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Delegations will find attached the PowerPoint presentation "ERAC Ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships" given under item 5.2 of the ERAC Plenary agenda of 17-18 September.

# ERAC Ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships

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# Developments since ERAC Plenary in May

- **20 June:** ERAC Working Group meeting
- **21 June:** Workshop „Efficiency of Implementation of P2Ps“
- The remaining two reports have been **revised** on the basis of comments received by the delegations and **adopted** at the level of the WG
  - **Minor modifications** compared to the drafts presented to ERAC in May
- Publication of the Horizon Europe proposal
  - Demonstrates **good convergence** with ERAC recommendations

# Rationalising the EU R&I partnership landscape

## Key elements of the report:

- States a clear **objective** that rationalisation should lead to **fewer** and more **strategic** R&I partnerships with a **clear position** within the thematic priorities
- Identifies distinct **rationalisation strategies** at three levels

## Highlights of the feedback received:

- Ensuring consistency and coordination of partnerships is a **joint responsibility**
- **Clarify** the different forms of partnerships (co-funding, co-programming...)
- Recognise **Coordination and Support Actions as part of the partnership 'toolbox'**
- Reservations towards „capping“, but agreement that there should be **significant share of traditional collaborative projects in each intervention area**

# Increasing the efficiency of implementation of partnerships

## Key elements of the report:

- Identifies **key efficiency issues and measures** for the different types of partnerships that need to be addressed with the highest priority
- Seemingly a technical topic but with a clear **political dimension**: availability of high quality **evidence** for policy-making, better **synergies**, higher political **commitments**, **simplification**, **openness** towards new / small players

## Highlights of the feedback received:

- Clarify the **benefits** of a more centralised implementation of partnerships, and the **next steps**
- Additional analysis needed on **good practice approaches** for promoting project level openness in current partnerships

# Next steps

- [17 September 2018 ERAC Plenary: adoption of the final reports on 'Rationalisation' and 'Efficiency of Implementation']
- **25 September:** Expert hearing on criteria framework (Brussels)
- **26/27 September :** ERAC WG meeting (Brussels)
  - Including a joint session with the Commission's inner Working Group developing the criteria framework.
- **6 December, at the ERAC Plenary:**
  - Presentation of the Final report
  - COM will present a proposal for the further elaborated criteria framework for Partnerships (based on Annex III of Horizon Europe), and a proposal for the Strategic Coordinating Process for Partnerships.

# Thank you!

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