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From:	ERAC Secretariat
To:	ERAC (European Research Area and Innovation Committee)
Subject:	Monitoring ERA Roadmap National Action Plans - Final report

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Dear ERAC delegates,

Please find attached the following presentation of the agenda of the ERAC plenary on 2 October 2019:  
item 4.2: Monitoring ERA Roadmap National Action Plans - Final report

# MONITORING ERA ROADMAP NATIONAL ACTION PLANS FINAL REPORT

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**ERAC Plenary  
October 2, 2019**

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# Monitoring ERA Roadmap (NAPs)

- **Priority 1: More effective national research systems (ERAC)**
- **Priority 2a:** Jointly addressing grand challenges (GPC)
- **Priority 2b:** Making optimal use of Research infrastructures (ESFRI)
- **Priority 3:** An open labour market for researchers (SWG HRM)
- **Priority 4:** Gender equality and gender mainstreaming in research (SWG GRI)
- **Priority 5:** Optimal circulation, access to and transfer of scientific knowledge (SWG OSI)
- **Priority 6:** International cooperation (SFIC)

# Final report:

- **Process**
- **Coverage**
- **Analysis**
  - Quantitative information
  - Qualitative information
- **Conclusions regarding priorities**
- **Recommendations: Lessons learned**

# Analysis. *Current status of the measures*

(March 2019)

		Actions	FINISHED	ON GOING	CANCELLED	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
P1	ERAC	215	29%	70%	0%	0%	100%
P2b	ESFRI	132	20%	70%	3%	7%	100%
P3	HRM	125	30%	69%	2%		100%

		Actions	FINISHED	ON-GOING		TOTAL	POSTPONED	CANCELLED	TOTAL
				ON TRACK	W/ DELAY				
P2a	GPC	97	17%	69%	2%	70%	7%	6%	100%
P4	GRI	176	9%			88%	3%		100%
P5	OSI	128	33%	47%	13%	61%	4%	2%	100%
P6	SFIC	70	16%			77%	7%		100%

# Priority 1 – Effective National Research Systems

	FINISHED	ON-GOING	CANCELLED	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
1. Evaluation (including all focuses)	32%	68%	0%	0%	100%
2. Strategies and alignment	33%	66%	0%	2%	100%
3. Funding	25%	73%	3%	0%	100%
4. Other policies (Education and Innovation)	19%	81%	0%	0%	100%
5. Other types of actions	22%	78%	0%	0%	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>

- The rate of finished measures in the Top Action Priority (evaluation of policies and alignment of EU and national instruments) is higher than in the other types of actions.
- Measures in the Top Action Priority (evaluation of policies and alignment of EU with national instruments) account for 65% of the total.

# Priority 1 – Effective National Research Systems

- **Most actions are on going** because they broad, cover various successive measure, involve scale up process their period of execution covers long periods, etc. They may vary on degrees of implementation.
- **Measures that are often assessed** are those included in Policy Support Facility Peer Reviews, smart specialization actions and those included in national plans or strategies with a monitoring mechanism.

*Top Action Priority: **Strengthening the evaluation of R&I policies***

- These types of evaluation measures usually give recommendations that normally result in new, updated or revised actions.

# Recommendations: Lessons learned

- It is **possible to monitor the NAPs**
- A **common work plan for all priorities** would be useful in order to provide further information
- **Systematic approach** would be useful
- **Future exercises** could pay attention of other aspects such as determining more information on the expected results, ex post evaluation, degrees of implementation, etc.



# Recommendations: Lessons learned

- **ERA is progressing** and **NAPs show that the measures and actions to achieve and accomplish the ERA** priorities are mainly achieved through **on-going, long term, measures**
- **All priorities are working towards achieving ERA** but the understanding of what actions and measures are deemed relevant varies somewhat according to NAPs
- ERA progress report and ERA monitoring of NAPs are **complementary mechanisms** that tell stories from different angles