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Subject: ‘Choose Europe for Science’ plan and intrusion of wokism at universities

On 5 May 2025, President Emmanuel Macron launched the ‘Choose Europe for Science’ initiative at the Sorbonne amphitheatre to make France and Europe more attractive to researchers and entrepreneurs¹. This initiative foresees an additional investment of EUR 100 million². For her part, Commission President Von der Leyen proposed EUR 500 million to make Europe a ‘pole of attraction’. The 2030 target is to increase investment in R&D to 3% of GDP. Behind this plan is mainly the desire to attract researchers fleeing the United States, where budget cuts have been decided by the Trump administration, with the aim of countering the influence of wokism in American universities³.

1. What specific actions does the Commission intend to take to combat wokism and to re-establish universities as places of knowledge and excellence?
2. How will the announced funds be used? To what extent will they primarily benefit European researchers and students in order to improve their working conditions?

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¹ Launch of "Choose Europe for Science" at the Sorbonne, Élysée, 5 May 2025, URL: <https://www.elysee.fr/en/emmanuel-macron/2025/05/05/launch-of-choose-europe-for-science-at-the-sorbonne>

² Emmanuel Macron annonce un nouvel investissement de 100 millions d’euros pour séduire les chercheurs étrangers [Emmanuel Macron announces a new investment of EUR 100 million to attract foreign researchers], *Le Monde*, 5 May 2025, URL: https://www.lemonde.fr/sciences/article/2025/05/05/emmanuel-macron-annonce-un-nouvel-investissement-de-100-millions-d-euros-pour-seduire-les-chercheurs-etrangers_6603132_1650685.html

³ Choose Europe for Science : pour les scientifiques américains, un accueil en France dans des universités délabrées [Choose Europe for Science: American scientists welcomed to France amid dilapidated universities], *Libération*, 4 May 2025, URL: https://www.liberation.fr/sciences/choose-europe-for-science-pour-les-scientifiques-americains-un-accueil-en-france-dans-des-universites-delabrees-20250504_QGTCYN5GDJAFTFL7J3OSK3J74I/