PROGRAM- THEME

The future of **open science**, **research assessment** and **evaluation** is currently under intense debate in Brussels, Berlin and other capitals – not least given its potential impact on European and international scientific careers and projects. While the European Commission has included open science as an “excellence” criterion for the evaluation of Horizon Europe funding proposals, there is however a sense that many of these forward-looking discussions often overlook a key component of open science – namely, the rationale and processes for **including societal actors** throughout the research value chain.

Against this backdrop, the Berlin University Alliance is convening a high-level public conference **in Brussels** on Thursday June 30 to **explore when, where and why it is truly beneficial to involve stakeholders in European science** – and by extension how that should be recognised and rewarded going forward.

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