

NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Subject: European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC)
Date: 30 September and 1 October 2021
Time: 30 September (15.00 to 18.00) - 1 October (9.00 to 12.30)
Venue: Ljubljana, Slovenia

co-Chairs: Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General, DG Research and Innovation (European Commission)

Barbara Weitgruber, Director-General for Scientific Research and International Relations (Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research)

DAY 1 (Thursday 30 September, 15.00)

1. Welcome and adoption of the provisional agenda

2. Information from the co-Chairs and from the Presidency

- *The co-Chairs will report back on the latest ERAC Steering Board meeting of 2 July.*
- *The Slovenian Presidency will make a presentation on Research and Innovation policy in Slovenia, including the relevant Presidency priorities.*
- *The incoming French, Czech and Swedish Presidencies will briefly update on their respective Presidency priorities.*

3. ERA and Innovation Policy

3.1 Strategic debate: ‘ERA Action 9 incentivise open science practices by improving the research assessment system – exchange of views on the update and development of a way forward to reform the research assessment system

The Commission will present a background note on ERA Action 9 as brought forward in the 2020 ERA Communication. ERAC will be invited to provide views on the proposed procedure to reform the research assessment systems in the ERA.

3.2 Update on the state of play of the Recovery and Resilience plans and the analysis of the inclusion of Research and Innovation and its impact on the R&I policies in general

The Commission will provide an overview of the R&I component in the Recovery and Resilience Plans and the policy impact this might have.

3.3 Update on the study ‘Evaluation of the ERA policy framework’

The Commission will update on the state of play of the ‘Study to evaluate the ERA policy framework/ERA monitoring mechanism’, which will be at its last stage.

DAY 2 (Friday 1 October, 9.00)

4. ERA Governance

4.1 Updates from the Commission Expert Group on the ‘ERA Forum for Transition’

ERAC will be informed about the work of the Expert Group ‘ERA Forum for Transition’, where the focus of discussion has now moved to the future ERA governance and the policy agenda.

4.2 Highlights from the ERA-related Groups

ERAC will take note of updates on the activities carried out by the ERA-related Groups, including the presentation of the report "ERA-LEARN / GPC analysis of the impact of the Joint Programming Process and the Joint Programming Initiatives at the national level" by the Acting Chair of the GPC. Delegations will have the opportunity to ask questions.

5. Information on the outcome of the Joint Meeting of Directors General for Higher Education and ERAC of 30 September 2021

ERAC will be informed by the rapporteur on the key messages from the Joint Meeting of Directors General for Higher Education and ERAC held on 30 September, back-to-back with the ERAC Plenary.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Gender Equality in Research and Innovation: future implementation of the Ljubljana Declaration

The Commission and the SI Presidency will provide information on the future implementation of the "Ljubljana Declaration" following the Conference on Deepening the ERA through Gender Equality held on 8 and 9 July, which was jointly organised by SI Presidency and the H2020 project GENDERACTION.

6.2 Next ERAC meeting (15 December, Brussels)

The ERAC Steering Board will draw up the provisional annotated agenda of the next ERAC meeting scheduled on 15 December 2021 in Brussels.
