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Mathematical methods play the key role in the modeling, simulation, control and optimization of all areas of technological development. Mathematics has become a central prerequisite for the societal development of the 21-st century. But the role of mathematics (pure and applied) is underestimated and has to be made more visible. I have been working in this direction quite a lot as chair of `{\sc Matheon}` and member of the ESF/EMS forward look initiative. I would like to continue in this direction and help to improve the position of mathematics in the European research landscape.