



**14 October 2024**

**Letter of commitment to the priorities of the Concordat for the Environmental  
Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice**

I, **Dame Ottoline Leyser** on behalf of **UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)** confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the [Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice](#).

**UKRI** fully supports the priority areas outlined in the concordat. We will deliver against all the priorities in practice and recognise our responsibilities as a signatory, as set out in the concordat.

By signing this concordat, we recognise the need to change how we conduct research and innovation as well as promote wider solutions. We also agree to take shared action now and into the future to reduce and eliminate our own environmental impacts and emissions and achieve the transition to sustainable practices.

As outlined in our [environmental sustainability strategy](#), UKRI is fully committed to addressing environmental sustainability in our operations, including in our own research and innovation facilities. We recognise our influential role as a large research and innovation funding body and we are committed to using our influence to catalyse the transition to environmental sustainability across the research and innovation system.

We are proud to have played our part in the development of the concordat to date. We recognise that all 6 of the priorities of the concordat are important to us and we are committed to identifying, exploring and realising opportunities to implement the concordat priorities. This includes engaging with other funding bodies and research organisations across the sector, to learn from each other, collaborate, and to find and implement solutions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ottoline Leyser', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

**Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser**

**Chief Executive, UK Research and Innovation**