

Näringsdepartementet

Medlemskap i European Regional Policy Research Consortium

Regeringens beslut

Regeringen beslutar om medlemskap i European Regional Policy Research Consortium (EoRPA) under perioden den 1 januari 2022 till och med den 31 december 2024.

Regeringen bemyndigar statsrådet Säterberg, eller den hon sätter i sitt ställe, att vidta de åtgärder som är nödvändiga för anslutning till EoRPA på de villkor som framgår av *bilaga 1–3*.

Kostnaderna för medlemsavgiften i EoRPA, totalt högst 1 082 292 kronor under perioden, ska belasta anslaget 1:1 Regionala utvecklingsåtgärder, anslagsposten 22 Regionala utv.åtg – del till Kammarkollegiet inom utgiftsområde 19 Regional utveckling. Kammarkollegiet ska årligen under perioden 2022–2024 mot verifikat betala ut högst 360 764 kronor till European Policies Research Centre vid University of Strathclyde.

Bakgrund

European Regional Policy Research Consortium (EoRPA) är ett konsortium med syftet att bedriva forskning och kunskapsutbyte om regional utvecklingspolitik. Konsortiet organiseras av och är placerat vid European Policies Research Centre (EPRC) vid University of Strathclyde. EoRPA:s verksamhet omfattar jämförande och analyserande studier i ett europeiskt perspektiv av frågor av betydelse för regional utvecklingspolitik, inklusive sammanhållningspolitiken, samt fortlöpande bedömningar av regionala företagsstöd. Sverige har deltagit i EoRPA:s arbete sedan 1985. Det senaste avtalet avseende EoRPA gällde t.o.m. 2021. Den nya avtalsperioden avser 2022–2024.

I Nationell strategi för hållbar regional utveckling i hela landet 2021–2030 (skr. 2020/21:133) framgår bl.a. att den forskning som bedrivs om regional utveckling och landsbygdsutveckling är central för lärandet och en forskningsbaserad kunskapsutveckling. Mot denna bakgrund har riksdagen godkänt att regeringen under 2022 beslutar om medlemskap i EoRPA och bemyndigat regeringen att under 2022–2024 för anslaget besluta om medlemsavgifter på högst 400 000 kronor per år (prop. 2021/22:269 utg.omr. 19, bet. 2021/22:FiU49, rskr. 2021/22:466).



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COVENANT GOVERNING THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL POLICY RESEARCH CONSORTIUM (EORPA)

TITLE I – NAME – DEFINITION AND LOCATION

Article 1

The European Regional Policy Research Consortium (“the Consortium”) is a membership-based international policy network, without a legal personality, dedicated to research and knowledge exchange on regional policy.

Article 2

The Consortium is managed by the European Policies Research Centre of the University of Strathclyde (“EPRC Glasgow”), which has its registered office at 16 Richmond Street, Glasgow, G1 QE, United Kingdom; and by EPRC Delft, which has its registered office at De Cuserstraat 91, 1081 CN Amsterdam, Netherlands.

TITLE II – PURPOSE OF THE CONSORTIUM

Article 3 - Purpose

The Consortium is dedicated to research and knowledge exchange on regional policy. EoRPA is not profit-making, and operates exclusively in order to pursue the purposes of research, analysis and debate on regional policy in Europe. The operation of any commercial activity is excluded.

Article 4 - Aims

EoRPA has the following aims:

- i. to undertake, promote and develop studies, research and analysis on the regional development policies of European countries and relevant policies of the European Union (notably EU Cohesion policy and EU Competition policy control of State aid);
- ii. to promote and encourage comparison and dialogue between European countries concerning regional policy;
- iii. to participate in national and EU debates to improve understanding on the effective operation of regional policy;
- iv. to publish and otherwise disseminate research findings related to regional policy in Europe.

TITLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Article 5 - Members

EoRPA comprises government authorities (national and sub-national government ministries and agencies) of European countries which subscribe to the Consortium, as well as EPRC Glasgow and EPRC Delft.

Membership is open to the government departments of other European countries, with the consent of the majority of members. The subscribing government departments are *policy* members, whilst EPRC Glasgow / EPRC Delft are *organising* members. All members, in whatever category, have the same rights.

Membership by policy members is normally for three years at a time. Policy members are required to sign a commitment letter (including any specific requirements of the member), confirming their acceptance of the conditions in this Covenant.

