

Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU: RESEARCH

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Overview of the presentation

- General themes of the Austrian EU Council Presidency
- Challenging Context
- Presidency Priorities in Research & Innovation
- Negotiation: Strategy and Planning
- Important dates, at ministerial, ERAC and RWP level
- Selected events

General themes of the Austrian Presidency

1. A Europe that protects

- Security and fight against illegal migration
- Securing prosperity and competitiveness through digitalisation
- Stability in the neighbourhood – further EU-rapprochement of the Western Balkan/ Southeastern European states

2. Reinforcing the subsidiarity principle

- Bringing the European Union closer to its citizens
- Common solutions where necessary
- Focus on European added-value

3. Building Bridges

- Strengthening unity among Member States

Challenging context

- MFF proposal 2nd May 2018
- Aim to conclude as many dossiers as possible
- Horizon Europe package proposal 7th June 2018
- Final phase of Brexit negotiations autumn 2018
- Subsequent EU election spring 2019, new Commission autumn 2019

Presidency Priorities in Research & Innovation

Leitmotiv: Together we advance Europe

1. Negotiations on the 9th Framework Programme
2. Council Conclusions on ERA, building on the review of the ERA advisory structure by ERAC
3. Support for Sectoral Policies
 - Joint Undertaking High Performance Computing
 - European Open Science Cloud
 - European University Network Initiative
 - Defence research
 - ...

Negotiation: Strategy and Planning (I)

Letters by Minister Faßmann to EU-Research Ministers in March/April 2018

- Majority of Member States prefer “quality before speed” in the Horizon Europe negotiation process
- Goal therefore is to make progress in negotiations as far as possible
- Ideally leading to a Partial General Approach by 30 November Council on the Horizon Europe Regulation including Rules for Participation
- Progress Report on Specific Programme
- 11th June 2018: Start of Horizon Europe Package Presentation in RWP and presentation of negotiation strategy and timing during AT presidency by future Chair of the RWP

Key Dates for work on ministerial level

10 July 2018: ITRE Committee in Brussels

- Hearing of Minister Faßmann

16/17 July 2018: Informal meeting of Research Ministers in Vienna

- First exchange of views on political level on Horizon Europe proposal

27/28 September 2018: COMPET Council (Research) in Brussels

- Negotiations on Horizon Europe proposal

30 November 2018: COMPET Council (Research) in Brussels

- Negotiations on Horizon Europe proposal – depending on the progress: Partial General Approach or progress report(s)
- ERA Council Conclusions

Key Dates for work in ERAC

17/18 September 2018: ERAC/RWP Meeting in Salzburg at the level of Director Generals

- Presentation of Austrian R&I system
- Adoption of Report on review of ERA advisory structure
- Discussion & Adoption of 2 final work packages of the ERAC ad hoc Working Group on R&I Partnerships

5/6 December 2018: ERAC in Brussels

- ERAC Workshop on 5 December (impact of recent ERA Council Conclusions)
- ERAC Plenary on 6 December

Key Dates for Research Working Party

Horizon Europe:

Starting mid-June under BG Presidency with Q&A sessions

- Along the thematic package approach
- Intense meeting schedule: 3 under BG, 30 during AT presidency
- 2 meetings/week on average, summer break in August
- Invitation for first written inputs from Member States per package during the month of July
- First presidency texts per package to be tabled in September

ERA Council Conclusions:

Starting after 17/18 September ERAC Plenary

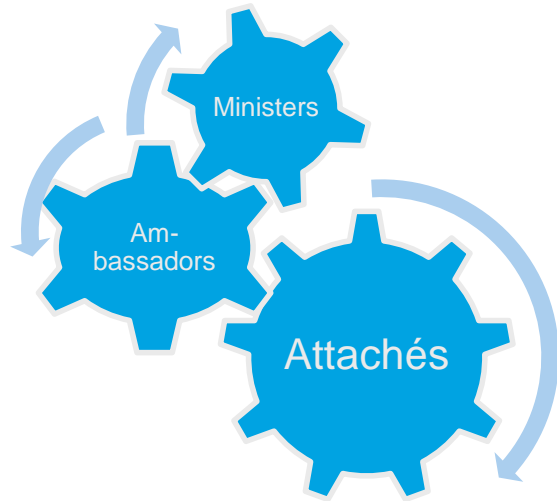
- Successful adoption of ERAC review in Salzburg
- Start of negotiations on ERA Council Conclusions

Negotiation: Strategy and Planning (II)

