Children and Young People's **Panel on Europe** 



## **European Union Funding**

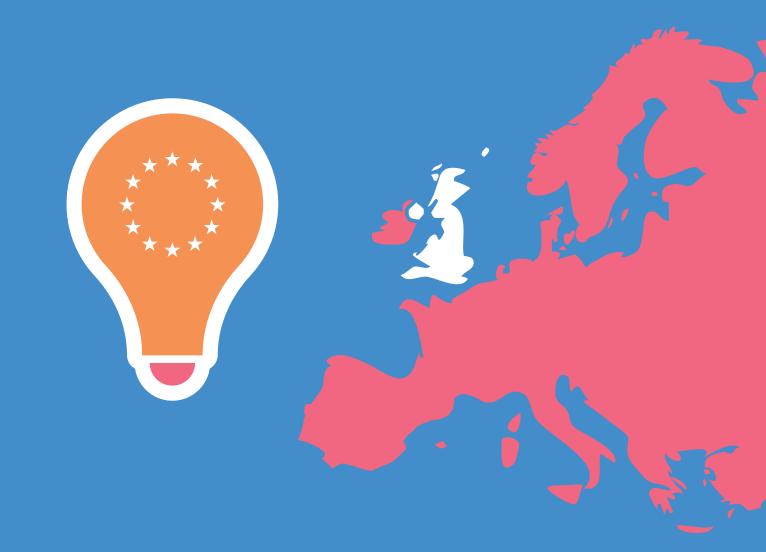
## • Funding for Science and Health

Between 2007-13, the EU gave the UK €8.8 billion for research, development and innovation. This included science and health research to help us live healthier, fuller, and better lives.

The UK gets more funding from the EU than we pay in for science and health, so the UK might have less money for science and health research as a result of Brexit, unless it finds money elsewhere.

Funding for science and health will affect us as we grow up and it might affect our parents, carers or family if they get ill.





## What do we want?

- We want to make sure the current level of spending on health and science research continues or increases as we leave the EU. There should be funding for research and infrastructure.
- We need to continue to co-operate with the EU on science and health research. The Coronavirus pandemic has shown how important it is for countries to work together, share science research and find solutions to health issues.
- Poor health can affect other areas of children and young people's lives – for example, you might struggle to go to school. Improving health through science and research can have a positive snowball effect on other parts of children's lives.
- We should try to widen access to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for girls and minority groups.

## What are we doing?

We are contacting the British Science Association and the Scottish and UK Governments. We decided that the British Science Association has in-depth science expertise which could help us with our position as they focus on making science more accessible.











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