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From: ERAC Secretariat
To: ERAC (European Research Area and Innovation Committee)
Subject: PowerPoint presentation: ERAC workshop on 5 December 2018 - Subgroup 1

Delegations will find attached the PowerPoint presentation "The impact of the ERA Council Conclusions of 30 November 2018 and the follow-up on the Review of the ERA advisory structure" given under item 4.1 of the ERAC Plenary agenda of 6 December 2018.

ERAC Workshop 5 December 2018

Subgroup 1

“The impact of the ERA Council Conclusions of 30 November 2018 and the follow-up on the Review of the ERA advisory structure”

Objectives:

- to identify elements for an Action Plan (AP) for implementing the Review/Council Conclusions' results
- to identify issues of the proposed AP requiring clarification/decision by ERAC Plenary (6th Dec 2018)

Documents:

- ERAC Report on the review of the ERA advisory structure
- ERA Council Conclusions of 30 November 2018
- Template for an “Action Plan” (circulated by Secretariat ahead of the Workshop)

The Subgroup

- ✓ Examined the draft template for the Action Plan and agreed on it and on the methodology to fill it
 - ✓ Discussed a number of 'Actions', their responsibility, timeline, and expected outputs
 - ✓ Examined in depth some 'cross-cutting recommendations' and hypothesized relevant Actions [see examples]
 - ✓ Listened to Representatives from other ERA-related groups and provided inputs for the 'group-specific recommendations'
 - ✓ Agreed on the timetable to complete the filling of the template
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- ❑ Chairs of the ERA-related Groups and Members of the Subgroup will provide input on the version of the Action Plan resulting from the Subgroup work by January 15th 2019
 - ❑ The draft Action Plan will be discussed at ERAC-SB (29th January 2019)
 - ❑ ERAC Delegations will send comments on the draft AP resulting from the SB discussion by end February 2019
 - ❑ The "Action Plan for implementing the ERA Review/Council Conclusions' results" will possibly be adopted at ERAC Plenary (Bucharest, 21-22 March 2019)

Recommendations of ERA review & ERA Council Conclusions	WHAT (actions)	WHO (responsibilities)	By WHEN (deadlines)	(Measurable) OUTPUTS	(Indicators/Targets)
ERA Priorities					
1. Keep the current ERA priorities at this time. However, expand the scope of ERA Priority 2a (jointly addressing grand challenges) to include the new approach on partnerships, which should also take into account the missions of Horizon Europe. For the time being, embed emerging needs for new activities into existing ERA Priorities	Expand the scope of ERA Priority 2a to monitor the new approach on partnerships, taking also into account the HEU missions	ERAC	On hold 2020-2021, until approval of new/amended ERA Roadmap (see Recommendation 2 and relevant Actions)	New/amended ERA Roadmap approved	
2. ERAC advises the European Commission to publish in due time a new ERA communication for the period beyond 2020, which should revise the priorities and their actions included in the 2012 ERA Communication and examine possible new priorities, against the background of the changes in the R&I landscape since 2012. Such a new Communication could be complemented by a Ministerial ERA Conference in 2020 as an opportunity for priority setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The ERA-related groups start the process of reflecting about revision of ERA Priorities b) A Ministerial debate on new/revisited ERA priorities takes place in an informal setting (lunch debate?) c) The EC prepares a new ERA Communication for the period beyond 2020, which is launched and endorsed within a Ministerial Conference d) The ERA communication is translated into new/revisited ERA priorities, resulting in Council Conclusions and a new ERA Roadmap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) ERAC-SB and ERA-related groups b) Presidency in office, MS/AC c) EC (to prepare Communication), Presidency in office (to organise conference) d) ERA-related groups, MS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Second semester 2019 b) First semester 2020 c) Second semester 2020 d) End of 2020 	<p>The new ERA communication is approved</p> <p>The ERA Council Conclusions are approved</p>	

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ERA Advisory Structure					
3. Keep and strengthen ERAC's superordinate role in the ERA advisory structure	a) Interactions between ERAC and other ERA-related Groups are intensified, mainly (but not only) through the ERAC-SB b) When requested, ERAC provides timely feedback to opinions/recommendations of the other ERA-related Groups c) Coordination between ERAC and other ERA-related groups Work Programmes is improved, particularly with respect to timelines	a) ERAC, other ERA-related Groups, ERAC-SB b) ERAC c) ERAC-SB	To be evaluated by the end of 2019	a) More lively and participated discussions in the 'update section' during ERA plenaries b) Improved streamlining of ERAC and other ERA-related Groups Work Programmes	
4. Explore options to relaunch the existing GPC to prepare Member States' and Associated Countries' participation in the strategic coordinating process for partnerships, once its design and the design of missions is decided in the appropriate forum	Discuss possible options, such as focussing on paragraph E of the GPC mandate, and, in the longer term, on promoting and assessing openness, inclusiveness and transparency of joint research and innovation activities/initiatives, taking into account the new approach for the entire life-cycle of R&I partnerships	ERAC Steering Board and GPC (preparatory role), GPC and ERAC (opinion and adoption of corresponding GPC Work Programme)	Start process immediately and conclude by second semester of 2020	The chosen option is approved by ERAC and the GPC Work Programme is modified accordingly	