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11-12 June 2018	High Level Group on Education and Training	Vienna	Member States had a first exchange of ideas on the structure and possible priorities of a strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training post-2020. Delegations also discussed the medium- and longer-term aspects of the implementation of the 'European Universities' initiative by 2024. Without prejudice to formal negotiations on the Council Recommendation on automatic mutual recognition of higher education and upper secondary education diplomas and the outcomes of learning periods abroad, the Member States had an exchange of views on the necessary process to take the work forward. Another important topic on the meeting's agenda was the presentation of the Commission's proposal for the new generation of the Erasmus Programme and the subsequent first exchange of views about the future education programme.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
4-6 July 2018	WIRE 2018 - 9th Week of Innovative Regions in Europe	Innsbruck	The event focused on smart choices for innovative regional ecosystems, the power of connectivity, and entrepreneurship and science & research. Jean-Eric Paquet, Director General for RTD at the European Commission, presented plans for the European Innovation Council (EIC), and Erich Unterwurzacher (Director at DG Regio) explained intended novelties in the ESIF. Both instruments need to be evaluated jointly from a research perspective, and the next generation needs an aligned approach to synergies and simplification, as Lambert van Nistelrooij MEP claimed: He called for a high share for R&I investments in the Structural Funds which should be exempt from state aid regulation in the same way as Horizon Europe will be.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
16-17 July 2018	Informal Meeting of Competitiveness Ministers (Research)	Vienna	Ministers requested to be more strongly included in planning the implementation of HORIZON EUROPE. They claimed this was necessary also because many measures of HORIZON EUROPE influence the national research landscape in the Member States and because important elements of Horizon Europe, such as the areas for R&I (research and innovation) missions or for large partnership initiatives, are not part of the Commission's Proposal. The Ministers agreed that Europe could only advance its significance in research and innovation together. 20 delegations were represented at political level at this meeting. The presence of a large number of ministers underlined the importance attached to the meeting: It was the first meeting of research ministers after the proposal for HORIZON EUROPE, the next EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, had been presented on 7 June 2018.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
5 - 7 September 2018	Evidence and Policy Summer School: "Science, Policy and Demography: The role of population and migration for sustainable development in the European neighbourhood"	Laxenburg	A total of 75 researchers and policymakers from 40 countries attended the event. The summer school trained both scientists and policy-makers in using evidence for creating informed policy solutions in the field of migration and population policy. It also highlighted the need to further strengthen cooperation between scientists and policy-makers, and to develop systematic ways for them to interact.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
08-12 September 2018	BE OPEN - Science & Society Festival	Vienna	On the occasion of its 50th anniversary of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF), the BE OPEN – Science & Society Festival provided a unique opportunity to engage in an open dialogue with the general public, the scientific community, and key decision makers at national and European level with regard to the key role of basic research for societal development. More than ten thousand people participated in the event and around 100 researchers presented their groundbreaking findings. During the closing ceremony of the BE OPEN – Science and Society Festival on 12 September 2018, the mathematician and computer scientist Herbert Edelsbrunner and ethno-musicologist Ursula Hemetek received Austria's most prestigious scientific awards, the Wittgenstein Prize. During the ceremony, the START Awards were bestowed on six outstanding young researchers.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
11 September 2018	Presentation of the ESFRI Roadmap 2018 Update	Vienna	ESFRI presented the 2018 ESFRI Roadmap on Large Scale Research Infrastructures at its conference in Vienna. Six new Projects have been taken up into the Roadmap and were presented at the conference. For the first time ESFRI focused on the broad effects that specific research infrastructures have on all areas of science and knowledge. ESFRI also identified new areas with a high strategic potential in the field of social and cultural innovation.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
12-14 September 2018	4th International Conference on Research Infrastructure (ICRI 2018)	Vienna	All fields of sciences (incl SSH) were represented at the event, making ICRI a unique event worldwide. More than 600 representatives from 59 countries from the fields of policy and research attended the three-day conference. The programme provided room for discussions, international exchange and the establishment of transnational cooperations. In addition to global discourse, the focus was on the essential role that (large-scale) research infrastructures play in meeting the grand societal challenges. On the second day of the conference, Austrian Federal Minister for Education, Science and Research Heinz Faßmann and EU Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Carlos Moedas, held a discussion on current research policy issues and the role of science diplomacy.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research

