

Action 9: Promote a positive environment and level playing field for international cooperation based on reciprocity	
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1. Description	This action implements objectives set out in the Commission Communication on the Global Approach to Research and Innovation and in the Council Conclusions of 28 September 2021. It focuses on four aspects, namely: further developing the values and principles for international cooperation to be promoted in multilateral dialogues with partner countries and international fora; launching pilot initiatives on the Team Europe approach for a specific world region; developing a European Science Diplomacy Agenda; and promoting a coordinated joint approach for engagement in multilateral initiatives.
2. Actors	The action should be implemented through coordination between the Commission and the Member States, and will involve cooperation with stakeholder organisations, key third country partners and international organisations. All Member States are expected to be involved in these actions.
3. Timing and milestones	The first key milestone in the implementation of this action will be the launch of the multilateral dialogue with third countries at the Ministerial Conference on the Global Approach to be held in Marseille on 8/9 March 2022. At the Conference, the Ministers will be invited to agree to the "Marseille Call", which will set out the values and principles which have been developed with Member States and stakeholders. The dialogue will be continued at working level in the period up to 2024 with a view to seeking agreement with international partners on each of the areas covered in the Call. Pilot initiatives on the Team Europe approach is proposed to be supported by actions focusing on Africa and China under the 2023/24 Horizon Europe Work Programme. Work on developing a Science Diplomacy Agenda will build on the work of SFIC and its Science Diplomacy Task Force, and will be taken forward in 2022, in cooperation with the EEAS, in the future standing sub-group on international cooperation of the ERA Forum. The Standing Sub-Group will also launch discussions in 2022 on a coordinated approach to engagement in multilateral initiatives.
4. Funding	The multilateral dialogue with international partners and the Team Europe initiatives will benefit from logistical and technical support from the Horizon Europe programme (subject to agreement with the Programme Committee where relevant).
5. Expected impact	The impact of these actions is focused on opening up greater opportunities and critical mass for international research and innovation activities focused on the green and digital transitions and

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	<p>on health. A broad agreement on the values, principles and framework conditions underpinning international cooperation will create the level playing field and reciprocity needed for increased global trust and cooperation. The benefits should accrue both at Union and Member State level</p>
6. Monitoring	<p>The Commission is preparing proposals for a monitoring system for international research and innovation cooperation which should go beyond measuring the numbers of projects and co-authored papers to include more qualitative elements on the positive environment for such cooperation. The proposals will be discussed and co-designed with the Standing Sub-Group of the ERA Forum and with stakeholders.</p>
7. Communication	<p>The Commission will take opportunities to communicate about the initiatives both within Europe and through its delegations in third countries. The issues will also be addressed in the meetings of the Joint Science and Technology Committees with relevant third countries and policy dialogues with relevant regions. Member States are encouraged to raise the initiatives in their own dialogues with third country partners in a coordinated way. The Standing Sub-Group of the ERA Forum will provide opportunities for this coordination.</p>
8. Additional information	