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Solidarity and sympathy from the CPU to the British universities

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Following the British referendum on the Brexit, the French Rectors Conference would like to express its solidarity and sympathy to the British universities and its students as well as its teachers and researchers, with which we wish to pursue our cooperations.

The British Rectors Conference - Universities UK – was highly committed against the Brexit during the last months. It reaffirmed the importance of the scientific partnerships between British and European universities for the production of knowledge and quality of research.

It also reminded that the British universities welcome 125 000 foreign students, thus strengthening its international culture. We remind that France is the first partner of the UK for student mobility. Around 20% of the French students chose the UK for their Erasmus mobility, 30% of the British students choosing France for theirs.

The universities aim to exchange and work at the level of the European Higher Education and Research Areas. It is within this area that universities will be able to strengthen science, innovation and education. This is the common vision that we have to pursue and reinvent.