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Subject: 38th meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee
(ERAC)

Date: 17 May 2018

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

**co-Chairpersons: Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General DG RTD
and
Christian Naczinsky, Head of Department for EU and OECD Research
Policy, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Austria.**

- 1. Adoption of the provisional agenda**
- 2. The summary conclusions of the 37th meeting of ERAC, held in Plovdiv on 15-16 March 2018, were approved by written procedure on 8 May 2018.**
- 3. Information from the co-Chairs and Presidency**
 - *The co-Chairs report back on the latest ERAC Steering Board meeting.*
 - *The BG Presidency will provide an update on the progress of its Presidency priorities.*
 - *The incoming AT Presidency will make a presentation on its Presidency priorities which include the Council conclusions on the review of the ERA advisory structure.*

4. ERA Governance

4.1 Review of the ERA advisory structure

At the latest ERAC Plenary meeting in Plovdiv, ERAC Delegates launched the review and appointed a Rapporteur. On the basis of the scope of the review and its Terms of Reference as defined by the Steering Board, the Rapporteur will present the progress achieved and the outline of the questionnaire for the survey to be submitted to ERAC Delegations. A discussion will follow.

4.2 Highlights from the ERAC Standing Working Groups and from the ERA-related Groups

Updates by the ERAC Standing Working Groups and the ERA-related groups, together with key points for discussion, will be provided in writing to Delegations prior to the meeting. Delegations will have the opportunity to ask questions in relation to the notes and key points provided.

5. ERA and Innovation Policy

5.1 Interim Evaluation of Horizon 2020 and preparations for Horizon Europe – Partnerships

The Ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships will present its final reports on "Criteria for selecting, implementing, monitoring and phasing out EU R&I partnership initiatives" and on "Strategic coordinating process for EU R&I partnership" in view of their adoption at the meeting or shortly afterwards.

Then the Commission will present the next steps on the criteria framework, the coordinating process and the transition period.

Finally, the Ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships will present the draft reports on "Rationalising the partnership landscape" and "Increasing the efficiency of implementation of partnerships" for debate.

5.2 Update on ERA National Action Plans and strategies

Based on the outcome of the latest workshop on National Action Plans, Delegates will discuss next steps, particularly the proposed follow-up to the workshops, as well as the planning and use of future workshops.

5.3 Promotion of Horizon Europe

The Commission will propose the launch of National events to promote the proposal for Horizon Europe. Delegates will discuss their availability to mobilise the national R&I Ministries to propose, on a voluntary basis, the organisation of these events.

6. Standing Information Point

Information will be provided in writing to Delegations prior to the meeting. Delegations will have the opportunity to ask questions in relation to the information provided.

- *Update on the H2020 Policy Support Facility*

7. Any other business

7.1 39th ERAC meeting (17-18 September 2018, Salzburg)

The Steering Board will draw up the provisional annotated agenda of the next meeting on the basis of the updated Work Programme 2018-2019.

