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Delegates will find attached the PPT of item 5: Strategic Coordinating Process for R&I Partnerships, given during the informal videoconference of the members of the GPC on 30 September 2020.

European Partnerships

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European Partnerships and strategic planning

- Candidate European Partnerships part of strategic planning;
- **Structured consultation of Member States** (June-October 2019 in the 'shadow' Strategic Configuration of the Horizon Europe Programme Committee)
- Short list have been stable since Oct 2019 → allowed us to start preparations.
- The list is stable:
 - Institutionalised Partnerships based on Art 185 and 187: proposal for a legislative act
 - Co-programmed and co-funded Partnerships: identified in the Strategic Plan
- Publication of draft proposals elaborated by partners on the [Horizon Europe Webpage](#) → **ensure transparency, supports alignment & synergies**

Preparation of European Partnerships (timeline)

NB! Tentative timeline, subject to MFF progress.

- **Q2/Q3 drafting on partnerships' strategic R&I agendas/Roadmaps.** They all need to be finalized by the time we commit to a partnership.
 - **Q2/3:** Request for commitments from partners
 - **Q4/2020:** adoption of COM proposals for Article 185/7 initiatives;
 - **Q1/2021:** launch of **co-programmed European Partnerships** (with the publication of the WP 2021/2), and publication of calls for co-funded European Partnerships;
 - **Q2-Q3/2021:** adoption of basic acts for **Article 185/7 proposals** by the Council (and EP, for Article 185);
- **Co-programmed and co-funded partnerships need to be identified in the Strategic Plan.**
- **Progress on MFF negotiations → budgetary envelope**
- **Remaining negotiation of HE legal base → synergies, associations, budget**

National commitments for participation in European Partnerships (I)

Why?

- European Partnerships require the “Ex-ante demonstration of the partners’ long term commitment, including a minimum share of public and/or private investments”.
- Necessary to proceed with the further preparation of the partnerships and to **determine the Union contribution** to all partnerships.

How?

- **Letter from the Commissioner to national minister via the permanent representations** (copy to the Shadow Strategic Programme Committee of Horizon Europe), accompanied by a **template covering the different partnerships candidates**
- Each country: **identify the partnerships** in which they plan to participate, and **indicate commitments** to contribute for the full duration of the partnership.
- Expectation: national research ministries coordinate the process and send a single reply.

Strategic Coordinating Process for Partnerships

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Strategic Coordinating Process for Partnerships Objectives

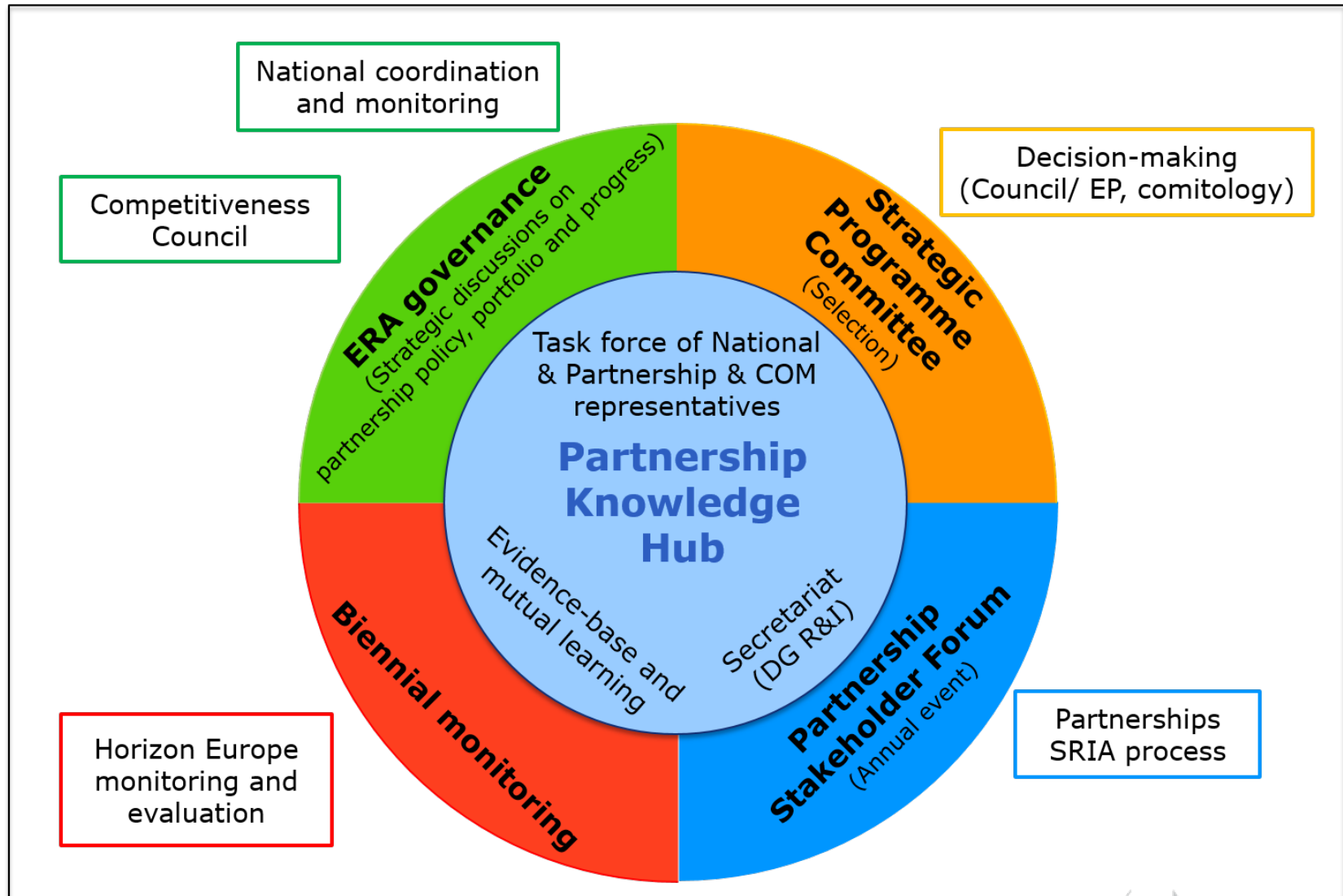
The overall goal of the strategic coordinating process is to support an evidence-based policy for partnerships and a strategic vision of the landscape. It should allow a consolidated view on the progress made by partnerships.

