



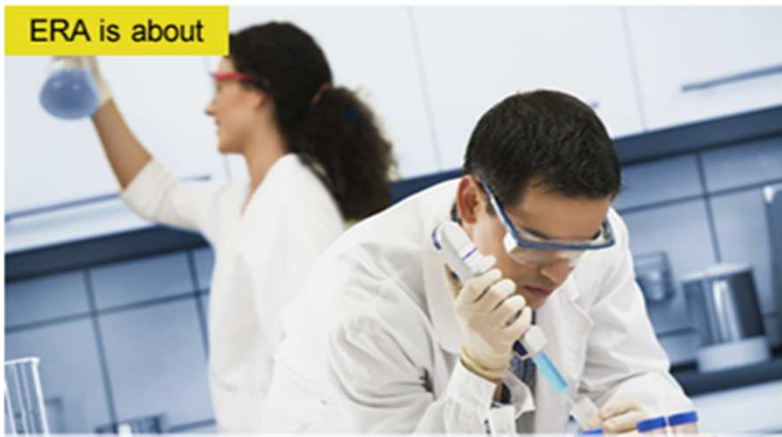
# European Research Area

An open space  
for knowledge and growth

**ERA Progress Report 2013**  
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# I. What is ERA ?

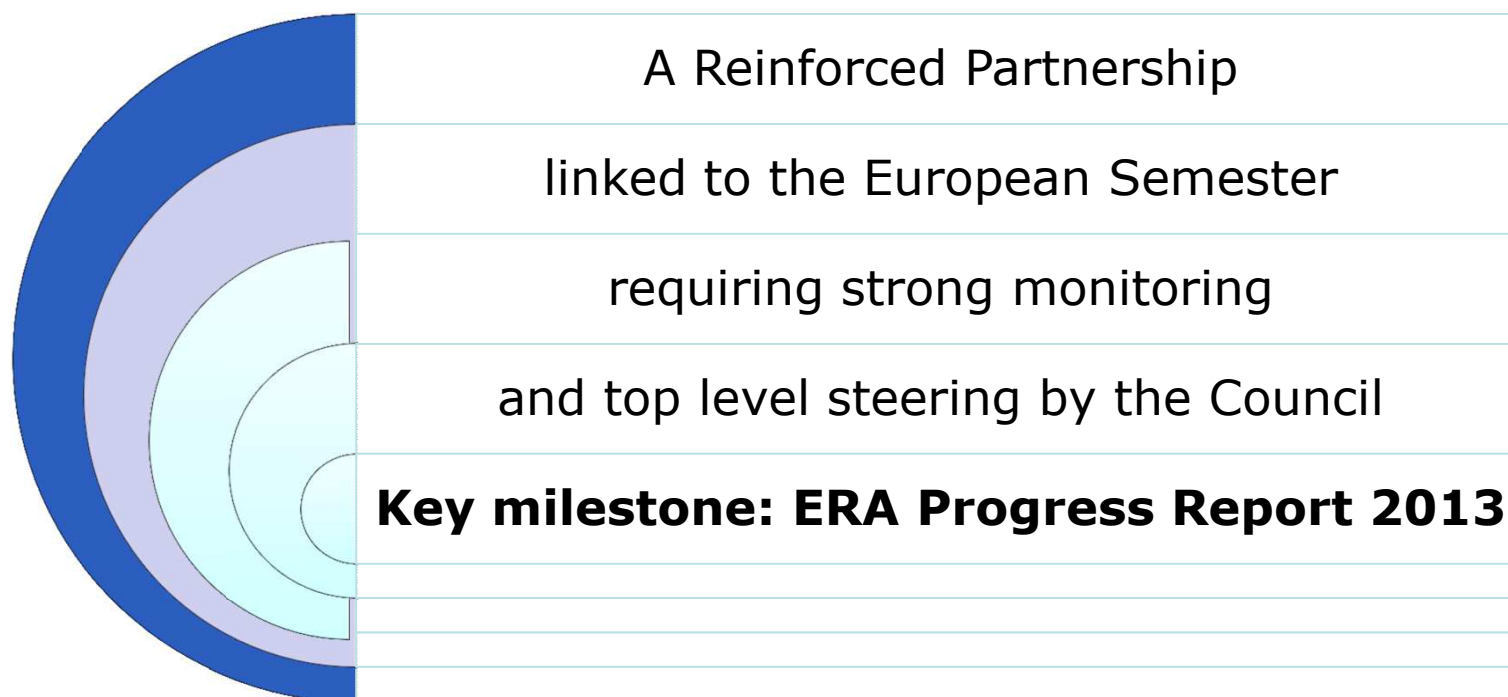


- **A Unified Research Area Open to the World**
- **Based on the Internal Market**
- **Free Circulation of Researchers, Knowledge & Technology**

