



Invitation to the 45th European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC)

Plenary Meeting

30 – 31 March 2020, Opatija

Dear Colleagues,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to the 45th European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) Plenary Meeting which will be held in Opatija on 30 – 31 March 2020 during the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The meetings will take place at the Grand Hotel Adriatic in Opatija, one of the best hotels in Opatija located near the sea, along the beautiful Lungomare promenade. On Sunday 29 March a welcome dinner for all delegates will be organised at the hotel.

All delegates interested to experience the continental side of Croatia, and also the local Istrian countryside are welcomed to participate in the optional visit and excursion on Saturday 28 March and Sunday 29 March. More details will be available in due time.

On Monday 30 March, the delegates will have the opportunity to visit the research centres operating at the Campus of the University of Rijeka. The official programme is starting in the afternoon with the plenary meeting taking place at the Grand Hotel Adriatic's congress hall. In the evening, a gala dinner will be held at Hotel Bonavia in Rijeka accompanied by a musical programme.

The official programme will continue the next day, Tuesday 31 March, with the meeting taking place in morning hours.

Please find enclosed a *Practical Information Note* detailing the logistical arrangements, including the process for registration and accreditation.

Due to capacity limitations, we would kindly request that all delegations comply with the limits of delegation size (maximum two ERAC members per delegation) as detailed in the *Practical Information Note*. Furthermore, we encourage you to register your attendance at your earliest convenience, in order to facilitate the completion of all necessary logistical matters.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Opatija.

Croatian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

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