

Press Release  
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### **EuroScience concerned about science based decision making at EU level**

Euroscience takes note that the European Commission has abolished the position of Chief Science Adviser. We hope that this does not imply that less attention will be paid to scientific insights. We feel strongly that political decisions should be made in the full knowledge of the available scientific evidence. EuroScience is grateful to Anne Glover, the former CSA, for her tireless efforts in that direction.

EuroScience remains convinced that science based arguments should have a leading role in all science, technology and innovation related decision making at the European level and that this be done in a consistent, not haphazard fashion. In the context of the new Commission, we ask that a proper consultation procedure of the scientific community should be established; in that framework a clarification of the roles and demarcations of the various functions and (advisory) bodies dealing with STI issues has to be made, for the new Commission seems to have set off on a path of further dispersion and diffusion of STI responsibilities.

EuroScience will therefore organize a debate and come forward with proposals for such a procedure. We shall invite MEPs, the European Commission and the Council and other decision/policy makers to join in this debate.

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