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From:	ERAC Secretariat
To:	ERAC (European Research Area and Innovation Committee)
Subject:	ERAC plenary on 6 June 2019 - PowerPoint presentations - Item 4

Dear ERAC delegates,

Please find attached the following PPT presentations given under item 4 of the agenda of the ERAC plenary on 6 June 2019:

- Romanian EU Council Presidency: Research - Update on progress;
- Finland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Kind regards,

ERAC Secretariat



Romanian EU Council Presidency RESEARCH – Update on progress



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Romanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

42nd ERAC meeting, Brussels, 6 June 2019





ROMANIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION - research and innovation -

PRIORITIES, EVENTS and ACHIEVEMENTS

➤ PRIORITIES

- **Horizon Europe negotiations**
- **Council Conclusions on European Court of Auditor's special Report No.28 regarding simplification measures for Horizon 2020**
- **Reducing disparities in research and innovation performance between Member States and regions**
- **Promoting a European strategic framework for cooperation in research and innovation in the Black Sea region**

➤ Focus on HORIZON EUROPE

Short summary of the Horizon Europe negotiation process led by Romanian Presidency of the Council

- When?
 - Mostly between January and April 2019
- How many meetings ?
 - Political trilogues :6
 - Technical meetings : 11
 - RWP meetings: 25
 - Council meeting : 1

Where ?

- Bruxelles and Strassbourg

➤ Focus on HORIZON EUROPE

Main achievements

1. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon Europe- The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation laying down its rules for participation and dissemination (REG HE)- Common Understanding

- Based on 6 political dialogues (9 January, 29 January, 21 February, 7 March, 14 March, 19 March 2019)

Full text :

- <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/38902/st07942-en19.pdf>

➤ Focus on HORIZON EUROPE

Key dates :

- **19 March 2019** – The Presidency reached a comprehensive common understanding with the representatives of the European Parliament (6th trialogue)
- **27 March 2019** - The Permanent Representatives Committee (COREPER) confirmed the common understanding –ST 7942/2019 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon Europe- The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation laying down its rules for participation and dissemination –Common Understanding .

➤ Focus on HORIZON EUROPE

17 April 2019 - European Parliament legislative resolution of 17 April 2019 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon Europe - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation laying down its rules for participation and dissemination (ordinary legislative procedure - position adopted at first reading).

- Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading in 17 April 2019 with a view to the adoption of REG HE 2019/...
- P8_TA-PROV(2019) 0395&P8_TC1-COM(2018)0224
- Texts available at: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-8-2019-0395_EN.html (EP website)

➤ Focus on HORIZON EUROPE

2. Proposal for a Decision of the Council on establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe –The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Specific Programme) – Partial General Approach (PGA) –agreed by the Council on 15 April 2019 (doc. 8550/19)

- Full text: <http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-8550-2019-INIT/en/pdf>

Key dates

- PGA on the Specific Programme was prepared in 2 stages: on articles on 8 March 2019 COREPER and on annexes on 18 March 2019 and a final version on 3 April 2019.

➤ Focus on HORIZON EUROPE

European Parliament legislative resolution of 17 April 2019 on the proposal for a decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe-The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (adopted its position at first reading)

- Full text : http://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-8-2019-0396_EN.html
- Legal basis “...whereas institutions exchanged views in that regard pursuant to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2019 on Better Law Making, whereas the issue of legal basis therefore should be adopted at a later stage of the procedure for this file.”

➤ Council Conclusions on ECA report

- Council Conclusions on European Court of Auditors' (ECA) special Report No.28 "The majority of simplification measures brought into Horizon 2020 have made life easier for beneficiaries, but opportunities to improve still exist" adopted on 12 March 2019.

KEY DATES at ministerial level

23 Jan 2019, Brussels

**Hearing of the Research Minister at the
ITRE Committee - EP**

19 Feb 2019, Brussels

**EU Competitiveness Council
- Research – adoption of progress report
HE**

3 April 2019, Bucharest

**Informal Meeting of Research Ministers
(Reducing disparities in research and
innovation performance between
Member States and regions & Promoting
a European strategic framework for
cooperation in research and innovation in
the Black Sea region)**

KEY DATES at ministerial level

28 May 2019, Brussels

**EU Competitiveness Council
- Research and Space . Research
highlights : impact of research on
competitiveness**

CONFERENCES

8-9 May, Bucharest

**European Conference "Sustainable
Development at the Black Sea"**

*Bucharest Declaration on the launch of the
Black Sea Strategic Research and Innovation
Agenda, the R&I pillar of Common Maritime
Agenda for the Black Sea*

27-30 May, Bucharest

Tandem AEROdays19.20

*The leading continental event in aviation
research and innovation*

CONFERENCES



4-5 June, Bucharest

MSCA 2019
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions to foster scientific excellence. Presidency Conference

ONGOING NOW !!!

4-7 June, Pitești

FISA & EURADWASTE
European Conference on Nuclear Safety and Radioactive Waste Management

ONGOING NOW !!!

CONFERENCES

**12-14 June,
Bucharest**

**EuroNanoForum2019 – The 10th European
Conference on Nanotechnology**

17-19 June, Bucharest

**The 3rd Symposium of the ECSEL Joint
Undertaking**

26-28 June, Iași

**WIREX 2019 Conference
The 10th Week of Innovative Regions in
Europe**

20-21 June, Bucharest

Innovative Enterprise Bucharest 2019

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FINLAND'S PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

ERAC Plenary, 6 June 2019

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FINNISH PRESIDENCY - STATE OF PREPARATIONS

National EU presidency programme

- Parliamentary inputs, new government makes final decisions

Parliamentary elections on 14 April 2019

- Negotiations for a new government finished
- Government programme published 3 June
- Ministerial appointments expected before the end of week

New government adopts the finalized presidency programme

- Published in June 2019

FINNISH PRESIDENCY – INHERITED AGENDA AND NEW STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Inherited agenda

- MFF
- rule of law
- migration
- EMU
- Brexit
- EIT regulation

Finland will be the first presidency to integrate the new strategic priorities into the Council work

The EU has to make decisions, implement and deliver

FINNISH PRESIDENCY - KEY PRINCIPLES

Sustainable meeting arrangements

Transparency and active
communications

Respect for principles of
better regulation

Use and further development of
digital tools in the Council Work

Sustainable Growth – R&I priorities

Europe's prosperity and competitiveness in the global context should be enhanced by creating an economically, environmentally and socially strong Europe.

Elements of sustainable growth include:

- Effective Single Market including modern Industrial policy,
 - *ERA as a single market for research, increased investments to R&I*
- Transformation to low-carbon economy,
- Digital economy as competitive edge,
 - *Digitalisation should be further promoted, e.g. through more transparent practices and thus improving quality and increasing effectiveness*
- Skills and inclusive society.
 - *Coherent development of research, education and innovation systems*

SELECTED R&I EVENTS

19 September: Top science meets the top research infrastructures – together we are stronger (*linked to ESFRI meeting*)

1 October: Joint Conference of the ERA Committee and the EU Directors-General for Higher Education (*linked to ERAC Plenary*)

23-24 October: New pathways into gender and equality in research and innovation

3 December: High-Level Presidency Event on the Innovation Principle

KEY DATES

Informal Meeting of Competitiveness Council 4/5 July 2019

Competitiveness Council 28/29 November 2019

Competitiveness Council 26/27 September 2019

ERAC Plenary 2 October (in Helsinki)

ERAC Plenary 17 December

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