**Action 10:**

**Make EU Missions and partnerships key contributors to ERA**

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| Member State/associated country/stakeholder1: |
| Lead entity at national level and contact person1:*[Indicate the organisation, name, position, e-mail address.]* |
| The action includes the following types of activities:*[These are examples of activities, in which the country or organisation could participate in. For more detailed information, including the objectives, please refer to the explanatory document(s) of this action.]*1. For missions
* To support the engagement of MS at policy level, for R&I and other policy areas, and through aligning programmes and creating synergies.
* To input in the debate on the possible role of national or EU level implementation structures, to support the missions.
* To contribute to identification of needs and possibilities in view of establishing a framework for performance monitoring of missions, covering funding actions at EU and MS level.
1. For partnerships
* To contribute to creation of pre-conditions to support the openness and transparency of networks and actively encourage new partners to join partnerships or their related projects, and intensifying the links between national/regional R&I programmes and European Partnerships.
* To input in the discussion of policy conclusions and recommendations in the context of biennial monitoring and reporting of European Partnerships.
* To contribute to strengthening the evidence base on which to build future partnership policy, including by enhancing its acceptance and the conclusions drawn from it at the higher political level.
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| Comments, planned or ongoing activities regarding the implementation of the action[[1]](#footnote-1):*[Activities at the level of countries or organisations can be shared in this box. The activities could include national measures (e.g. reforms, initiatives, studies), the participation in EU-level activities, which are described in the explanatory document, and the engagement in transnational activities with other Member States, associated or third countries. Moreover, any other comments can be added.]* |

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EXPLANATORY DOCUMENTS

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| **Action 10: Make EU Missions and partnerships key contributors to ERA****(Missions)** |
| Contact point: RTD, Unit G4, Marion Jamard |
| * **Description**
 | As regards missions, the action in the ERA Policy Agenda is formulated as follows: ‘Share information, create awareness and build ownership of EU missions at national level, regional and community level’. The arrangements to achieve the above aims, which should help to secure the support of Member States to missions, their involvement in governance and active contributions towards the objectives of the missions, are still under development with several lines of action:* **Working Groups of the Strategic Configuration of the Horizon Europe Programme Committee (SPC)**, shortly to meet for the first time, will provide an extended space beyond the SPC itself for discussion on the R&I content of the missions and how this connects to and requires support from other EU and national/regional policy areas. Member States/Associated Countries (MS/AC) were asked to nominate delegates to these Working Groups taking into account these policy aims. Participation of actors from MS/AC in the missions actions funded under Horizon Europe is also to be supported through a dedicated network of Horizon Europe National Contact Points.
* A **Core Network**, will be established through the TRAMI project (TRAnsnational Approach to Mission Implementation), with the purpose of facilitating the sharing of information on the process of implementing missions, governance arrangements, and also to support the deployment of the missions.