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13 September 2018	FFG FORUM 2018 - Best of Austria meets Europe	Vienna	The annual FFG FORUM with its motto "Best of Austria meets Europe" gave representatives from research, industry, administration and politics the opportunity to discuss future-oriented topics of high relevance for both the national and the European level. After the award ceremony of the "Nurturing Talents Prize", significance and impact of innovation were discussed in thematic panels.	BMVIT - Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology / BMDW - Federal Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs
17-18 September 2018	European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) Plenary Meeting & Meeting of the Working Party on Research (RWP)	Salzburg	At the ERAC Plenary Meeting, which was held at the level of Directors-General, the final work on the review of the ERA advisory structure was adopted. The final reports by the ERAC Ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships on "Rationalising the partnership landscape" and "Increasing the efficiency of implementation of partnerships" were presented and adopted by the ERAC delegates. A panel discussion at the "Europa- and Bundesgymnasium Salzburg-Nonntal" highschool with Director-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission Jean-Eric Paquet, Minister Heinz Faßmann, representatives of ERAC and the Research Working Party with students and teachers of the school showed the value of deepened interaction between stakeholders and policy-makers and highlighted the need to develop more systematic ways for them to interact.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
19-20 September 2018	10 Years Joint Programming - Achievements and the Way Forward	Vienna	The conference shed light on the Joint Programming Initiatives, their achievements and possible contributions to strengthen the European Research Area (ERA). Discussions centered around the importance of science-policy cooperation to tackle global challenges and achieve Sustainable Development Goals. JPIs shared experiences, presented some examples of their multiple achievements, and discussed with the audience the future role of JPIs in the ERA and Horizon Europe. It became obvious that the 10 JPIs are well in line with their aim to structure the ERA and already implement several of the requirements currently being discussed for the future missions in Horizon Europe. The ten JPIs presented a joint JPI Chairs declaration "Driving research and innovation to address global challenges", summarising their views and ambitions for their future development and impact.	BMVIT - Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology
20-21 September 2018	The New Student: Flexible Learning Paths and Future Learning Environments	Vienna	The conference looked at how to support flexible learning, and what these developments mean for the future of higher education in Europe. It provided participants with an opportunity to discuss current trends in European higher education systems, and presented innovative examples of strategy and policy implementation and areas where further action is needed. Moreover, the event dealt with the question of how national governments and the European Union can provide assistance in this task. Selected good practices enhanced the discussion on approaches to solutions.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
27-28 September 2018	Meeting of the Bologna Follow-up Group	Vienna	The objective of the meeting were the negotiations on the Work Programme of the Bologna Follow-up Group for 2018-2020, and therefore the establishment of working and advisory/coordination groups. The group has been able to achieve these objectives. The work plan of the group for the working period 2018 to 2020 involves the establishment of five new groups. Further steps will be to finalise and draft the terms of reference of these groups and ask EHEA countries to inform the group about their participation.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
28 September 2018	Human Biomonitoring in Europe – Science and Policy for Healthy Citizens		The Conference Conclusions highlight the added value of human biomonitoring as an area where synergies between policy areas are well identified and where joint interests foster good collaborations. There is also a recognised benefit of close collaboration between the EU, Member States and other European countries both in terms of achieving joint objectives as well as efficient use of available resources. During the conference, strong and unanimous support for a long-term European human biomonitoring initiative was expressed by the high-level attendees from the EU institutions and Member States. In addition the conclusions state that efforts and resources devoted to developing EU-wide structuring elements in the current HBM4EU initiative, based on experience acquired in the past, must not be lost.	BMNT - Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism
