Possible ways on how to structure internal reporting on R&I reforms in view of NRP

Update by the ad-hoc group on the European Semester and on ERA monitoring.

The content of the National Reform Programmes

- reform measures that respond to each of the Country Specific Recommendations (CSR)
- progress towards national Europe 2020 targets, reform measures that will contribute to achieve these targets
- additional reform measures addressing AGS priorities and Euro Plus Pact commitments

Discussion in previous ERAC

- R&I reform measures are not reported in a similar way in all NRPs
- inputs prepared by authorities in charge of R&I?
- NRPs likely to remain different in substance, level of detail and structure
- hamper the effective dissemination and use of a valuable source of information
- lost opportunity in terms of policy mutual learning
- ➤ R&I reform measures reported in NRPs neither comprehensive nor representative of MS' R&I policies

Two main issues at stake

- How could "R&I inputs to NRPs" be structured and used in support of policy mutual learning in the context of ERAC?
- Which other source(s) of information on R&I policies could be used or developed to complement "R&I inputs to NRPs"?
- Document was discussed in the ad-hoc group that is now submitted to ERAC for comments

R&I inputs to NRPs: Possible structure

Without prejudice to overarching EC guidance provided by SG and to how each MS decides to structure its NRP

- Analysis of progress towards the national R&D intensity target
- Specific role and expected contribution of R&I to growth and jobs in the national context
- Main policy developments in the field of R&I based on joint OECD/EC policy taxonomy
- Specific highlight on ERA reforms at national level

What we ask from ERAC: a mandate to:

- Further elaborate a guidance note "R&I inputs to NRPs" that will be used by ERAC members on a voluntary base to structure their input to the National Reform Programs; ERAC members will be invited to share these inputs in ERAC in view of mutual learning within ERAC.
- Support the alignment of the OECD STI Outlook Survey and future database with the structure and content of policy reporting in the context of Europe 2020, leading to a new joint Survey and database avoiding duplications and facilitating comparability across the EU (discussion on taxonomy necessary)
- Include the current ERAC Survey on R&I Investments in the new joint OECD/EC STI Outlook Survey and future database
- ERAC observers are welcomed to prepare similar reports on their R&I reforms, which will be analysed and treated in the same way as the "R&I inputs to NRPs" of MS.