Article 6 – Responsibilities and obligations of Members

The *organising* members are responsible for:

- i. producing an *annual review and assessment of the state of national regional policies, and regional policy developments*, across Europe, supported by detailed country-specific reviews of regional policy change and the reasons for change;
- ii. producing an *annual review and assessment of EU Competition policy control of State aid*, notably the implications of the Regional Aid Guidelines for national regional policies;
- iii. producing an *annual review and assessment of EU Cohesion policy* and the implications for national regional policies;
- iv. producing an *annual thematic assessment of the implications of selected regional policy challenges*, based on the policy interests of the EoRPA Consortium;
- v. organising an *annual policy meeting* of the EoRPA Consortium involving senior government officials from the member countries at which the annual reports are presented and discussed as well as a programme of *regular Coffee Break Workshops* in line with member requirements;
- vi. providing and maintaining a *restricted-access website*, for the use of policy members, with background information on regional policy and policy developments, including a full set of papers produced through EoRPA over the past decade, and country-specific information on the regional policies of all 30 European countries, and maps of the assisted areas for regional aid purposes is also accessible; and
- vii. providing the members of the EoRPA Consortium with *presentations, briefing papers and other advisory services* based on the above work undertaken for the Consortium (at additional cost, where significant additional research is involved).

Policy members are responsible for:

- i. advising on the overall strategic direction of the Consortium, management arrangements, changes in membership, annual research programme, outputs, reporting arrangements;

- ii. facilitating the EoRPA research in their country/region by making available appropriate data and other secondary source information, as well as making senior policymakers available for fieldwork interviews;
- iii. participating and engaging actively in the annual EoRPA Conference, and any other meetings agreed by the Consortium members, with simultaneous interpretation where this is required and funded by the policy member;
- iv. arranging for appropriate dissemination of EoRPA outputs to relevant government authorities in their country.

Article 7 – Membership Fees

The membership fees are determined by EPRC in agreement with the policy members of EoRPA and are calculated individually for each member on the basis of the following three components (see Annex 1 for the current figures):

- i. a flat rate fee, common to all members, per year of membership;
- ii. a variable GNI component to take account of differentials in national prosperity (based on Eurostat GNI data);
- iii. a service fee for interpretation/translation (where required) charged at the cost of providing the services.

Two adjustments are made to the total membership fee for each member based on: (a) an exchange rate adjustment where the member opts not to have the contract nominated in pounds sterling, but rather in euros or another national currency; and (b) any special requirements of the member which incur additional costs.

Membership fees are invoiced and paid annually.

Article 8 - Termination of Membership

Policy members may terminate their membership, by giving in writing a minimum of six months' notice of their intention not to renew their membership. Withdrawal will take effect from the date on which their membership expires. Membership may also be terminated by if the organising member or policy member commits a material breach of their responsibilities or obligations under this Agreement, and which is not corrected within 30 days after receipt of notice in writing.

TITLE IV - GOVERNANCE

Article 9 - Management

EoRPA is governed by a Management Board comprising a representative of each of the policy members and chaired by a representative of EPRC Glasgow / EPRC Delft. The national representative will normally be a senior government official with lead responsibility for the government department's membership of EoRPA.

The Management Board will meet annually at a meeting timed to coincide with the annual EoRPA Conference. The Management Board meeting will be deemed quorate if more than 50 percent of the policy members are present. Meetings of the Management Board will review the progress and performance of the Consortium over the previous year, the strategic direction, management arrangements, membership, annual research

programme, outputs and reporting arrangements. Where a national representative is not able to attend the Management Board meeting, they may be represented by an alternate or convey their views in writing.

EPRC will prepare the agenda for the Management Board meetings and an Annual Report to Members on the year's activity, which will be sent to all members at least one week before the Board meeting. Proposals for changes to the purpose, membership of governance of the Consortium must be notified, in writing, to all members before the Board meeting. The Board will seek unanimity on all decisions. Where there are differences of view, decisions may be taken by majority vote, on the basis of one vote per country.

A minute of the Management Board meeting will be drawn up by EPRC Glasgow / EPRC Delft and, together with relevant attachments, will be forwarded to all members, by electronic post, within 15 days of the meeting.

Exceptionally, where the organisation of a Management Board meeting is not possible due to *force majeure*, alternative arrangements will be made by EPRC (in agreement with policy members) for reviewing the progress and performance of the Consortium and its future direction.

