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Delegations will find attached the PowerPoint presentation "Finland's EU Presidency 2019" given under item 3 of the ERAC Plenary agenda of 21 March 2019.



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Finland's EU Presidency 2019







Finland's Presidencies of the EU Council

	1999	2006	2019
MEMBER STATES	15	25	27
BUDGET	FIM 371 million	EUR 75 million	EUR 70 million
MEETINGS IN FINLAND	80	135	90
LOCATION OF MEETINGS	20 locations	21 locations	Helsinki

The venue: Finlandia Hall (by Alvar Aalto)





FI priorities for 2019–2024: Sustainable growth, competitiveness and security

- **Sustainable growth, Single Market**
 - Growth strategy for Europe, Single Market interlinked with **dynamic digital economy**, transition to a **low-carbon economy** (climate policy)
 - **Social dimension**, including reskilling and upskilling for digital Europe
- **Sustainable growth, Trade**
 - In addition to the Single Market, the EU's sustainable growth and competitiveness are best enhanced through an **ambitious, open and rules-based trade policy**
- **Security**
 - Implementation of defence initiatives, cooperation with NATO and more focus on hybrid threats and influencing



Agenda preparations

Inherited files

- due to institutional transition less than normally, but tough ones, like MFF
- Horizon Europe
- EIT regulation renewal

Priorities for the legislative cycle 2019–2024

- FI first Presidency to put these into Council work

Trio programme

- continuity

National presidency programme

- Parliamentary inputs, new government agrees
- Parliamentary elections on 14 April 2019
- New government adopts the programme
- Published in June 2019





Key priorities within R&I: Research and innovation enhancing growth

- Evidence base, competences and skills for producing solutions for competitive Europe
 - The level of R&D investment must steadily increase towards the target 3% of GDP and address grand challenges.
 - Research, education and innovation systems should be developed coherently.
 - Digitalisation should be further promoted, e.g. through more transparent practices and thus improving quality and increasing effectiveness.



Selected presidency events within research and innovation

- **19 September:** *Top science meets the top research infrastructures – together we are stronger (prior to ESFRI meeting)*
- **1 October:** Joint Conference of the ERA Committee and the EU Directors-General for Higher Education - *Enhancing synergies between European Higher Education, Research and Innovation* (prior to the ERAC Plenary in Helsinki)
- **23-24 October:** *Stocktaking of 20 years of gender equality in Research and Innovation (the Helsinki Group)*
- **3 December** (tbc): High-Level Presidency Event on the Innovation Principle



ERAC meetings during Finnish presidency

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

2 October: ERAC Plenary, Helsinki

17 December: ERAC Plenary, Brussels



Preliminary timetable for informal ministerial meetings 2019

4–5 July	Competitiveness (<i>COMPET</i>)
11–12 July	Environment (<i>ENV</i>)
18–19 July	Justice and Home Affairs (<i>JHA</i>)
28–29 August	Defence Ministers
29–30 August	Foreign Ministers (<i>Gymnich</i>)
13–14 September	Economic and Financial Affairs (<i>ECOFIN</i>)
22–24 September	Agriculture (<i>AGRIFISH</i>)



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Thank you!

