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In view of item 6 of the agenda of the ERAC plenary on 21-22 March 2019, delegations will find attached information on the "RISE Tour d'Europe" concluding event.

Tour d'Europe Concluding Event, Brussels, 5 March 2019

The Research and Innovation *Tour d'Europe* grew out of the desire of the RISE group to open up the reflection on the role of research and innovation for the future of Europe to advisors and policy makers in European countries. From June 2017 to August 2018, members of the RISE group advising the Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, met up with counterparts in 16 cities throughout Europe, from North to South and East to West. From these meetings a collection of 101 Ideas to stimulate debate on the future of R&I Policy in Europe emerged.

The ideas are now published in the book [101 Ideas on the future of Research and Innovation in Europe](#), expressing a panoply of thoughts and ideas, reflecting a myriad of national perspectives and the individual histories of research and innovation in each country.

The RISE Tour d'Europe officially concluded at an Event in Brussels on 5 March 2019, gathering over 100 participants from hosting institutions, policy advisers, experts, and policymakers. This was an opportunity for all to discuss the 101 Ideas emerging from the Tour d'Europe. A large consensus emerged on the relevance of this initiative and of a continuous reflection on the vision and values shaping the future of R&I policy in Europe. The participants used interactive voting tools to express their preferred ideas, highlighting the need for growth with direction, building on European values, the role of R&I policy to co-shape the future with responsible innovation and focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals. They considered that impact on investment requires efforts to capture value in Europe, long-term financing, and an innovative public sector, which embraces uncertainty and supports systemic solutions. R&I should align closer with other EU policies to improve governance and prepare for future jobs. Several participants presented a proposal to continue this dialogue, sharing advice and co-creating ideas across Europe to contribute to the future of R&I policy in Europe.

The agendas and summaries for each stop on the tour are below:

- [Dublin, 29 & 30 August 2018](#)
- [Belgrade, 3 July 2018](#)
- [Copenhagen, 11 June 2018](#)
- [Brussels, 22 March 2018](#)
- [Warsaw, 20 March 2018](#)
- [Baltics, Tallinn, 6 March 2018](#)
- [Porto, 16 February 2018](#)
- [Athens, 12 February 2018](#)
- [Sofia, 29 January 2018](#)
- [Turin, 25 January 2018](#)
- [Vienna, 15 & 16 January 2018](#)
- [Helsinki, 28 & 29 November 2017](#)
- [Berlin, 14 & 15 November 2017](#)
- [Madrid, 6 October 2017](#)
- [Stockholm, 12 September 2017](#)
- [Paris, 7 September 2017](#)
- [Kick-off, European Parliament, Brussels, 27 June 2017](#)