Article 10 - Copyright

The copyright and any other intellectual property rights in any of the outputs provided by EPRC in respect of EoRPA shall be the property of the University of Strathclyde, although policy members are hereby granted a royalty-free licence to use the outputs for any purpose provided they acknowledge the copyright and the role of EPRC and the University of Strathclyde in their creation.

Article 11 - Law

For anything not governed by these Articles, the Law of Scotland shall apply and all Members prorogate the jurisdiction of the Scottish Courts.

December 2021

Signed for and on behalf of the University:

Name: Professor John Bachtler



Position: Director

Place & Date: Glasgow, December 2021

ANNEX 1: MEMBERSHIP FEES – 2022

With reference to Article 7 – Membership Fees, the membership fees are calculated individually for each member on the basis of three components, which are priced as follows for contracts starting in 2022.

(i) Flat rate fee

The flat rate fee, common to all members is currently £27595 per member per year of membership

(ii) GNI fee component

The variable GNI component is intended to take account of differentials in national prosperity based on DG ECFIN GNI data and currently averages £3066 per member.

(iii) Interpretation/translation component

A service fee for interpretation/translation (where required) is charged at the estimated cost of providing the services.

ANNEX 2: UNIVERSITY BANK DETAILS

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The background is a photograph of a modern cable-stayed bridge with a concrete deck and metal railings. A large, semi-transparent light blue circle is centered over the bridge, containing the title and authors' names. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

EoRPA RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR 2022-2024 TO THE MINISTRY OF ENTERPRISE AND INNOVATION, SWEDEN

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1 INTRODUCTION

This proposal provides the basis for a contract between:

- the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation; and
- the European Policies Research Centre (School of Government and Public Policy, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom) relating to Swedish membership of the European Regional Policy Research Consortium (EoRPA) for 2022-2024.

The following sections outline the aims and objectives of the research relating to the project 'Regional Policy in Europe: A Comparative Assessment' and the services to be provided in 2022-2024 as well as the costs involved.

2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of the research is to undertake a comparative assessment of national regional policy and regional policy in Europe as well as to analyse selected contemporary regional policy issues. The research is funded by the EoRPA Consortium, which, in addition to Sweden, currently includes Austria, Finland, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

Specifically, the project has the following objectives:

- i. to provide an *annual overview of regional policy developments* in 30 European countries, supported by detailed country reviews of regional policy change and the reasons for change;
- ii. to produce an annual review of EU Cohesion Policy and the implications for national regional policies;
- iii. to produce an *annual review of EU Competition Policy control of State aid*, notably the implications of the Regional Aid Guidelines for national regional policies;
- iv. to produce one or more *annual thematic reports* on research themes of contemporary policy interest to the EoRPA Consortium;
- v. to organise an *annual meeting* of the EoRPA Consortium involving senior government officials from the member countries at which the annual reports are presented and discussed (other meetings of the Consortium are arranged in response to requests from Consortium members);
- vi. to organise an *online programme of Coffee Break Workshops*, in line with member requirements, which provide a regular series of interactive online discussions to encourage exchange on key policy issues facing EoRPA Members; and



- vii. to provide the members of the EoRPA Consortium with *additional expert research and advice* in the form of short briefings and/or presentations based on the work undertaken for the Consortium.

3 SERVICES

The specific services of the project involve the production of a series of reports, meetings and advice relating to regional development and regional policy in Europe on an annual basis. The coverage of these reports and other services is determined each year at the Annual Meeting of the EoRPA Consortium, or through subsequent bi-lateral meetings with Members, but generally involves the following outputs.

3.1 Annual Review Reports

The core of EPRC research output comprises a series of authoritative and comprehensive reports which provide an annual review and analysis of contemporary regional policy issues. These provide EoRPA Consortium members with insights into the policy thinking and policy practice in regional policy developments at national and European levels.

3.1.1 **Annual Review of National Regional Policies**

EPRC produces an annual overview report, providing a comprehensive, comparative review of national regional policies and regional policy developments in Europe.¹ The report describes and assesses the current regional policy in each country, and identifies commonalities and contrasts in policy thinking and practice among European countries, set in the context of both recent developments and longer-term regional policy trends. The overview is accompanied by a country-by-country review of recent policy developments and by comparative tables/fiches relating to key regional policy features across European countries. Together, these documents provide an online, searchable reference source on how regional policy operates in practice in each country.

