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**From:** General Secretariat of the Council

**To:** Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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**Subject:** Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Strategic Innovation Agenda of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT): the contribution of the EIT to a more innovative Europe **(first reading)**

- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA + S**)  
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## Statement by Malta

Malta welcomes the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme as a key tool in realising the European Research Area, as well as in implementing the Europe 2020 Strategy Innovation Union flagship initiative and in delivering on the commitments made therein. In this context, Malta has been fully committed to and fully engaged in the negotiations aimed at shaping an inclusive Horizon 2020 Programme which rewards excellence and supports potential excellence.

In spite of this, Malta cannot agree with the eligibility for funding under the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme of activities that involve the destruction of human embryos.

It is also of the opinion that the approach envisaged by the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme does not take sufficiently into account the therapeutic potential of human adult stem cells.

Furthermore, Malta believes that the principle of subsidiarity should be fully abided by with the refrain of EU level financing of research activities involving matters of fundamental ethical principles, which differ among the Member States.

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