

Call for Short Research and Policy Papers

Health • Resilience • Economy

Deadline: 5 March (or asap)

In 2021, policymakers across the globe set out to determine the long-term implications of the COVID-19 crisis and formulate commitments to make the pandemic a catalyst for a healthier model of globalization. [Reform for Resilience – The Post-Pandemic Policy Commission](#) (R4R Commission) brings together leaders from politics, business, health sectors and the sciences to frame practical policy recommendations targeted at governments and international institutions, including the G7/20, the OECD and WHO.

The Commission aims to

- Identify key drivers of ‘**health resilience**’;
- Make specific **policy recommendations** to enhance the institutional commitment to global health resilience as key to healthier growth;
- Develop a **health resilience model and index** to help drive cultural and policy changes.

The [EUI School of Transnational Governance](#) will act as the Commission’s Europe Hub. STG Director, Professor Alexander Stubb, has been appointed to the Board of Commissioners. The STG will support the Commission by gathering evidence and research, organizing debates and contributing to the formulation of recommendations. The STG invites researchers from the EUI community and beyond **to insert their ongoing COVID-related research into this workstream and make your contribution to an evidence-based post-COVID reform agenda.**

In particular, the STG seeks empiric insights and/or expert synthesis papers on five key themes:

1. **Future Health Resilience Governance and Policy:** Global and European Institutions, Strategy and Investments.
2. **Population Health:** differential population susceptibility and impact of COVID-19 across Europe.
3. **The Role of Business in health resilience:** startups and multinationals.
4. **Digital and Data:** shared data, infodemics and misinformation.
5. **Healthy Growth and Resilience:** measurement, metrics and indicators.

Requested are short papers of no more than 3000 words, to be submitted until 30 April. For further information, please read the extended R4R Call for Evidence and see the details below.

Your research will benefit from a threefold opportunity:

- Visibility: Pending final decision of the Commission’s scientific committee, your paper will be published as part of the evidence supplied to the Commission.

- **Impact:** Feed your research directly into the policy debate. The Commission will prepare an Interim Report (June 2021) and a Final Report (December 2021) that Commission Members will present to governments and international institutions.
- **Network:** The Commission interacts with regional hubs in Asia, India, North America and Europe, and 14 international academic partner institutions. Your research will enter into interaction with a vibrant intellectual network spanning around the globe.

Further information on the R4R Commission:

The Commission was launched in late November 2020 by British MP and former UK Life Science Minister **George Freeman**. It is co-chaired by **José Manuel Barroso**, Chairman, Chair of Gavi – The Vaccine Alliance and President of the European Commission (2004-14); **Malcolm Turnbull**, 29th Prime Minister of Australia (2015-18), and **Michelle Ann Williams**, Dean of the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. The Commission practices a multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral approach and draws on a global network for discussion.

Your next steps:

Please submit your interest, working title, and abstract until 5 March (or as soon as possible) to Jonas Brendebach (Coordinator STG R4R Europe Hub, Jonas.Brendebach@eui.eu) and Diane Stone (Scientific Advisor STG R4R Europe Hub, Diane.Stone@eui.eu). Do not hesitate to contact Diane or Jonas for any further information.