

Brexit causes collapse in european research funding for Oxbridge Oxford and Cambridge universities, once given more than £130m a year in total by European research programmes, are now getting £1m annually between them. "For higher education and research, there are no new opportunities and no actual possible upsides from Brexit," said Simon Marginson, professor of higher education at Oxford. He described brexit as a "historic error of monumental proportions", and said the new data on Oxford and Cambridge – usually the top performers in Europe – was "very worrying". The losses reached beyond money, he added, with the UK also becoming less attractive to high-quality European researchers and students. (F: UWN febbraio 2023)