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

Competitiveness Council (Research)
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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



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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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