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### Long term fundamental research versus short term project funding

The question we want to address is whether the research funding policy in the EU should serve as a model for Ukraine. Based on my personal experience in France and Germany and some knowledge of the policy on the European level, I want to argue that it is not a model to follow. More and more do we see short term projects with concrete applications be favoured over long term fundamental research projects with yet unforeseeable applications. More and more do we see academics turning into research managers, managing research teams and administrating funding, rather than actually producing research. This at the cost of a freedom of thought indispensable to reach any deep result. Carrying out research freely has turned into a huge challenge and sometimes impossible task. Institutions such as the CNRS in France and the Academy of Science in Ukraine which used to seem invincible have become vulnerable; yet they are the fortresses which used to ensure the long term future of fundamental science.