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Subject: 40th meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee
(ERAC)

Date: 6 December 2018

Time: 9.30

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 39th meeting of ERAC, held in Salzburg on 17-18 September 2018, were approved by written procedure on [Day Month] 2018**
3. **Information from the co-Chairs and Presidency**
 - *The co-Chairs will report back on the latest ERAC Steering Board meeting.*
 - *The AT Presidency will provide an update on the progress of its Presidency priorities.*
 - *The incoming RO Presidency will make a presentation on its Presidency priorities which include 'Reducing disparities in research and innovation performance between Member States through appropriate measures and instruments' and 'Developing a European strategic framework for cooperation in research and innovation at the Black Sea'.*
4. **ERA Governance**

4.1 The impact of the Council conclusions of 30 November 2018 on the ERA and the follow-up on the Review of the ERA advisory structure

On the basis the final Report adopted at its Plenary in Salzburg on 17-18 September 2018, ERAC will discuss the implementation of the Council conclusions of 30 November 2018 on ERA and the more detailed follow-up on the Review (possible 'Action Plan'). The outcome of the ERAC workshop (subgroup 1) of 5 December 2018 will also feed into the discussion. The objective of the debate is to focus on issues where guidance from ERAC is needed to ensure the implementation of the Council conclusions and the recommendations from the Review.

To give the possibility to all the stakeholders to express themselves, Delegations will be kindly invited to limit their interventions to 3 minutes.

4.2 Highlights from the ERA-related Groups

Updates by 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.

The Chair of the ERAC Standing Working Group on Gender in Research and Innovation will inform ERAC about the implementation of the Council conclusions (Dec. 2015) on advancing gender equality in the ERA.

5. ERA and Innovation Policy

5.1 Monitoring ERA National Action Plans and strengthening the strategic capacity of ERAC

ERAC will debate on a simple and coherent monitoring of ERA National Action Plans, based on the outcome of the discussions in the ERAC workshop of 5 December 2018 (subgroup 2). The objective of this debate is to decide how the monitoring of ERA National Action Plans will be implemented in line with recommendation 12 of the ERAC Opinion on the Review of the ERA advisory structure.

ERAC will also debate on how to best institutionalise Strategic Policy debates on a regular basis, in the vein of the one held in Salzburg around performance-based funding of research and R&D tax credits. The Commission services would be invited to pull together the policy notes on the basis, inter alia, of the results of the Horizon Policy Support Facility exchanges, notably in relation to Mutual Learning Exercises.

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5.2 Criteria Framework for Partnerships, Strategic Coordinating Process and Ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships

This agenda item covers three different sub-items: (1) The Commission will present for discussion a further elaborated 'Criteria Framework for Partnerships' as well as the proposal for the 'Strategic Coordinating Process for Partnerships'; (2) Delegates will endorse the final report of the Ad-hoc Working Group, and (3) discuss the expected feedback from the ERAC workshop on 5 December 2018 (subgroup 3).

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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.

– *Launch of the European Semester*

7. Any Other Business

7.1 41th ERAC meeting (21-22 March 2019, Bucharest)

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