1-2 October 2018	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Beyond 2020 (MSCA 2018)	Vienna	With a view to Horizon Europe, the impact of MSCA on individual researchers' careers, mobility, societal challenges, and innovation potential is evident. The main key areas will remain, since they have proved to be successful, but will open up to new challenges and still be keeping excellence as a reference point. Prizes were awarded to highly promising scientists, and nine MSCA fellows were showcased for having achieved excellent results in outreaching their MSCA project, meeting societal challenges and bridging (career) paths through a highly competitive call with around 110 digital applications.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research

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2 October 2018	High-level conference: "The European Defence Fund – Driving Factor for Defence Research and Innovation"	Vienna	The significance of the topic was underlined by the fact that the event was attended by about 500 participants, representing EU institutions, think tanks, industry, research, and the armed forces from more than 30 countries. High-ranking speakers from the European Parliament, the EU Military Council and the European Defence Agency set the stage and addressed the importance of the EDF in the face of growing global challenges. Three panels elaborately discussed the great potential for the development of European defence capabilities, the need for effective funding including SMEs and mid-caps, IPR protection, synergy effects with other programmes, and co-funding requirements.	BMLV - Federal Ministry of Defence
3 - 5 October 2018	International Sustainable Energy Conference 2018 (ISEC 2018)	Graz	370 scientific, industry and energy policy experts from 51 countries participated in this event. The public debate was about the switch from a fossil-based to a sustainable energy system. The debate often concentrates, in the area of energy policy, on the electricity sector alone, which is accountable for only 20% of worldwide final energy consumption. At ISEC 2018, strategies for the decarbonisation of cities and industrial processes as well as energy planning measures were presented and discussed in 76 specialist lectures and 5 keynote speeches. A workshop organised by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), which also took place in the framework of ISEC 2018, offered participants the possibility to network with seven energy centres in developing countries.	BMVIT - Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology
11-12 October 2018	Risk Data Hub & Austrian Disaster Network Days	Vienna	The current practice in data recording across the EU shows that there is hardly any data on comparable disaster damage and loss. Differences exist in methods of recording as well as in the governance to manage data. Over 120 experts from science and policy as well as stakeholders from industry and response organisations attended the conference, representing 30 different countries. The relevance of the topic was underlined by the fact that this year's International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction aimed to highlight the need to improve data collection on disasters, including comprehensive accounting of economic losses.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
15-17 October 2018	ASEM Education Senior Officials' Meeting for the 7th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting	Krems	Focussing on continuity, consultation and collaboration for results and commitment for co-operation, SOM I in Austria concentrated on "The pathways to recognition. A contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals/SDG from a Lifelong Learning Perspective". The event offered a framework to discuss how ASEM education can contribute to a better understanding of education systems to promote recognition and mobility. SOM I remains a platform to discuss the opportunities the ASEM Education Process can create, to increase mutual trust and recognition between systems and institutions in Asia and Europe. In addition to that, SOM I focused on creating this mutual trust and collaboration between educational levels such as initial academic education, vocational (higher) education and continuous education, as well as between education and the private sector, to stimulate and facilitate transition.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
18-19 October 2018	Meeting of Directors General for Higher Education	Vienna	DGs for Higher Education met to discuss the future orientation of higher education in the European Union. The discussion focused on the realisation of the European Education Area with its initiatives on European Universities and the European Student Card as well as the automatic recognition of academic diplomas. The keynote addressed the role of higher education in a digital era. In addition, the participants discussed how to achieve stronger cooperation between the Bologna process and ET2020 as well as the future development opportunities of U-Multirank.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
22 October 2018	The Role of Competitive Research Funding in Science	Klosterneuburg	During the event, speakers from all over Europe discussed the role of competitive research funding in science from different angles. Competitive research funding is key to the success of scientists and research institutions, and central to a robust research environment nationally and internationally. It gives early-career researchers the opportunity to establish independent research groups. Competitive funding moreover stimulates a country's research environment, and an outstanding national funding system is essential to being a significant presence in the European research community.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