## **What is ERA for?**

- Strengthening **Science & Technology**
- Enhancing **Competitiveness**
- Enhancing Capacity for **Grand Challenges**

# The 2012 ERA Communication provides the basis for..



# The First ERA Progress Report (2013), adopted 20 September

- Provides for the first time comparable data on national policy for all MS (and 3 AC), which has been completed by MS
- Provides the orientations for 2014 assessment of progress and future needs



**Further advancing on national & EU research policy and performance will require commitment from both national authorities & SHOs as well as from the Commission**

# The 2013 ERA Progress Report

## Key conclusions

Competitive and performance based research funding

Improved cross border interoperability and alignment of research programmes

Development and access to research infrastructures

More open, transparent and merit-based recruitment

Access to, and portability of, national grants

More innovative doctoral training

Structural change to overcome gender gaps

Continue Open Access to publications and data

Implement Digital ERA

Knowledge transfer strategies

## Member States should

Fully adhere to ERA priorities

Introduce key ERA reforms

Include them among overall reforms for economic recovery

Provide input to the Commission's annual reporting

Better anchor interaction with stakeholders

Incorporate the ERA agenda in their use of European structural and investment funds (ESIF)

## Research Stakeholder Organisations should

Continue the interaction between themselves and their members in support of ERA

Report on their progress by the end of 2013

Enhance their collaboration and when relevant, to increase efforts for joint actions in support of ERA

## The European Commission should

Enhance its contribution to ERA through Horizon 2020

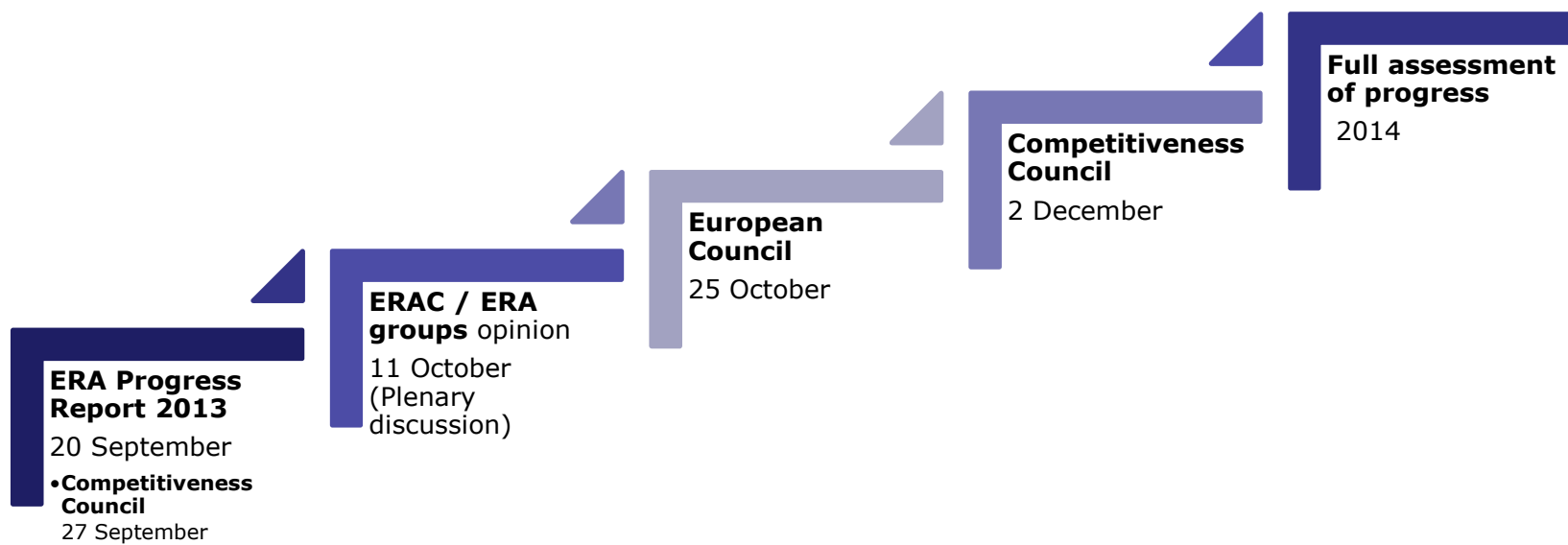
Support mutual learning and the exchange of good practice

Improve the understanding and appreciation of national research and innovation policies

Obtain support from the Council, European Council, European Parliament, European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions to ensure the bridge with stakeholder society at large, national Parliaments and regions



# Milestones





Thank you for your attention

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/index_en.htm)