

Informal Videoconference of ERAC

4 June 2020

9.30 to 12.30

Annotated agenda

1. Welcome by the ERAC co-Chairs: Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General DG R&I **and Christian Naczinsky**, Head of Department for EU and OECD Research Policy, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, Austria.

2. Information from the co-Chairs and the Presidency

- The co-Chairs will briefly update on important ERA-related news, if any.
- The Croatian Presidency will briefly update on R&I priorities and activities.
- The incoming Trio of Presidencies (DE, PT, SI) will briefly update on their respective Presidency priorities.

3. ERA governance

State of play of actions in R&I in response to the COVID-19

ERAC will be briefed on the state of play of actions in the response to the COVID-19 crisis in the ERA from two angles:

- Information on the implementation of the "ERAvsCorona Action Plan" (with a written input from the Commission), and
- the activities of the ERA-related groups (based on an overview of actions undertaken by the ERA groups on COVID-19).

4. ERA and Innovation Policy

4.1 Synergies between the ERA and the EHEA

Based on a background note with a lead question circulated prior to the meeting (document WK 4883/2020), ERAC delegates will be invited to share their views about possible synergies between ERA and EHEA.

4.2 Monitoring ERA National Action Plans

Based on a written update by the ERAC Rapporteur on Monitoring National Action Plans, Cecilia Cabello, delegates will be invited to comment on the progress made in the monitoring of Priority 1.

4.3 Transitional Forum for R&I Partnerships

Following a presentation on the key elements of the package of draft deliverables prepared by the Transitional Forum, ERAC delegations will be invited to hold a focused discussion on the package.

5. ERA Governance

5.1 Implementation of the ERAC Action Plan 2019-2021

On the basis of an interim report to be submitted prior to the meeting by the Helpdesk for the implementation of the ERAC Action Plan 2019-2021, the ERAC delegations will have the opportunity to raise questions during the meeting.

5.2 Highlights from the ERA-related Groups

ERAC will take note of written updates on the activities carried out by the ERA-related Groups.

6. Preparation of the election of a new Member States' co-Chair of ERAC

Following the announcement made by the current MS ERAC co-Chair, Christian Naczinsky, that he will not be seeking a renewal of his mandate at the end of his term in office in September 2020 as ERAC co-Chair, ERAC will take note of information regarding the process and calendar with a view to the election of a new Member States' co-Chair of ERAC.

7. Any other business

ERAC members are kindly requested to send their input in writing beforehand and to focus on key messages in their intervention during the videoconference.