

1. Definition of approach and timeline (2 December 2016, Brussels)

- a) ERA-related groups will be invited to prepare an input on the interim evaluation in their area of activity;
- b) Nomination of a rapporteur to draft the ERAC Opinion, tasked to communicate closely with the ERA-related groups during the whole preparation period.

2. Input from the Chairs of the ERA-related groups (16-17 March 2017, Malta)

- a) Foresight and the Economic case presented by COM, possibly together with the preliminary findings from the interim evaluation;
- b) Discussion with Delegations, which will serve as input to the Rapporteur.

3. ERAC adopts the Opinion (16 June 2017, Brussels)

- a) Opinion based on the interim evaluation of the ERA-related groups, as well as on the interim evaluation as presented in the Commission Staff Working Document (scheduled for publication in May 2017) and the Foresight and Economic case building exercises;
- b) The adopted ERAC opinion will be submitted to the Estonian Presidency in view of the Informal Competitiveness Council on 24-25 July 2017.