23-25 October 2018	Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) Annual Conference 2018		The event brought together around 800 experts from 60 countries and offered 30 workshops, plenary sessions, 1,000 one-to-one meetings and several keynote presentations. The Enterprise Europe Network is the European Commission's SME flagship project and can look back on ten successful years: Since 2008, around 2.6 million SMEs have benefited from the services provided by the Enterprise Europe Network. The conference proved the network to be a valuable SME partner.	BMDW - Federal Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs

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29 October 2018	Quantum Flagship Kick-Off Conference	Vienna	The Quantum Technologies Flagship, an initiative to be provided with a total budget of €1 billion, was launched in Vienna. The Flagship will fund over 5,000 of Europe's leading quantum technologies researchers over the next ten years and aims to place Europe at the forefront of the second quantum revolution. Its long term vision is to develop in Europe a so-called quantum web, where quantum computers, simulators and sensors are interconnected via quantum communication networks. This will help kick-starting a competitive European quantum industry making research results available as commercial applications and disruptive technologies.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
29 -31 October 2018	Industrial Technologies 2018 - Innovative Industries for Smart Growth (INDTECH2018)	Vienna	More than 1,300 experts from the fields of research and industry discussed current research developments in production, materials, nanotechnology and biotechnology. Jean-Eric Paquet referred to the importance of Horizon 2020 for supporting industrial research. BMVIT Secretary-General Andreas Reichhardt emphasised the significance of investments in key technologies. He also referred to the great success of Austrian grant applicants in the field of Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Biotechnology, and Advanced Manufacturing and Processing (NMBP) of the EU Framework Programme. € 72 million in subsidies have been secured in this field so far, amounting to a success rate of 22 percent. Esteemed solar technology pioneer Bertrand Piccard and Infineon CEO Sabine Herlitschka delivered the keynote speeches at the conference.	BMVIT - Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology
30 October 2018	The European Open Science Cloud (EOSC): Austria takes the initiative	Vienna	This pre-EOSC-launch event covered all aspects of existing national and regional EOSC-ready programmes, showcasing European and Austrian organisations, infrastructure projects, and data initiatives—the material foundations on which the EOSC infrastructures will be built: "Governance & Funding," "Data Culture and FAIR Data," and "Services and Architecture". The event was concluded with a panel discussion on how the EOSC can be implemented effectively at the Member State level.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
5-6 November 2018	Impact of R&I Policy at the Crossroads of Policy Design, Implementation and Evaluation	Vienna	Speakers from all over the world discussed the role and importance of evaluation and various dimensions of impact of research, technology and innovation. Almost 250 participants from 39 countries shared their methodological experiences, the knowledge on indicators and modes to assess societal impact of mission-oriented R&I policy. The involvement of policy-makers such as the European Commission and Austrian Federal Ministries guaranteed a holistic approach, including academic questions raised by scientists and scientific institutions (for example on the usage and implications of big data approaches or Artificial Intelligence) and issues of the implementation of and learning from evaluation results – a challenge genuine evaluators and research and technology organisations are always faced with.	BMVIT - Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology
6-8 November 2018	COST Awareness Day & COST CSO Meeting: Promotion of RTI Networking	Vienna	Around 120 participants from Austria as well as guests from abroad joined in on this 2.5-hour networking event. While COST President Sierd Cloetingh and COST Director Ronald de Bruin gave a strategic outlook on the COST programme and highlighted Austrian success, Austrian COST participants talked about their personal success stories. The Awareness Day was followed by a 2-day meeting of COST senior officials, who approved 40 new COST Actions and welcomed Albania as a new member into their midst. With 37 member states and one cooperating state (Israel), COST now includes more than 20 so-called Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC).	BMVIT - Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology
12-14 November	European Big Data Value Forum (EBDVF 2018)	Vienna	The event has successfully invigorated the big data community in Europe, facilitating networking between politics, industry, startup founders, research institutions and funding agencies, enabling consensus building between European and national stakeholders on a distinctive European vision of the data driven economy and AI, and disseminating insights from successful projects and visionaries. More than 600 participants from close to 40 countries demonstrated the vitality and resolve of the European Big Data community for cooperation, opening up opportunities for joint projects and future initiatives. Established ICT players and newly emerging platforms actively participated in creating a joint vision of the transformation process enabled by Big Data and Artificial Intelligence.	BMVIT - Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology
13 November 2018	Impact of Universities on Their Regional Innovation Ecosystems: Workshop on lead institutions for smart specialisation	Graz	A high profile circle of around 100 HEI and regional innovation experts from across Europe discussed the new role of universities for and in their regions. Together with the leading companies, they are the motors of regional development and of a structural change that is currently affecting all parts of Europe. Engagement examples from the Balearic Islands up to Lapland were introduced. An entrepreneurial and a new role as trusted "knowledge brokers" were explored together with consequences for the organisation of universities and forthcoming EU funding opportunities for Smart Growth.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research

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14 - 15 November 2018	Europe's Transformation: Where People Matter	Vienna	Experts discussed how economic growth can be achieved while simultaneously protecting the climate. The conference made a key contribution to the implementation of the SDGs, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Paris Agreement on climate protection. A Call to Action was formulated by the conference participants, calling on the European Commission together with the EU Member States to focus on key themes such as decarbonisation, the circular economy, sustainable management of natural resources, halting climate change, and digitalisation. The Call to Action makes further recommendations to promote the development of eco-innovations and a sustainable financial sector. In addition, a stronger focus must be placed on sustainability research and increasing public awareness of sustainability issues, not least through more intensive cooperation with the media.	BMNT - Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism
15-17 November 2018	13th European Quality Assurance Forum 2018	Vienna	This edition of EQAF explored how institutions and QA agencies can build QA systems that encompass a broad range of activities, including learning and teaching, research, governance and administration, and service to society. Through a mix of plenary and parallel sessions, the 2018 EQAF, entitled "Broadening the scope of QA", combined presentations of current developments in QA with discussions on research, policy and practice that took place in paper sessions and workshops. Each year EQAF provides a platform for discussion, professional development and exchange of experiences among the main stakeholders in QA.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
20-21 November 2018	SET Plan Conference 2018	Vienna	The 11th edition of the SET-Plan conference took stock of progress towards the SET Plan priorities and identified how Research and Innovation, at European and national level, publicly and privately funded, contribute to the EU's energy transition. The plenary discussions addressed the challenges on the way towards the objectives for 2030 and 2050, the financing instruments to support R&I, the EU's position in the world, but also referred to the importance of engaging cities and regions.	BMVIT - Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology
21-22 November 2018	Innovative Enterprise Vienna 2018	Vienna	The event looked deeply into the EC's plans for a "European Innovation Council" (EIC), which is foreseen to form the third pillar (innovation pillar) of Horizon Europe. It put strong emphasis on including real-life experiences of entrepreneurs regarding both the SME-specific instrument of Horizon 2020 as a predecessor of EIC, and Eurostars, a transnational funding programme for R&D cooperation projects of highly-innovative SMEs. The gender gap that still exists in the field of innovation finance was also addressed, with some impressive examples of female entrepreneurs providing a counterpoint. The event also focused on the broad range of InnovFin Risk Finance measures.	BMDW - Federal Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs
23 November 2018	Launch of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) Governance Structure	Vienna	At this launch event, the European Open Science Cloud went online officially. The Portal enables around 1.7 million researchers and 70 million specialists in science and technology to access a growing volume of open data and other resources from a broad range of national, regional and institutional public research infrastructures in Europe. The EC presented the governance structure and the Portal to future users. The conference participants also adopted the so-called "Vienna Declaration" at the conference, thus confirming the EOSC governance structure and affirming their readiness to continue to cooperate.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
26 -27 November 2018	ECOVATION 2018	Vienna	Over 250 procurers, policy makers and innovative companies discussed the potential of innovation procurement and sustainable procurement in the public sector. The event included interactive workshops, keynotes held by field experts as well as pitches from innovative companies, providing insights into topics ranging from circular economy, digitalisation and automation to best practice examples of innovative public procurement. During a special evening event, the role of innovation and sustainability within the public sector was discussed, and five innovative public procurement projects received the PPPI awards. Through international exchange, the event helped to provide unique insights and to increase awareness within public institutions and suppliers of innovative solutions.	BMVIT - Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology / BMDW - Federal Ministry of Digital and Economic Affairs