Thematic Package approach to negotiations

- AT Presidency follows an integral view in line with the strong focus of the EC on synergies (in MFF and Horizon Europe)
- Horizon Europe dossiers will be bundled into several thematic packages allowing for coherence, also with other spending programmes such as ESIF, Erasmus+, CAP etc.
- The rationale is to follow a problem solving and systemic approach and to make clear how different elements fit together
- Connected parts spread over the package would have to be examined together
- Packages will be points of reference throughout the negotiations, related paragraphs/pages of the legal documents will be indicated additionally

FP9 (HORIZON EUROPE)



FP 9

13 September:
FFG Forum 2018

16 - 17 July:
Informal Meeting of Council Competitiveness
28 September:
Council Competitiveness
30 November:
Council Competitiveness

1 - 2 October:
Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions beyond 2020

17 - 18 September:
Informal Meeting of Research Working Party

6 - 8 November:
COST CSO-Meeting

30 - 31 October:
Industrial Technologies 2018

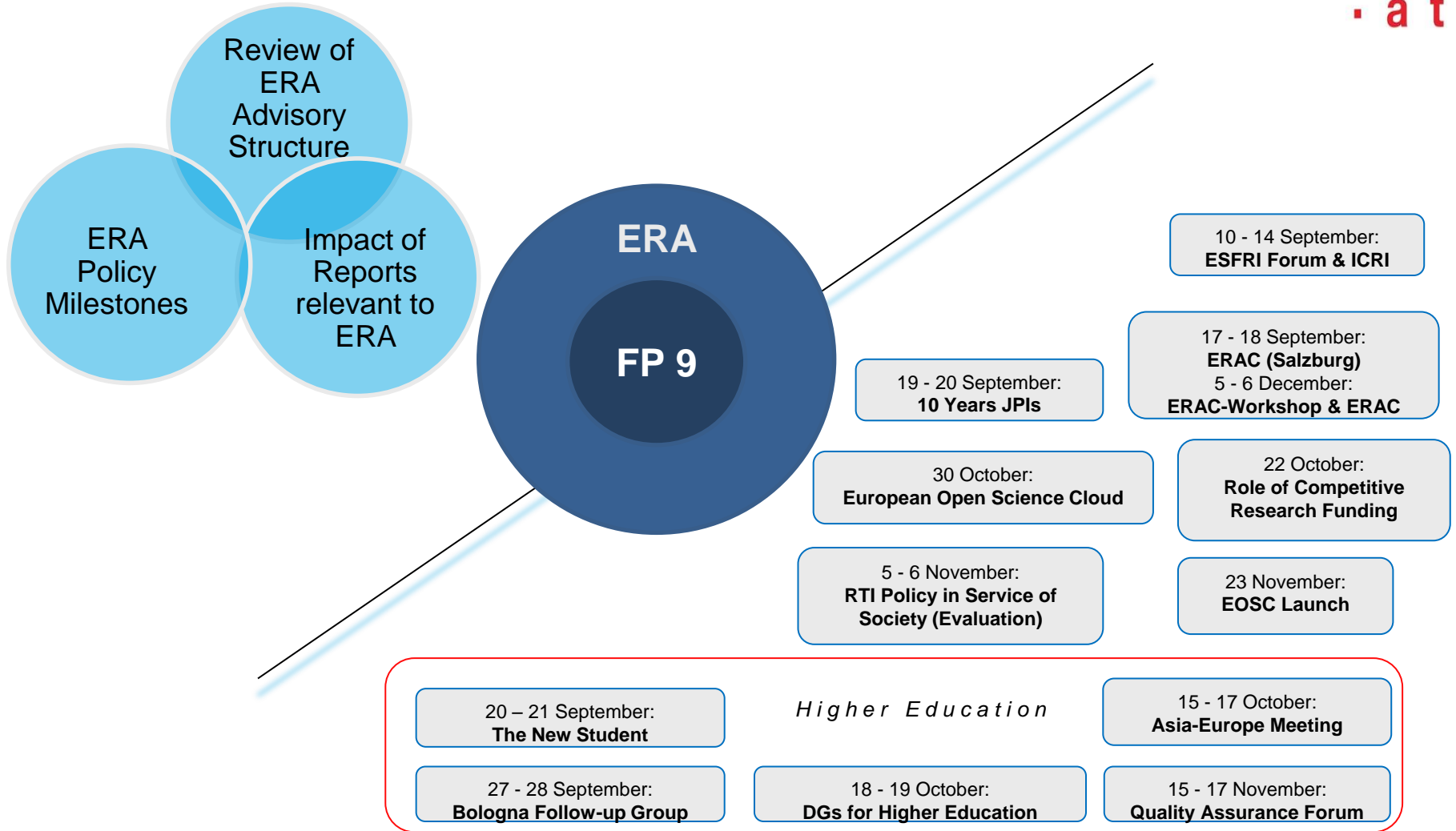
29 October:
Quantum technology Flagship

21 - 22 November:
Innovative Enterprise Week

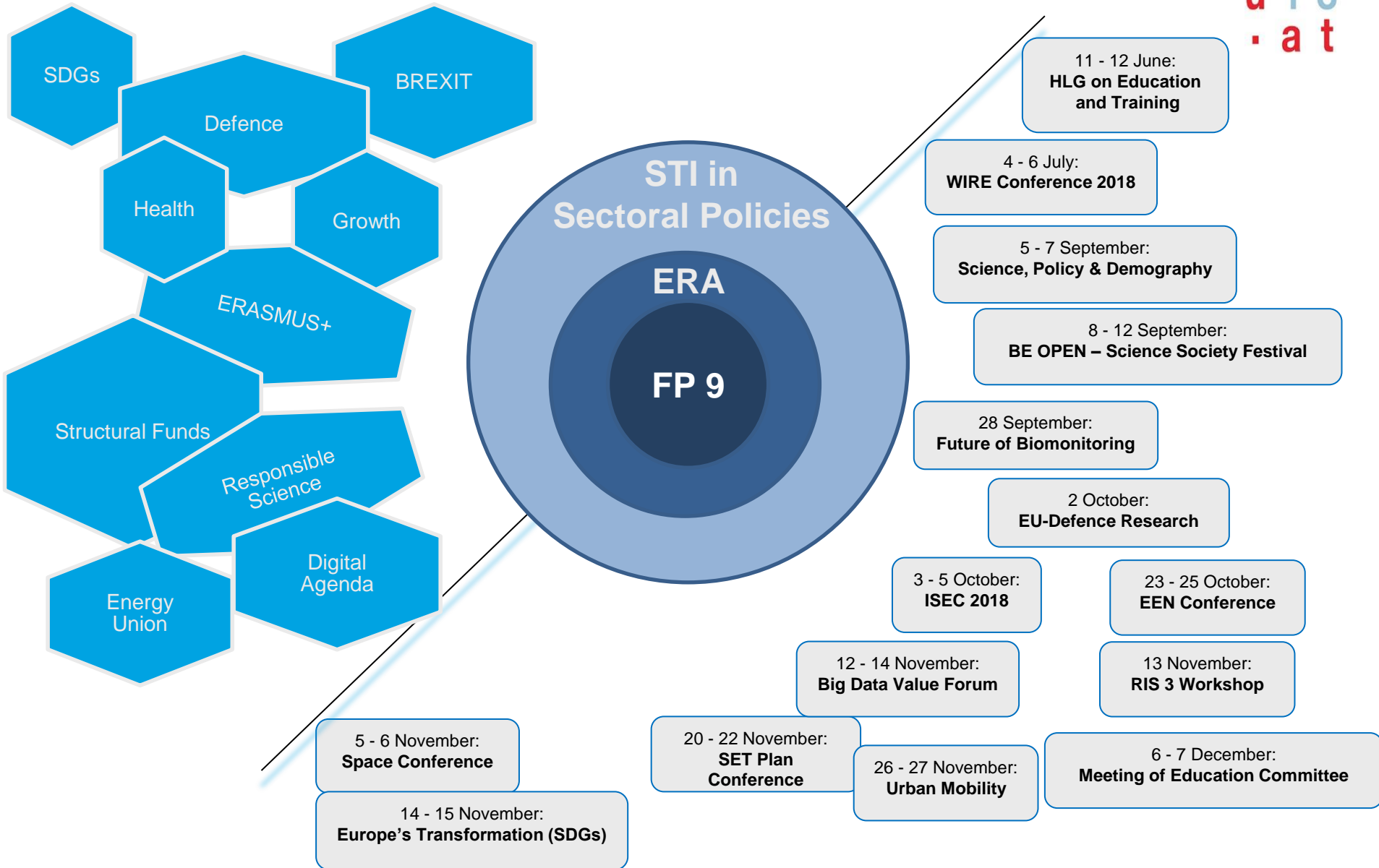
28 - 29 November:
Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities for a European Research Agenda

4 - 6 December:
Imagine Digital – Connect Europe

European Research Area



STI in Sectoral Policies



More about the Austrian Presidency:

Websites:

www.eu2018.at (online end of May)

www.era.gv.at/object/event (online mid-May)

Weekly Newsletter:

“Presidency Preview for Events”

Registration via era.gv.at-Newsletter

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