Still to be decided and subject to the evolving definition of missions needs are: a) If the combination of Working Groups of the SPC combined with the advice of the Mission Boards, give sufficient space and means for identification of the missions R&I agenda and how this can be realised through Horizon Europe b) How to support the engagement of MS/AC at policy level, for R&I and other policy areas, and through aligning programmes and creating synergies. The Mission Core Network and overall work of the TRAMI project will provide significant support for the implementation of Missions at national level including fostering cross-MS/AC dialogue. c) How to establish means for performance monitoring of missions progress, covering funding actions at EU and MS/AC level. Orientations of needs and identification of possibilities could be supported through **strategic discussions in the ERA Forum.**  |
| * **Actors**
 | * European Commission
* Member States, Associated Countries
* EU Missions
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| * **Timing and milestones**
 | **Q1 2022** First Meeting of the missions Working Groups of the Horizon Europe **Q3 2022** First Meeting of the mission Core Network  |
| * **Funding**
 | Support for the missions Core Network will be provided through Horizon Europe.Future possible missions implementation structures would be supported through Horizon Europe and MS/AC funding.  |
| * **Expected impact**
 | The impacts would be the achievement of mission goals, through the most effective and efficient means, via the engagement of resources and programs at EU, national regional and community levels, and deployment of solutions at these same levels.  |
| * **Monitoring**
 | Creation of a system for performance monitoring of progress towards missions goals is one of the intended steps for engaging and creating ownership at national, regional and community levels. Monitoring of the design and implementation of these actions will be provided by the review of the missions due by end 2023, with expected further advice from the Mission Boards. Under plans still to be developed, citizens are also to be engaged in the performance monitoring.  |
| * **Communication**
 | Dedicated communication strategies for each mission have been developed and are being implemented.  |
| * **Additional information**
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| **Action 10: Make EU Missions and partnerships key contributors to ERA****(Partnerships)** |
| Contact point: RTD, Unit G4, Mihaela Williams (back-ups: Maria Leek, Marnix Surgeon) |
| * **Description**
 | As regards partnerships, the action in the ERA Policy Agenda is formulated as follows: ‘Monitor the performance of partnerships and how they contribute to the new ERA and its set of values and principles (on the basis of the work of the Partnership Knowledge Hub). In concrete terms, two lines of interaction between the Partnership Knowledge Hub and the ERA Forum are being considered:* The Partnership Knowledge Hub (PKH) will be the central interaction point between the Commission, the Member States/Associated Countries and the Partnerships for producing the **Biennial Monitoring Report on European Partnerships (BMR)**, which will monitor the performance of European Partnerships across the lifetime of Horizon Europe. **The PKH will be asked to prepare an opinion on this BMR, which will be channelled to the ERA Forum for discussion and possible further follow-up, for instance towards the Council**.
* Through the PKH, the Commission also wants to engage in **strategic discussions on key policy issues to ensure strategic steering and political guidance on the policy approach and progress of the European Partnerships.** From 2023 onwards, If and when deemed relevant by the PKH, **the outcome of these discussions will also be channelled to the ERA Forum for a further discussion from the perspective of coordination and implementation of the ERA objectives, particularly in implementing the ERA Policy Agenda.**
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| * **Actors**
 | * European Commission
* Partnership Knowledge Hub: Member States, Associated Countries
* European Partnerships respectively the partners (industry, universities, research organisations, bodies with a public service mission at local, regional, national or international level or civil society organisations including foundations and NGOs)
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| * **Timing and milestones**
 | **April 2022** Publication of the first BMR[[2]](#footnote-2) **June 2022** PKH Opinion on the first BMR**Sept 2022** ERA Forum discussion on PKH Opinion**Sept 2022** First strategic discussion in PKH**2023** Feedback on strategic discussions to ERA Forum**2024** Second BMR**2026** Third BMR |
| * **Funding**
 | Support for the work of the PKH will be provided through Horizon Europe. |
| * **Expected impact**
 | The work of the PKH and its links to the ERA Forum aim at * establishing a community around partnership related policy issues, where exchange of information and experience becomes routine, to embed ensuring strategic steering and political guidance for partnerships in a coordinated implementation of ERA policy agenda;
* strengthening the evidence base on which to build future partnership policy, also by the means of the commitments to the action expressed by MS.
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| * **Monitoring**
 | Monitoring of the execution of this action will be done through the structures set up for running the PKH.  |
| * **Communication**
 | Dedicated communication actions on partnerships are already taking place. This includes a dedicated website on Europa.eu, but also infographics and visuals. The publication of the first BMR will be accompanied by dedicated communication actions, which are still under discussion, but will include e.g. web-based access to the report and its underlying data. An annual Partnership Forum will also be organised as one of the main communication tools on European Partnerships.  |
| * **Additional information**
 | The work on the drafting of the Biennial Monitoring Report on European Partnerships is being done in close cooperation with a Commission expert group. See <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/6b63295f-d305-11eb-ac72-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-215872593> for their first report. The ERA-LEARN consortium will also assist the Commission in its discussions with the Partnership Knowledge Hub, see [www.era-learn.eu](http://www.era-learn.eu)  |

1. Please fill in these boxes. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. As no Horizon Europe data is yet available, the first BMR and its graphs are largely populated with Horizon 2020 data. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)