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Informal Videoconference of Ministers Responsible for Research

29 May 2020, 10H00

Dear colleagues,

with the unprecedented effect of the crisis caused by COVID-19, the European Union and its Member States are now on a difficult path to save their economies and help their societies overcome the negative consequences imposed by the pandemic. In this regard, it remains crucial for us to emphasize the role that research and innovation have in contributing to this recovery.

Following our exchange of views on 7 April on short, medium and long-term response to the global pandemic in the context of research and innovation and in view of the expected Recovery plan by the European Commission, the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the EU is organising a videoconference for research ministers to discuss the role that R&I should play in strengthening the resilience of our societies and economies.

At the end of the meeting, our German colleague will present the priorities of the incoming German Presidency of the Council of the EU in the second half of 2020.

The videoconference will be organised on **May 29**, starting at **10H00**. Estimated duration of the videoconference is **3 hours**.

Please note that the meeting will be held in English with no interpretation. Participants might therefore wish to be accompanied by an interpreter.

Related documents, including technical information and instructions, will be distributed separately in the coming days.

Yours sincerely,

MINISTER
Prof. Blazenko Divjak, PhD