26 -27 November 2018	The Future of Mobility in European Cities: Graz Forum contributing to the EU's Strategic Transport Research and Innovation Agenda (STRIA)	Graz	The Graz Forum followed up on the Strategic Transport Research and Innovation Agenda (STRIA) as part of the first European Mobility Package of 2017. The discussions in Graz will form the basis for 'Action Plan on R&I in Smart urban mobility' with 15-20 strategic recommendations for smart mobility actions that lead to decarbonisation by 2030 and 2050. The Action Plan will be finalised by mid-2019.	BMVIT - Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology
28-29 November 2018	Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities for a European Research Agenda - Valuation of SSH Research in Mission-oriented Research	Vienna	More than 350 leading experts from the Social Sciences and Humanities came together to exchange experiences on how to raise and demonstrate the impact of research and innovation. The European Commission broadly engaged in the conference with participants from different DGs. The conference showed that social sciences and humanities will play an important role in Horizon Europe, and that integration and cooperation of social sciences and humanities in all clusters of Horizon Europe will be a key component of the programme. One outcome was that engagement of citizens, users and stakeholders can be an indicator for societal impact, since processes and practices display societal impact in a very direct way. As a follow up of the conference, a guideline, called Vademecum, will be published on how to support impact generation and SSH-integration in mission-oriented programmes.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research

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Formal Meetings of the Council Competitiveness				
28.Sep2018	Council Competitiveness (Research)	Brussels	The first formal Meeting of the Council Competitiveness under the Austrian Council Presidency focussed exclusively on the negotiations on Horizon Europe. There was very clear support from Ministers for changing the legal bases of the Specific Programme of Horizon Europe as recommended by the Legal Service of the Council. The discussion on content focussed on Widening Participation, and the structure of pillar 2 of Horizon Europe. With regard to Widening Participation, the clear consensus among Ministers was that excellence shall remain the main principle of the Framework Programme. However, many Member States asked for more effort to increase the low participation rate of some Member States and to reduce the severe brain drain from some regions of Europe. With regard to pillar two, there was significant support for separating social sciences and humanities on the one hand and security research on the other into two separate clusters, in order to create an appropriate place for both areas in the programme. Several Ministers asked for particular support for Key Enabling Technologies within Cluster two and support throughout all TRL Levels. On the issue of how strategic planning in Horizon Europe should be organised, Ministers unanimously agreed to the option of putting the most important issues - the areas for missions and partnerships - in an annex of the Specific Programme, and to decide on the other issues in the course of an Implementing Act with comitology. The two rapporteurs of the European Parliament for Horizon Europe, Dan Nica MEP and Christian Ehler MEP, were invited to an informal lunch debate, to present the initial views of the EP on Horizon Europe and to have a first informal exchange of views with Research Ministers.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
30.Nov2018	Council Competitiveness (Research)	Brussels	On 30 November 2018, the Council Competitiveness (Research), with a very broad majority, adopted a Partial General Approach (PGA) on the Regulation to establish "Horizon Europe", the 9th EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, to be implemented from 2021-2027. The agreement is the result of highly complex negotiations that have been conducted since July 2018 under the Austrian EU Council Presidency. The PGA marks the first step on the part of the Council towards the final adoption of the programme in co-decision with the European Parliament. It does not cover the budgetary aspects of the draft regulation, given that the final amounts will depend on the agreement reached on the next Multiannual Financial Framework. Negotiations with the EP will continue on the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe for the rest of the Austrian Presidency and under the incoming Romanian Presidency. Negotiations with the European Parliament should commence early next year. The Council Competitiveness also adopted Conclusions on the Governance of the European Research Area.	BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
Further Events during the Austrian EU Council Presidency				
10 September 2018	66th Meeting of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)	Vienna		BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
5-6 November 2018	#EUSPACE FOR BUSINESS - Space Conference of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU	Graz		BMVIT - Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology
4-6 December 2018	Imagine Digital - Connect Europe (ICT 2018)	Vienna		BMVIT - Federal Ministry of Transport, Innovation and Technology
6-7 December 2018	Education Committee	Vienna		BMBWF - Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research