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Informal Videoconference ERAC Meeting

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Presidency values

- ▶ **"Knowledge for a societal transformation"**
- ▶ **A Priority to societal and systemic transformations and the role of an individual in them on the one side, and role of R&I&E and ethics on the other**
- ▶ **Examples: AI, circular economy, Western Balkans**
- ▶ **A Continuation of DE and PT PRES priorities (e.g. Green hydrogen, green HPC, seas and oceans, cancer, Africa, etc.)**



Rolling agenda

- ▶ **A continuation of the work of DE and PT PRES**
- ▶ **European partnerships**
- ▶ **ERA, probably most notably:**
 - ▶ **possible legislative actions**
 - ▶ **ERA governance: set up a comprehensive framework, including monitoring**
 - ▶ **A contribution to „directionality“ of ERA**
 - ▶ **ESFRI roadmap update**



An impact of COVID-19

- ▶ **The importance of long-term investments in R&I, which increases the resilience of all systems → SI PRES priority of embedding R&I in all sectorial policies (evidence-based policy making and implementation)**
- ▶ **The focus on the next crisis, e.g. environmental. Circular Economy and the Green Deal as our pathway in recovery, for sustainable future and for better societal resilience**
- ▶ **Prepared for possible delays in the work of the Council due to COVID-19-related disruptions – Trio integrated approach**
- ▶ **Working also on a “plan-B” for physical meetings and events**



(Planned) events

- ▶ **Informal COMPET (July)**
- ▶ **1st formal COMPET (end of September/October)**
- ▶ **ERAC/RWP in SI (beginning of October, maybe back-to-back with education DGs)**
- ▶ **ERA conference (2nd half of October)**
- ▶ **RI & ESFRI conference (November)**
- ▶ **2nd formal COMPET (beginning of December)**
- ▶ **A Conference on challenges of 21st century (December)**



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Thank you for your attention!

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