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Subject: 44th meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee
(ERAC)

Date: 17 December 2019

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL
EUROPA BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 155, 1048 BRUSSELS

**co-Chairpersons: Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General DG RTD
and
Christian Naczinsky, Head of Department for EU and OECD Research
Policy, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Austria.**

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

2. The summary conclusions of the 43rd meeting of ERAC, held in Helsinki on 2 October 2019, were approved by written procedure on 22 November 2019

3. Information from the co-Chairs and Presidency

- *The co-Chairs will report back on the latest ERAC Steering Board meeting and on the progress of the Action Plan to implement the Council conclusions of 30 November 2018 on the ERA.*
- *The Finnish Presidency will provide an update on the progress of its Presidency priorities.*
- *The incoming Croatian Presidency will make a presentation on its Presidency priorities, which include 'Brain circulation' and 'Future Jobs'.*

4. ERA and Innovation Policy

4.1 Ad-hoc Working Group on the future of the ERA: draft ERAC Opinion

The Ad-hoc Working Group on the future of the ERA will submit a draft ERAC Opinion with options for a new ERA narrative and possible future ERA objectives and priorities. Delegates will discuss the draft ERAC Opinion with a view to its adoption.

LUNCH BREAK 12:30-14:30

Heads of Delegation will discuss in an informal working lunch the 'Contribution of R&I to the European Green Deal'

4.2 Strategic debate

Based on the summary of the outcome of the discussions at the 16 December ERAC Workshop on the issue of 'R&I investments for sustainability', Delegates will be invited to draw policy conclusions and highlight those aspects where ERAC's input could prove particularly valuable in the short and medium term. The incoming Croatian Presidency will then provide a summary of the outcome of the discussions at the 16 December ERAC Workshop on the issue of 'Brain circulation'.

5. Standing Information Point

Information will be provided in writing to Delegations prior to the meeting. Delegations will have the opportunity to ask questions in relation to the information provided.

– *Involvement of the Commission in the ERA-related Groups*

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Multiannual Financial Framework

Following the European Council meeting of 12-13 December, the Commission co-Chair will give an oral update on the state-of-play of the negotiations over the Multiannual Financial Framework

6.2 45th ERAC meeting (30-31 March 2020, Opatija, Croatia)

The Steering Board will draw up the provisional annotated agenda of the next meeting on the basis of the Work Programme 2019-2020.
