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4. Address:

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an individual

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No Response

1. 1. Where has EU action had a positive impact for the UK on research, technological development, innovation or space? What evidence is there for this? Has EU action encouraged national action in any areas?

Through allowing long-term research and development through the FP programmes (FP7 most recently)... allowing relatively un-tried ideas and not being influenced 'behind the scenes' - unlike UK R&D funding. Also the funding allows a mixture of researchers / businesses to work together.

2. 2. Where has EU action had a negative impact for the UK in these fields? What evidence is there for this? Has EU action prevented potentially useful national action in any areas?

Does not often allow a cluster/group of UK organisations to work together, often requiring the substitution of a 'better' partner with a non-UK equivalent... often leading to worse outcomes and leakage of knowledge.

3. 3. How and where has UK engagement with partner countries or international bodies, both within and outside the EU, been helped or hindered by EU involvement?

Is very necessary to be involved in European activities and in several projects has led to new sales (exports), either directly or via European partners, typically in new sectors.

4. 4. What benefits or difficulties has the objective of a European research area (ERA) delivered for the UK?

No clear idea about if the objectives have been positive or negative to the UK

5. 5. How has the EU sought to coordinate the policy instruments at its disposal across different policy areas to create an enabling environment for researchers and innovators? How successful has this been?

No idea how the EU has sought to coordinate - but generally there is no obvious duplication of efforts, and where they has it is generally because the area requires significant investment

1. 6. What could the EU most helpfully do to promote scientific and technological progress and innovation (including in the space sector)? - How could the EU use its existing competence differently to deliver more in your area? - How might a greater or lesser degree of EU competence deliver more in your area? - How could improvements to existing EU activities make them more effective and efficient?

By creating an enabling mechanism to work directly with national funding initiatives. Have clear guides/templates for projects to transmit information on.

2. 7. Where might future EU level action be detrimental to your work in this area?

Can't see it ever being detrimental?

3. 8. Where might action at national rather than EU level be more appropriate / effective?

Where several competing technologies can be clustered and supported - very rarely happens on an EU level - but could be most advantageous here.

4. 9. How could EU and national policies and funding streams interact better?

Quicker application/evaluation/negotiation - would typically be 18+ months to start some work - by which time the fad has been and gone...

5. 10. What impact would any future enlargement of the EU have on this area of competence?

Not much?

6. 11. Are there any other points you wish to make which are not captured above?

No

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