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From:	ERAC Secretariat
To:	ERAC (European Research Area and Innovation Committee)
Subject:	PowerPoint presentation given by the Commission: "Draft criteria Framework for European Partnerships and Strategic coordinating process for partnerships under Horizon Europe"

Delegations will find attached the PowerPoint presentation "draft criteria Framework for European Partnerships and Strategic coordinating process for partnerships under Horizon Europe" given by the Commission under item 5.2 of the ERAC Plenary agenda of 6 December 2018.

Draft criteria Framework for European Partnerships

and

Strategic coordinating process for partnerships under Horizon Europe"

Criteria Framework

- Based on Article 8 and Annex III (proposal Horizon Europe regulation);
- Result of intensive work between Commission services, validation in expert hearing, multiple iterations with ERAC-WG and revisions;
- Remains a “living document”, but will be applied and stays stable as of December, with the understanding that there will be a revised version at a later stage that takes into account:
 - Outcome of the negotiations;
 - Horizontal work in the ex-ante impact assessment study;
 - Experience during ex-ante impact assessment for Article 185/187;
 - ➔ Avoid more than one iteration, revise in appr. a year from now.
- Criteria Framework will be applied e.g. in
 - ex-ante impact assessment and proposal preparation for institutionalised partnerships;
 - Necessity test prior to inclusion of co-programmed and co-funded partnerships in Horizon Europe WP;
 - Evaluation criteria, Model Grant agreements, templates, IT tools etc.

Strategic coordinating process (I)

Based on the Council Conclusions of December 2017 and recommendations of ERAC on partnerships, the Commission proposes that:

1. The strategic coordinating process is designed and implemented based on the description in the annex. It provides advise and input for Commission and Member States/Associated countries with the objective to
 - a. ensure transparent and evidence-based selection of partnerships rationalising the landscape and maximising their impacts,
 - b. support the effective and efficient implementation of partnerships throughout their lifecycle and
 - c. provide strategic guidance on the overall policy approach and the partnership portfolio;
2. The selection of new and/or renewed European partnerships under Horizon Europe will be fully embedded in the strategic planning of Horizon Europe, with the Strategic Configuration of the Programme Committee as the single entry point for the structured and early consultation of Member States and Associated Countries, providing advice on the portfolio and all individual partnership candidates;

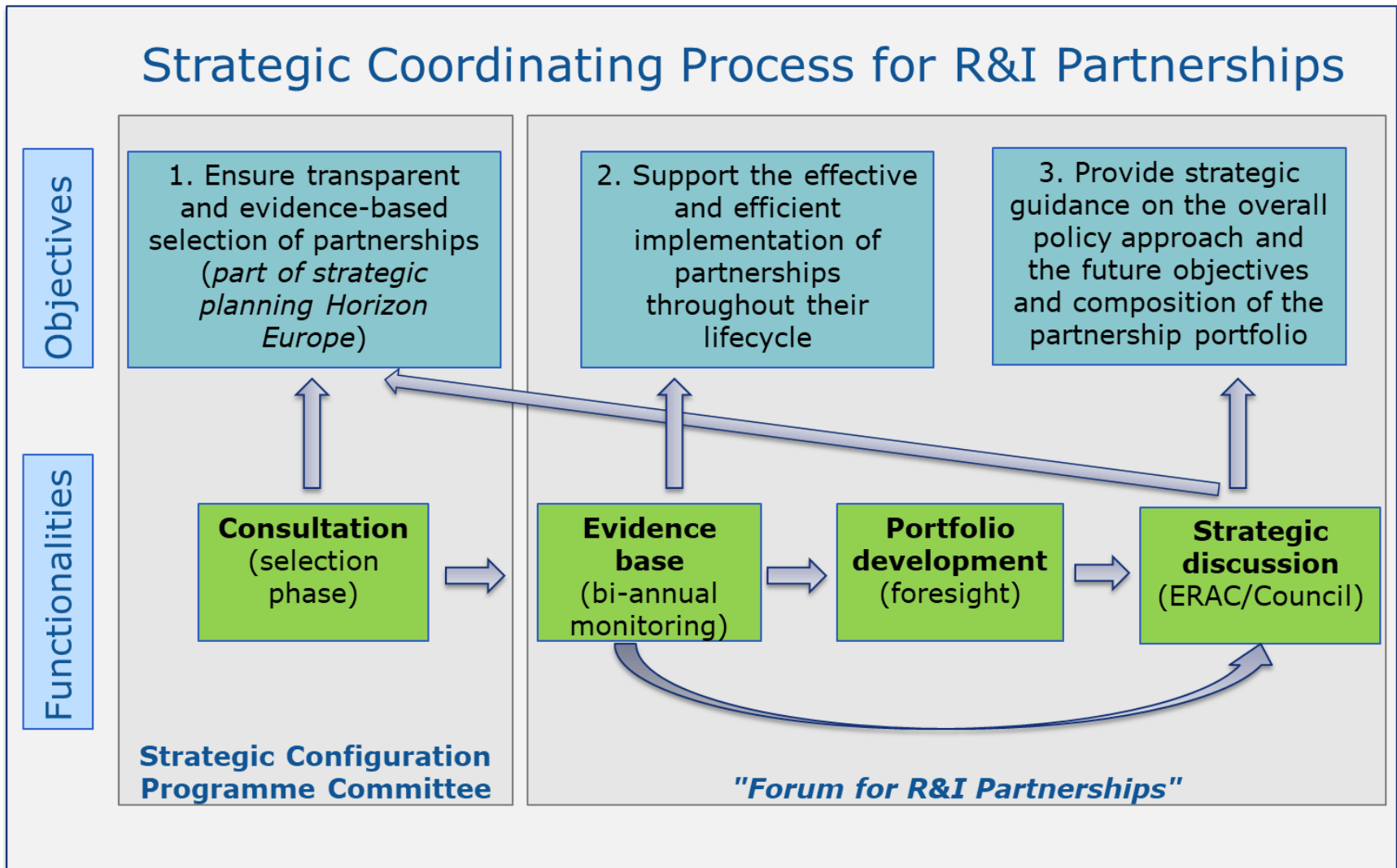
Strategic coordinating process (II)

3. The implementation, monitoring, evaluation and phasing-out phases of partnerships will be followed-up by an independent advisory mechanism with the provisional working title "Forum for European R&I partnerships" with clear interfaces to the Framework Programme governance (selection and EU funding) and ERA governance structures (other aspects), in particular ERAC. A biennial monitoring on European Partnerships and other R&I partnerships of European relevance will be a main visible product of the forum;
4. During the period 2019-2020 the Commission will organise a transitional Forum for European R&I partnerships, with nominated participants from Member States and Associated Countries. The forum will be co-chaired by the Commission and a Member States representative and deliver against a commonly agreed clear work plan, based on the draft roadmap presented in the annex;

Strategic coordinating process (II)

5. The Commission will provide the support necessary for the transitional period (e.g. organisation of meetings and reimbursement of travel expenses, COM staff dedicated to the "Forum for European R&I partnerships", expert group etc.);
6. Member States and Associated Countries will ensure the follow-up of ERAC recommendations addressed to them and explore appropriate national governance and monitoring mechanisms to ensure timely and high-quality input to the work of the 'Forum for R&I partnerships' (preparedness exercise);
7. By the end of 2020 the appropriate form, status, representation of participating states and partnerships, and resource allocation of the forum during the implementation of Horizon Europe will be decided at the appropriate level. The decision will take into account a proposal put forward by the Commission and endorsed by the transitional forum, and the revision of ERA priorities and related advisory structures.

Strategic coordinating process



Indicative timeline European Partnerships

