



Strasbourg, September 2, 2024

Ms. Ursula von der Leyen  
President of the European Commission  
Brussels

Dear President von der Leyen,

With this letter, I would like to transmit to you a letter signed by 19 Nobel laureates asking you to make research and innovation a prominent and standalone portfolio for the next College of Commissioners. The letter is also endorsed by the President of the European Academies Science Advisory Council, the President of the European Academy of Sciences, the President of Allea – All European Academies and the Chair of the Young Academy Europe, as well as the Secretary General of the League of European Research Universities.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'M. Andler'.

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