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Delegations will find attached the PowerPoint presentation concerning the item 3 of the ERAC plenary agenda of 17 December 2019.
FINLAND’S PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

ERAC Plenary, 17 December 2019
FINLAND’S PRESIDENCY PRIORITIES

• to strengthen common values and the rule of law
• to make the EU more competitive and socially inclusive
• to strengthen the EU’s position as a global leader in climate action
• to protect the security of citizens comprehensively
SUSTAINABLE GROWTH – R&I priorities

• Europe’s prosperity and competitiveness in the global context should be enhanced by creating an economically, environmentally and socially strong Europe.

• Elements of sustainable growth include:
  • Effective Single Market including modern Industrial policy,
    • *ERA as a single market for research, increased investments to R&I*
  • Transformation to low-carbon economy,
  • Digital economy as competitive edge,
    • *Digitalisation should be further promoted, e.g. through more transparent practices and thus improving quality and increasing effectiveness*
  • Skills and inclusive society.
    • *Coherent development of research, education and innovation systems*
KEY EVENTS

1 October: Joint Conference of the ERA Committee and the EU Directors-General for Higher Education

23-24 October: Conference Research and Innovation Excellence through gender equality - New pathways and challenges

8 November: Joint meeting for ministers of finance and education

3 December: High-Level Presidency Event on the Innovation Principle
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