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**Re: Funding Support Programme**

1) It is a very ambitious plan to strengthen the organization's research lines along the topics mentioned, which are highly relevant. Hope you will be able to come up to such high expectations (knowing that aiming high/est is a ubiquitous policy objective around the globe!) and find the necessary funding.

2) I particularly like the second goal of the cooperation between science and society by contributing to regional development. This seems to be particularly important for Madeira in its isolated situation, and is highly ambitious! What I can refer you to at first thoughts:

(i) I was successful in winning an EU grant within Horizon 2020, which finances 15 PhD Fellows under the topic "European Doctorate in Teacher Education" (EDiTE) - see [www.edite.edu](http://www.edite.edu).

(ii) Years ago I was asked by our then Minister of Education to set up a Leadership Academy, which has been one of the most rewarding professionalization programmes (see [www.leadershipacademy.at](http://www.leadershipacademy.at) and attachment).

(iii) I eventually started a phenomenological approach to research into (teaching and) learning, which has opened up very new perspectives and given us a place on the map (see attachment).

I hope this will help you in finding YOUR way of taking up this challenge! Looking forward to finding out about the outcome in the near future.

With best wishes



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