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NOTE

To:	ERAC delegations
Subject:	Provisional ERAC Work Programme 2015-2016

Delegations will find attached the Provisional ERAC Work Programme 2015-2016.

Provisional ERAC Work Programme 2015-2016

This document sets out the Work Programme of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) for the years 2015-2016.

According to its Mandate[1], ERAC is a strategic policy advisory committee in the framework of the governance of the European Research Area (ERA). The Committee's principal mission is to provide timely strategic input to the Council, the Commission and Member States on research and innovation issues that are relevant to the development of the ERA.

The ERAC Work Programme 2015-2016 is based on previous and current ERAC work. It has been developed with the inputs from ERAC delegations. ERAC will also strive to cover in its Work Programme some of the priorities of the forthcoming Presidencies of the Council, possibly including the following issues:

- Research integrity;
- Gender in research;
- Implementation of key changes in the business sector in order to boost economic growth at national and European level;
- Widening participation in Horizon 2020;
- ESFRI Roadmap;
- Measures to support young researchers - attractiveness of scientific career, support of mobility;
- ERA / Open Science (including open access to scientific publications);
- Improving the framework conditions for research and innovation;
- Research, science and innovation in the EU budget.

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[1]   Doc. 10331/13.

WORK PROGRAMME 2015-2016

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Standing agenda item	Standing information point *Update on the Policy Support Facility* *Workshop on R&I aspects of the European semester 2015*	Standing information point ERA Governance	Framework conditions for sectoral research and innovation Update Open Access and Innovation Task Force			

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Implementation and monitoring of the Innovation Union (IU) in the context of EU 2020	European Semester	*European Semester:* *Discussion on the main R&I challenges identified in the 2015 country reports and the key policy responses in the National Reform Programmes (following ad-hoc workshop on 17 March).* *Presentation and discussion of Innovation Union Scoreboard 2015 (tbc)*	*European Semester:* *Discussion on how to boost the implementation of the R&I aspects of the CSRs* *Overview of the experience with the first PSF activities (BG Peer Review, HU pre-PR, 2015 ERAC mutual learning exercise on business investment) and next expression of interest.*	Peer review - update on review of *Bulgarian research and innovation system* *Discussion on the Europe 2020 review (tbc)*	Follow-up European Semester	Follow-up European Semester
		Presentation of R&I policy in Latvia	Presentation of R&I policy in Luxembourg			

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ERA and Innovation policy	Discussion of the 2nd / final draft of the ERA Roadmap. Presentation on Final report by the Task Force on Public Procurement in Innovation with key political messages on PPI	Finalisation of the ERA Roadmap and input to PRES for Council conclusions. Next steps towards implementing the ERA Roadmap. Mandate for the ad-hoc group on Monitoring ERA Roadmap.	Follow-up of ERA Roadmap implementation Update on progress towards set of indicators for monitoring ERA Roadmap (Annex 4)	Discussion on renewed ERA Monitoring Mechanism (EMM) in the context of the 2016 ERA Progress Report Finalisation of set of indicators for monitoring ERA Roadmap (Annex 4) Framework conditions for R&I Draft ERAC Opinion on Open Access and Innovation	Follow-up of ERA Roadmap	Follow-up of ERA Roadmap
Investment Plan for Europe			Investment Plan for Europe: implementation / consequences of political decisions on R&I projects (tbc)			

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Mandate / Rules of Procedure / Administrative issues	Discussion / update on reform of ERAC and the ERA-related governance (as per Council Conclusions Dec 2014) Discussion of topics for Work Programme (2015-2016)	Election of Vice-Chair (MS representatives) Approval of Work Programme (2015-2016)	Election of SB member (MS representatives) Follow-up of Council conclusions on ERA governance	Follow-up of Council conclusions on ERA governance		

Major events and milestones

January 2015	February 2015	March 2015	April 2015	May 2015	June 2015
		Competitiveness Council 2-3 March Informal COMP Council (26-27 March) *EUROPEAN COUNCIL* 19-20 March		Competitiveness Council 28-29 May	*EUROPEAN COUNCIL* 25-26 June
July 2015	**August 2015**	**September 2015**	**October 2015**	**November 2015**	**December 2015**
Informal COMP Council (20-21 July)			Competitiveness Council (1-2 Oct) *EUROPEAN COUNCIL* (15-16 Oct)	Competitiveness Council (30 Nov)	Competitiveness Council (1 Dec) *EUROPEAN COUNCIL* (17-18 Dec)
January 2016	**February 2016**	**March 2016**	**April 2016**	**May 2016**	**June 2016**
Informal COMP Council (28-29 January -TBC)	Competitiveness Council (29 Feb.-1 March - TBC)			Competitiveness Council (26-27 May - TBC)	

ERAC seminars / workshops (with possible involvement of stakeholders)

January 2015	February 2015	March 2015	April 2015	May 2015	June 2015
		ERAC Workshop: R&I aspects of the European semester 2015 (17 March).		ERAC Workshop: Framework conditions for sectoral R&I (22 May) (tbc)	Mutual learning exercise on business R&I support (2 June).
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