3.1.2 **Annual Review of EU Competition Policy control of State aid**

EPRC produces an annual report on developments in EU Competition Policy control of State aid, focusing on the impact of the Regional Aid Guidelines on national regional aid policies in both EU and non-EU countries. In recent years, the analysis has provided authoritative insights into the debate on reforms to the Guidelines and their implementation in practice. This will be continued in future years with assessments of the impact of reforms on the spatial coverage and types of regional aid in European countries.

¹ Currently, the coverage of the research covers all EU27 Member States together with Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.



3.1.3 Annual Review of EU Cohesion Policy

In the context of the inter-relationships between EU Cohesion Policy and national regional policies, EPRC produces an annual report on developments in EU Cohesion Policy. In recent years, this has provided a rolling assessment of the debates on budgetary reform and the revisions to the Cohesion Policy regulations, highlighting the different national and subnational positions in these debates. This assessment will continue in the coming years, analysing the shape of the Cohesion Policy budgetary and regulatory framework from 2021 (including new measures in the European Recovery Plan) and the programming of European Structural and Investment Funds in 2021-2027.

3.1.4 Thematic Reports

Each year, the EoRPA Consortium selects one or more specific regional policy themes of contemporary regional policy interest and on which EPRC produces research reports. In recent years, thematic reports have focused on: regional policies in industrial areas in crisis; innovation and regional development; impact evaluation; regional policy, employment and skills; the use of financial instruments; the regional dimensions of the energy transition; policy coordination the urban dimension of regional policy; regional policy response to climate change; and administrative capacity building. Annual thematic reports will continue to be provided in future years, with the relevant research themes chosen in consultation with the EoRPA partners.

3.2 Annual EoRPA Meeting

EPRC organises and chairs an annual EoRPA Meeting held in Scotland (Ross Priory, Loch Lomondside). The annual meeting is used to present and discuss the annual reports listed above, and it provides a distinctive opportunity for informal, off-the-record discussions among senior regional policy officials. It allows policy thinking and practice among national and subnational government authorities to be better understood, and facilitates networking and an effective exchange of experience. Generally, up to two representatives attend the meeting from each partner country. In 2020 and 2021 the annual EoRPA meeting took the form of a series of online seminars because of the travel restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. This facilitated the participation of a wider range of policy makers in the meetings.

In addition, over the past decade EPRC has periodically offered the option of an interim meeting where there is sufficient interest in a policy theme under discussion at European level. The most recent interim meeting was held virtually on 2 July 2020 at the request of EoRPA Members to discuss the European Recovery Plan and Cohesion Policy.

3.3 Coffee Break Workshops

The EoRPA Coffee Break Workshops (CBWs) were introduced for the first time in the 2020-21 Work Programme to facilitate more regular discussion among EoRPA members during the



COVID-19 pandemic. The CBWs were designed to provide a regular series of interactive online discussions with the aim of encouraging exchange on key policy issues facing EoRPA Members. Facilitated by EPRC, the CBWs provide an informal forum for regular contact, the sharing of experiences and an opportunity to address more specific/technical questions between policy makers. A short briefing note is sent to members in advance of each CBW and a summary of the discussion included in an amended paper after completion of the Workshop. The CBW programme was considered to be very useful and will be continued as part of the EoRPA Work Programme.

3.4 EoRPA Website

EPRC provides the EoRPA Consortium with access to a restricted website which contains updated background information on regional policy and policy developments, as well as the material relating to the annual Ross Priory meeting and the Coffee Break Workshops. The partner website is accessible at: <https://eprc-strath.org/eorpa/login/> Each partner is provided with their own user name and password.

3.5 Additional Research Advisory Support

EPRC is also prepared to provide additional research and advisory services, as well as periodic presentations to the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation. Such advice/research is covered by this contract where it relates directly to the work undertaken for the EoRPA Consortium and where it can be undertaken within a few days in any given year (normally c.10 days over a three-year period). Any more extensive research or research which relates to topics outside the work programme for the Consortium can also be undertaken but will be subject to separate financial arrangements.

4 DURATION

The work will begin on 1 January 2022 and will last until 31 December 2024. An extension is possible by mutual agreement.

5 TIMING OF DELIVERABLES

The annual reports will be delivered prior to the Annual Meeting of the EoRPA Consortium which takes place in October each year, on dates agreed with Consortium members. Other outputs will be delivered in accordance with the annual work programme, agreed with EoRPA Members at the start of each year.