Concretely it aims to:

1. Support Community Building and mutual learning across partnerships;
2. Raise Visibility and strengthen stakeholder communication and consultation;
3. Provide policy makers and partnerships with the Evidence Base;
4. Prepare Strategic Discussions on key policy issues;
5. Ensure a Feedback Loop from Member States and Partnerships on the portfolio evolution, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

→ The achievement of these 5 objectives will be driven by the Partnership Knowledge Hub!

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Partnership Knowledge Hub (network of key actors)

- **Task team composed of national, Commission and Partnership representatives**
Working level interactions and meetings to discuss the different work streams of the strategic coordinating process, including preparation of strategic discussions and the Partnership Stakeholder Forum, as well as monitoring, foresight and mutual learning activities.
- **Intelligence and mutual learning activities** to improve evidence-base and knowledge management, and to support partnerships and policy makers in addressing common policy/operational challenges (foresight and monitoring; mutual learning activities on cross-cutting issues, e.g. through the Policy Support Facility; online platform).
- **Secretariat (in DG RTD)** to coordinate and support the different work streams of the strategic coordinating process. Supported with a rotating system of seconded national experts from MS/AC.

Strategic Coordinating Process for Partnerships

Strategic discussion

Distinct component of the future ERA governance covering issues related to partnership R&I policy (structural objectives, such as investments in transnational collaboration, public-private cooperation, knowledge transfer and broader ERA objectives), as well as progress in achieving thematic objectives. Possibility to lift certain topics to the Council level.

Partnership Stakeholder Forum

Regular (annual) event bringing together the whole community, e.g. as part of the R&I days. It provides a venue for networking, broadening engagement, sharing of experiences and discussing policy and practical dimensions related to Partnerships.

Consultation of Member States on the selection

The consultation of Member States is fully integrated in the Strategic Planning of Horizon Europe, with the (Shadow) Strategic configuration of the Horizon Europe Programme Committee as the single entry point for the structured and early consultation of Member States (and Associated Countries).

Draft Opinion of the Transitional Forum (Del.5)

Overall feedback: The proposal reflects very well the intention of the legislator and the discussions within the Transitional Forum and is broadly supported by the country representatives.

Key messages to MS and COM for the next steps:

- The Strategic Coordinating Process (SCP) is key for the success of the partnership policy approach;
- Political buy-in, commitment and resources, as well a proper involvement of the Council are required;
- Urgency: Next steps of preparation and implementation of SCP have to start swiftly at both, MS and COM level, independent of preparation of partnerships;
- Main elements should be in place by mid-2021 (+feedback loops with MS that have to set up their corresponding elements);
- The Work Programme of Horizon Europe (ERA-Part) need to provide sufficient resources for implementing the different SCP elements;
- Knowledge-hub requires a dedicated MS/COM configuration;
- Positioning within the future ERA governance can most likely only be decided towards the end of 2021.