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- Identifying processes and means of **transferring academic and institutional expertise into the public sphere**;

- Creating a fertile environment for **research and research cooperation** and the transformation of results into realistic policies;
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