strategies for diverse learners

Poster presentations offered a visual display of cutting-edge research and served as a catalyst for fruitful discussions among attendees. This interactive format allowed participants to exchange ideas and receive feedback from experts in their respective fields.

## : Shaping the Future of Europe

The 7th International Conference Post 2018 successfully brought together experts and professionals across a wide range of disciplines to collectively envision a paradigm shift in Europe. From transformative technologies to sustainable practices and social integration, the discussions at the conference laid the foundation for a future that embraces innovation, inclusivity, and resilience.

The conference served as a catalyst for collaboration, paving the way for interdisciplinary partnerships that have the potential to drive positive change in Europe and beyond. By harnessing the collective knowledge and expertise of participants, the conference has set a precedent for future events that aim to shape the future of our dynamic continent.



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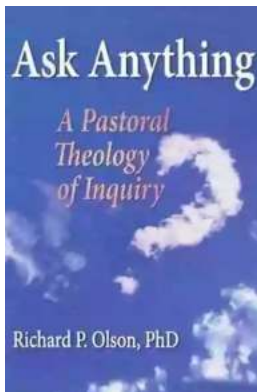
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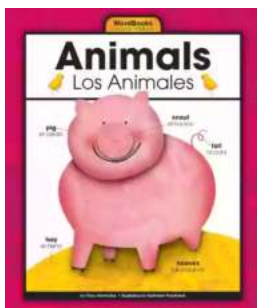
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