**Action 20:**

**Support to the prioritisation, coordination and direction of R&I investments and reforms**

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| Member State/associated country/stakeholder1: |
| Lead entity at national level and contact person1:*[Indicate the organisation, name, position, e-mail address.]* |
| The action includes the following types of activities:*[These are examples of activities, in which the country or organisation could participate in. For more detailed information, including the objectives, please refer to the explanatory document(s) of this action.]** For outcome 20.1: To actively participate in joint policy and technical discussions with experts, policymakers and stakeholders to reflect on the targets and commonly agree on their specificities as well as on the process and methodology for their roll out at national level. This would result in voluntarily translating the R&D targets in the national contexts with the help notably of the future ERA Scoreboard. This action will provide quantitative information, including from joint work and cooperation with Eurostat as well as the OECD.
* For outcome 20.2: Bilateral dialogues to discuss the need for assistance in implementing the actions on the ERA policy agenda and help monitor the progress of its implementation
* For both outcomes: To take part in technical expertise and capacity-building exercises for the implementation of the different actions in the ERA policy agenda and peer learning, as needed.
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| Comments, planned or ongoing activities regarding the implementation of the action[[1]](#footnote-1):*[Activities at the level of countries or organisations can be shared in this box. The activities could include national measures (e.g. reforms, initiatives, studies), the participation in EU-level activities, which are described in the explanatory document, and the engagement in transnational activities with other Member States, associated or third countries. Moreover, any other comments can be added.]* |

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EXPLANATORY DOCUMENTS

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| **Action 20.1: Support to the prioritisation, coordination and direction of R&I investments and reforms** |
| *Contact point: K. Kania unit G1* |
| **1. Description** | The Commission Communication of 30 September 2020 on “A new ERA for Research and Innovation” presents the proposal for a revitalised ERA with a forward-looking agenda based on a set of ambitious political objectives and R&D investment targets. Those targets have either been endorsed or taken note of by the Council Conclusions of 1 December 2020, as well as the new ERA Pact and the related ERA Policy Agenda.The main objective of this activity is to build evidence and foster debates strengthening the transformative R&I policy. It also aims at maximising the impact of R&D investments directed to the green and digital transitions as well as the future economic recovery. |
| **2. Actors** | The European Commission and the Member States, as well as associated countries, if and when relevant. |
| **3. Timing and milestones** | During the period 2022-24 the action will:1. develop and promote the adoption of a policy and investment approach by the MS (second half of 2022)
2. carry out a series of bilateral and multilateral policy dialogues in order to support interested Member States in prioritising R&I investment (during the first half of the year 2023)
3. Establish a number of investment targets in the second half of 2023
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| **4. Funding** | Possibility to use the financing from the Policy Support Facility (PSF) under Horizon Europe Programme. PSF Challenge: if this modality is chosen, the activities will facilitate the flow of information, experiences, lessons learned and the identification of best practices. It will notably support the “traditional” mutual learning exercises (MLE) with higher flexibility |
| **5. Expected impact** | In order to implement this process, the action will:1. Provide new knowledge and evidence on the R&D investment targets and the need for directionality, duly considering existing capacities in R&I areas, domains and technologies. The action will provide solid analytical work and targeted analyses for each Member State, including through a dedicated study under PSF Challange, which will fully underpin this process.
2. Contribute to the organisation of joint policy and technical discussions with Member States, experts and stakeholders to reflect on the targets and commonly agree on their specificities as well as on the process and methodology for their roll out at national level. It will be carried out through the ERA Forum, providing them with strategic advice.
3. Frame the setting up of bilateral debates with Member States, in conjunction with Action 18, to voluntarily translate the targets in the national contexts, with the help notably of the future ERA Scoreboard. This action will provide quantitative information, including from joint work and cooperation with Eurostat as well as the OECD. .
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| *Action 20.2: Support to the implementation and monitoring of the ERA policy agenda in view of stronger investments and reforms*  |
| *Contact point: B. Bilbao Osorio unit A1* |
| 1. **Description**
 | This action will support Member States in (1) making use of existing technical support tools and information and (2) engaging in peer policy learning during the implementation of the different items of the policy agenda. In doing so, this action will be framed in the context of setting up an enhanced bilateral dialogue between the Commission and individual Member States that will help in defining a process for monitoring the implementation of ERA (currently part of action 19 in the policy agenda) |
| 1. **Actors**
 | The Commission, through bilateral policy dialogues with Member States and the participation of relevant stakeholders, will support interested Member States in specific ERA policy areas in order to prioritise R&I investment, including synergies between EU and national programmes, and design and implement relevant R&I-related reforms. |
| 1. **Timing and milestones**
 | During the period 2022-24. Ongoing activity. Support based on request |
| 1. **Funding**
 | Many of the proposed activities under this action will not require any specific funding. However, for the technical and expert support, the Policy Support Facility (PSF) under Horizon Europe Programme will be mobilised as required.  |
| 1. **Expected impact**
 | The proposed enhanced dialogue and potential technical assistance through the Policy Support Facility will help with the implementation and policy learning, notably in the area of promoting investments and reforms. This will help strengthen the national R&I systems. |
| 1. **Monitoring**
 | ERA Forum |
| 1. **Communication**
 | ERAC, RWP, COMPET Council, ERA Forum |
| 1. **Additional information**
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