

ERAC-GPC 1305/18

NOTE

Subject: Summary conclusions of the GPC plenary meeting of 5 June 2018

Delegations will find annexed to this Note the summary conclusions of the GPC plenary meeting of 5 June 2018, as adopted by written procedure.

The meeting was chaired by the GPC Chair, Mr Leonidas ANTONIOU and the GPC Vice-Chair, Mr Emmanuel PASCO-VIEL. The High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC) drew the following conclusions:

1. Welcome by the Chair and approval of the provisional agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 2912/18 with some changes in the order of the items.

2. Future of Joint Programming

a. Towards Partnerships under Horizon Europe

Ms Maria REINFELDT, Chair of the ERAC Ad-hoc Working Group of Partnerships,

presented the tasks and deliverables of the work of the Group:

- a) Criteria for selecting, implementing, monitoring and phasing out EU R&I partnership initiatives
- b) Rationalising the EU R&I partnership landscape and optimising its coherence
- c) Strategic coordinating process for EU R&I partnerships
- d) Increasing the efficiency of implementation of partnerships

Ms Reinfeldt indicated the state of play and the key messages concerning the reports on 'Criteria' and 'Strategic Coordinating Process'. She also provided main recommendations and conclusions flowing from the draft reports on 'Rationalising the EU R&I partnership landscape' and 'Increasing the efficiency of implementation'. She provided as well the information concerning the timelines foreseen for the adoption of the final report by ERAC.

Mr Joerg NIEHOFF, the Commission, complemented the presentation on the Commission's perspective.

Delegations in their comments discussed the following main issues:

- various possibilities of finding convergence between the existing and the new initiatives;
- role and place of the Art. 185 initiatives;
- various aspects and their possible advantages and limitations as regards the strategic planning phase for the partnerships;
- many delegations welcomed a shift towards a more strategic approach;
- possible financing of the new initiatives;
- possible roles of the JPIs in the future framework programme.

b. Draft Report of the GPC Task Force on the analysis of the Long Term Strategies of the Joint Programming Initiatives

Mr Pontus HOLM, SE delegation, presented the draft report prepared by the GPC Task Force on the analysis of the Long Term Strategies of the Joint Programming Initiatives. The draft report was welcomed by the GPC. Some delegations asked for a clearer structure for the presentation of methodology and conclusions.

c. Working Group on the Future of Joint Programming - state of play

The Vice-Chair provided the main outcomes of the discussions undertaken at the meeting of the Working Group on the Future of Joint Programming which was held the day before. Following the exchange of views it has been decided that

- the work of the WG was going to be prolonged;
- the membership of the WG is open to any volunteers;
- the work of the WG should start from the GPC opinion and it could be further developed and elaborated taking into account the recent developments in the area of the Joint Programming Process.

3. Virtual Research Institute

Ms Laura MARIN, representative of the Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance, presented the background, the context and the practical aspects of building of the Virtual Research Institute as well as its potential outcomes.

4. Programme of the incoming Austrian Presidency

Mr Martin SCHMID, AT delegation, presented the general themes of the incoming Austrian EU Council Presidency, its challenging context, the Presidency priorities in the area of Research & Innovation as well as the key dates and timelines.

5. Mutual Learning Exercise (MLE) - follow-up

Ms Jana KOLAR, MLE Chair, presented the main learnings from the MLE on Alignment and Interoperability and their follow-up one year after the exercise. Ms Maria REINFELDT, EE delegation, and Ms Petra ZAGAR, SI delegation, presented their respective countries' experiences as regards the MLE results.

6. Priority 2a - monitoring analysis

Ms Petra ZAGAR, Rapporteur of the Priority 2a Task Force, SI delegation, presented the progress concerning Priority 2a. Delegations who have not yet provided the assessment of their national progress concerning Priority 2a have been invited to do so by the end of June 2018.

7. GPC Work Programme 2018-19

The Vice-Chair presented the draft GPC Work Programme 2018-19. It was agreed to delete theme 7 of the draft programme ("Identification and selection of new JPIS").

The Chair informed the delegations that:

- he will present the draft Work Programme at the following ERAC Steering Board meeting on 26 June,
- comments from ERAC will be taken into account and written procedure for adoption will be launched at a later stage.

8. General information concerning the recent developments within the ERA-related groups

The Chair provided the following information to delegations:

REVIEW EXERCISE:

- All the ERA-related groups were requested by the ERAC Rapporteur to fill in self-assessment form. The Chair and the Vice-Chair have done it for the GPC.
- The on-line survey for the review exercise has been launched by the ERAC Rapporteur. The addressees of the survey are ERAC Co-Chairs, ERAC delegates, Chairs of the ERA-related groups and the Presidencies in the office during the period covered by the review. The deadline to respond to the survey is 26 June 2018.
- Draft final report will be prepared during August and its adoption is foreseen at the ERAC meeting in Salzburg on 17-18 September 2018.
- The AT Presidency is planning to prepare Council Conclusions with a view to their adoption at the Competitiveness Council in November 2018.

ERAC ANNUAL REPORT:

- Draft ERAC Annual Report has been circulated to ERAC delegations for comments with deadline 15 June.
- ERAC Steering Board on 26 June will discuss the comments received.
- Final draft of the ERAC Annual Report will be circulated to ERAC at the end of June with a view to its adoption by written procedure by mid-July.

MONITORING TOOL FOR PRIORITY 2A

- At the last ERAC plenary meeting Petra ZAGAR presented the monitoring tool for priority 2a.
- ERAC Steering Board on 26 June 2018 will discuss this and see for the follow-up.

9. Any other business

The Chair informed the delegations that the next GPC meetings are foreseen for 12 September and 7 December 2018.