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Delegations will find attached the PowerPoint presentation "ERAC Ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships" given under item 5.2 of the ERAC Plenary agenda of 17-18 September.
ERAC Ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships

Maria Reinfeldt
Chair of the ERAC Ad-hoc Working Group of Partnerships
ERAC meeting 18 September 2018, Salzburg
Developments since ERAC Plenary in May

• **20 June:** ERAC Working Group meeting
• **21 June:** Workshop „Efficiency of Implementation of P2Ps“

The remaining two reports have been **revised** on the basis of comments received by the delegations and **adopted** at the level of the WG
  • **Minor modifications** compared to the drafts presented to ERAC in May

• Publication of the Horizon Europe proposal
  • Demonstrates **good convergence** with ERAC recommendations
Rationalising the EU R&I partnership landscape

Key elements of the report:
• States a clear **objective** that rationalisation should lead to **fewer** and more strategic R&I partnerships with a **clear position** within the thematic priorities
• Identifies distinct **rationalisation strategies** at three levels

Highlights of the feedback received:
• Ensuring consistency and coordination of partnerships is a **joint responsibility**
• **Clarify** the different forms of partnerships (co-funding, co-programming...)
• Recognise **Coordination and Support Actions** as part of the partnership ‘toolbox’
• Reservations towards „capping“, but agreement that there should be **significant share of traditional collaborative projects in each intervention area**
Increasing the efficiency of implementation of partnerships

Key elements of the report:
• Identifies **key efficiency issues and measures** for the different types of partnerships that need to be addressed with the highest priority
• Seemingly a technical topic but with a clear **political dimension**: availability of high quality **evidence** for policy-making, better **synergies**, higher political **commitments, simplification, openness** towards new / small players

Highlights of the feedback received:
• Clarify the **benefits** of a more centralised implementation of partnerships, and the **next steps**
• Additional analysis needed on **good practice approaches** for promoting project level openness in current partnerships
Next steps

• [17 September 2018 ERAC Plenary: adoption of the final reports on ‘Rationalisation’ and ‘Efficiency of Implementation’]

• **25 September**: Expert hearing on criteria framework (Brussels)

• **26/27 September**: ERAC WG meeting (Brussels)
  • Including a joint session with the Commission’s inner Working Group developing the criteria framework.

• **6 December, at the ERAC Plenary:**
  • Presentation of the Final report
  • COM will present a proposal for the further elaborated criteria framework for Partnerships (based on Annex III of Horizon Europe), and a proposal for the Strategic Coordinating Process for Partnerships.
Thank you!

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