6 RESEARCH DIRECTION

The research is directed by Professor John Bachtler, Professor Fiona Wishlade and Dr Carlos Mendez and managed by Ruth Downes of the European Policies Research Centre (EPRC), University of Strathclyde (Glasgow, United Kingdom), in collaboration with EPRC Delft (Netherlands). Liaison with the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation will be co-ordinated by Professor John Bachtler. The contract will be signed, on behalf of the University of Strathclyde, by Mr Andrew MacKenzie, Head of Grants and Contracts, Research and Knowledge Exchange Services, University of Strathclyde.

7 RESEARCH COSTS

The contract period is for up to three years. The research is provided on a fixed cost basis of SEK 360,764 annually (1 January to 31 December). Contracting for between one and three years is possible:

Year	Cost (SEK)
2022	360,764.00
2023	360,764.00
2024	360,764.00
Total cost (for three years)	1,082,292.00

The phasing of payments will be agreed between the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation and EPRC, but will be no later than the end of each calendar year. The costs associated with any *ad hoc* research or presentations which the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation wishes EPRC to make in Sweden (going beyond the provisions set out in Section 3.4 above) will be subject to separate financial arrangements.

8 PAYMENT DETAILS

Payment should be made to the following bank account:

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For the European Policies Research Centre

Signature:

Date:

Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation

Signature

Date:

For the University of Strathclyde

Signature:

Date:





ANNEX: PROFILES OF THE EORPA RESEARCH DIRECTORS

A.1 EUROPEAN POLICIES RESEARCH CENTRE

The European Policies Research Centre (EPRC) operates through two distinct entities. Its origins date back to 1978 when it operated as a research team within the Centre for the Study of Public Policy at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland. EPRC became a separate research institute in 1987, and is part of the School of Government & Public Policy in the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences at the University of Strathclyde. EPRC Glasgow has specialised in regional and industrial development in Europe for almost 40 years. Directed by Professor John Bachtler and Professor Fiona Wishlade, EPRC Glasgow has an interdisciplinary staff of 18, providing research expertise for both public and private organisations across a range of policy areas - regional, industrial, enterprise and competition policies. The research portfolio of EPRC Glasgow spans Europe, with research at European, national and regional scales.

In July 2017, a new entity was founded – European Policies Research Centre Delft (EPRC Delft) – working from the Technical University Delft. EPRC Delft is a non-profit foundation (*Stichting*) registered in the Netherlands under Dutch law. It has been established to conduct comparative policy research and knowledge exchange relating to EU Cohesion policy and other EU policies. EPRC Delft is managed by Professor John Bachtler and Professor Fiona Wishlade and staffed by secondees from EPRC Glasgow, but it has its own supervisory board and operates independently of the University of Strathclyde.

Research programmes

The collective research portfolio of EPRC Glasgow and EPRC Delft is organised around the following research programmes:

- Regional development and regional policy in Europe: national policies for regional economic development;
- EU Cohesion Policy: the design and implementation of Structural Funds, programmes and strategies for regional economic development and social cohesion; EU Cohesion policy and budget reform;
- European spatial development: inter-regional, transnational and cross-border cooperation; territorial cohesion;
- Competition Policy and subsidy discipline: State aid control policies under the EC and EEA Treaties and the Europe Agreements;
- Regional innovation policies: research on the links between regional innovation policy and university engagement with businesses and the wider community;
- Financial instruments: comparative research on the use of financial instruments in EU Cohesion Policy and in national regional policy programmes.





Major consortium projects

Within these research areas are two major projects, funded by consortia of sponsors, each project having its own dedicated website:

- EoRPA (Regional Policy Research Consortium), funded by 12 European governments and specialising in the monitoring and comparative assessment of the regional policies of national governments, and the interactions with EU Cohesion Policy and EU Competition control of State aid; and
- IQ-Net (Improving the Quality of Structural Funds Programme Management) Consortium, funded by c. 20 managing authorities from 16 EU Member States and specialising in comparative research on the management and implementation of Structural Fund programmes.

Commissioned research projects

As well as these two major consortia projects, EPRC Glasgow has undertaken a wide range of research projects funded by research councils and charities or commissioned by regional, national and international bodies across Europe. Over the past 40 years, research and policy advice has been provided to the governments of 25 European countries, seven Directorates-General of the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Committee of the Regions, the Nordic Council of Ministers, the OECD, the International Labour Organisation, the European Investment Bank, the European Court of Auditors, 14 EU Council Presidencies and over 20 subnational local authorities.

