

## **ERAC INFORMAL VIDEOCONFERENCE - JUNE 4th 2020**

### **INPUT FROM THE CROATIAN PRESIDENCY (Item 2 Update on Presidency priorities and key events)**

#### **On the legislative agenda**

- Despite the restrictions caused by covid-19 crisis and difficulties which are due to cancelling of physical meetings, we didn't experience major delays in negotiations.
- Primarily, in relation to the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, the Presidency adopted a partial general approach at the Council meeting held on 28th February - following this, COREPER gave a mandate on all the parts which were not part of the two PGAs, meaning that the Council is now ready to enter into the trilogue with the Parliament.
- In relation to other files listed as priority files in our Presidency programme, we will still work on progress until the end of our term, wherever possible.

#### **On the Brain Circulation priority**

- The work on our main document on the topic of brain circulation, Zagreb Call for Action, is going, taking into account the restrictions we have, according to the plan and we believe we will finish it by the end of June.
- Exchange of ideas and thoughts on the topic were taking place on different levels since October last year and have culminated during the Informal meeting of research ministers in Zagreb in February.
- We have a dedicated group of national experts assisting us in delivering this document.
- The document itself explores the importance of brain circulation on three levels - European level, level of researchers and the level of concrete actions.
- It is structured around four main aspects of brain circulation – prosperity of researchers, collaborative networks, inclusiveness and complementarity on the nation level - for each of these topics the document will provide a brief overview, main objectives and proposed concrete actions.
- The MSCA conference, one of our main planned activities during which we wanted to fine-tune the document, will be held online on June 19th and the document will be presented there to a wider range of audience.
- Call for Action was presented to the Research Working Group on June 3rd.

#### **On the key events**

- As far as flagship events we have communicated before are concerned, here is a short overview of their status:

##### **held**

- Informal Meeting of Research Ministers, 3-4 February 2020, Zagreb
- ESA-Croatia EO Workshop, 5-6 March, 2020, Zagreb

##### **held as videoconferences**

- European Research Infrastructures for a Smarter Future, 15 May 2020
- Earth Observation Summit, Eyes on Earth Roadshow, 2-3 June 2020

##### **canceled**

- 45th ERAC Plenary, 30-31 March 2020, Opatija

##### **to be held as videoconferences**

- Better Future of Healthy Ageing (BFHA 2020), 3-5 June 2020

- The Role of Cultural Heritage in Socio-Economic Development and Preservation of Democratic Values - HERItage, 15-18 June 2020
- MSCA 2020.HR: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Impact and Future Challenges, 19 June 2020

**additional**

- Informal Videoconference of Research Ministers on research and innovation response to COVID-19, 7 April 2020
- Informal Videoconference of Research Ministers on lessons learned in COVID-19 crisis and on links between investing in science and fostering future jobs development, 29 May 2020
- Informal Videoconference of Ministers responsible for Space on the evaluation of space programmes in relation to the measurement of the real societal impact, 29 May 2020