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# **Germany's Presidency of the Council of the European Union (1 July – 31 December 2020)**

**Competitiveness Council (Research)**

**29 May 2020**



## Priorities for the German Presidency

### **A common EU response to the Covid-19 pandemic:**

- \_ Continued crisis management and containment of the virus
- \_ Coordinated Exit strategy
- \_ Sustainable economic recovery and social cohesion
- \_ Lessons learned



## Priorities for the German Presidency

### Shaping Europe's future, inter alia:

- \_ Finalising Multiannual Financial Framework negotiations
- \_ Negotiations on the future relationship with the UK
- \_ Supporting a sustainable green recovery in line with the European Green Deal
- \_ Digital transformation
- \_ Strengthening the EU's economic base and social dimension
- \_ A new start for the EU's migration and asylum policy
- \_ Strengthening the EU's global role
- \_ Strengthening internal security, rule of law and democracy

*\*Priorities to be confirmed as Presidency programme not finalised yet*



## Trio Presidency



**Close and continued cooperation between the Trio partners**

**Germany, Portugal and Slovenia**

**with a view to building a coherent European agenda for the coming 18 months:**

- \_ Ensuring coordinated crisis management at EU level
- \_ Drawing all lessons from the crisis and tackling the socio-economic consequences
- \_ Addressing important future challenges together



## Key aspects that are envisaged in the area of Research and Innovation

- \_ Smart balance between COVID-19 related issues and other mid-term and long-term issues
  - \_ Investment in research, innovation are more important than ever
  - \_ Strengthening the synergies between Education and Research
1. A more dynamic, effective and targeted European Research Area
  2. Research on resilience
  3. Focus on technical sovereignty and contribution to the Green Deal



## German Presidency in the Field of Research and Innovation: Priorities

### Further negotiate

\_ Horizon Europe, EIT, Partnerships, Euratom, ITER

### A more dynamic, effective and target-oriented ERA to strengthen European Resilience and Technological sovereignty

\_ NEW initiative on better R&I based resilience against future crises, in particular Global Health

\_ Fighting climate change and implementing the European Green Deal: Initiative on Green Hydrogen, Plastic Pirates

\_ Value-based and human-centred Digitalization for future sustainable growth and technological sovereignty (e. g. world-leading European Network on Artificial Intelligence)

### Making it happen

\_ Develop and co-create concrete initiatives until the end of 2020

\_ full use of close cooperation within the Trio and COM to implement concrete initiatives in 2021



## German Presidency in the Field of Research and Innovation: Key Dates\*

\_21 July: Informal Meeting of Competitiveness Ministers (Research), video conference

**\_10 September: ERAC plenary informal, video conference**

\_25 September: Competitiveness Council (Research), Brussels

\_21 October: Ministerial Conference on the Future ERA

\_27 November: Competitiveness Council (Research), Brussels

**\_16 December: ERAC plenary formal**

*\* The Federal Government continuously monitors the effects of the Corona crisis on the German EU Council Presidency and adjustments will be made if necessary.*



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