Further information is available at: <https://eprc-strath.org/eorpa/login/>



A.2 EoRPA DIRECTORS

John Bachtler is Professor of European Policy Studies at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Head of the European Policies Research Centre, and co-Director of EPRC Delft. His research experience is principally in regional and industrial development in Western and Eastern Europe, encompassing the regional policies of national governments, the structural and cohesion policies of the European Union and regional development strategies. He has led many EPRC research projects on regional policy in Europe, and the implementation and evaluation of Cohesion policy. He has published books, chapters, articles and research papers on regional development and regional policy as well as on policies for the service sector, multinational location factors, inward investment policies in Europe, the implications of the Single European Market, and EU enlargement. He has been an expert adviser to many European government departments and EU institutions, the OECD, Nordic Council of Ministers, and numerous EU Presidencies. He is an Academician of the UK Academy of Social Sciences and Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Fiona Wishlade is Professor and Director of the European Policies Research Centre and co-Director of EPRC Delft. She has an MA (joint honours) in French and European Governmental Institutions from the University of Edinburgh and an LLM in European Law from the University of Strathclyde. She has led and managed a range of international research projects and has a wide range of experience in the regional policies of different countries as well as the regional and competition policies of the European Union. She initiated the EPRC research programme on State aids and competition policy, undertaking research on the development of methodologies for assessing the competition impacts of regional aids, the impact of the State aid rules on national regional policies, the relationship between tax and social security systems, and State aid notification systems. She has also developed a new EPRC research programme on the design, implementation and evaluation of financial instruments (loans, equity and guarantees). She is fluent in English and French and has a working knowledge of Spanish and Italian. She is an Academician of the UK Academy of Social Sciences.

Dr Carlos Mendez is Principal Research Fellow in the European Policies Research Centre and EPRC Delft. His research expertise is in Cohesion Policy and the operation of national and regional policies in Spain and Portugal. He has published widely on EU Cohesion Policy and has been involved in a range of research projects and evaluation studies. These include reports and studies for national and EU authorities on the reform of Cohesion Policy and the implementation of European Structural and Investment Funds. He specialises in research on citizen engagement and European identity, including the management of a major Horizon 2020 study on Cohesion Policy and European Identification. As part of EPRC projects, he has built up extensive expertise in the use of multivariate regression techniques (e.g. OLS, beta, fractional regression) and their application to EU-wide data sets on the performance of Cohesion policy. He has also been involved in studies for the Polish, Cypriot and Slovak EU Presidencies and has studied the simplification agenda extensively.





December 2021

Ministry of Enterprise & Innovation
Division for Regional Growth
Mäster Samuelsgatan 70
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Dear Madam/Sir,

Commitment Letter for Regional Policy in Europe: A Comparative Assessment (EoRPA)

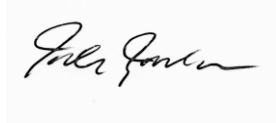
We are writing to seek your formal confirmation of the membership of the Ministry of Enterprise & Innovation ("MEI") in the EoRPA Consortium, Regional Policy in Europe: A Comparative Assessment (EoRPA), for the period 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2024, as set out in the Covenant for Cooperation in the Implementation of the Research Project prepared by EPRC ("EoRPA").

Please arrange for this letter to be signed where indicated by an authorised signatory of MEI as acceptance of the following terms to govern the membership in EoRPA.

- MEI acknowledges receipt from the University of Strathclyde ("UOS") of a copy of the Covenant for Cooperation in the Implementation of the Research Project dated December 2021; MEI shall participate in EoRPA according to the objectives and methodology set out therein;
- MEI shall pay to UOS in annual instalments the fee of SEK 360,764 (plus British VAT if applicable). The contract period is for up to three years. The research is provided on a fixed cost basis of SEK 360,764 annually (1 January to 31 December) Contracting for between one and three years is possible. An annual invoice for SEK 360,764 will be issued to MEI by UOS by the beginning of December each year.

- UoS will exercise reasonable care in undertaking the research but where MEI acts or relies on any UoS research output or advice, it does so at its own risk and will hold UoS harmless from the consequences of any such act or reliance by MEI.

Yours sincerely,



Professor John Bachtler
Director

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