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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	Informal Videoconference of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC)
Date:	3 and 4 June 2021
Time:	15.00, 9.00
Venue:	Videoconference

co-Chairpersons: Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General DG RTD

and

Clara Eugenia García, Counsellor For Research And Innovation, Ministry

for Science and Innovation

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DAY 1 (Thursday 3 June, 15.00)

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

2. Information from the co-Chairs and from the Presidency

- The co-Chairs will report back on the latest ERAC Steering Board meeting.
- The Portuguese Presidency will make a presentation on Research and Innovation policy in Portugal, including the relevant Presidency priorities.
- The incoming Slovenian, French and Czech Presidencies will briefly update on their respective Presidency priorities.

3. ERA and Innovation Policy

3.1 Deepening the European Research Area: Providing researchers with attractive and sustainable careers and working conditions and making brain circulation a reality

The PT Presidency and the Commission will provide information on the recently adopted Council Conclusions on researchers' careers and working conditions, focusing on next steps.

3.2 Update on the study 'Evaluation of the ERA policy framework'

The Commission will update on the state of play of the 'Study to evaluate the ERA policy framework/ERA monitoring mechanism'.

3.3 Global Approach

The Commission will provide information on the Communication on Global Approach to R&I issued on 18 May.

3.4 Horizon Policy Support Facility- Mutual Learning Exercise on Citizens' science

The Commission together with the German Delegation, in representation of the Trio of Presidencies, will present a proposal and invite interested countries to participate in a new Mutual Learning Exercise on Citizens' science. This proposal builds on the ongoing work on Plastic Pirates, one of the main ERA pilot initiatives put forward in the Council Conclusions of December 2020.

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DAY 2 (Friday 4 June, 09.00)

3.5 Strategic debate: 'ERA Action 7 – exchange of views on the update and development of guiding principles for knowledge valorisation and a code of practice for the smart use of intellectual property'

The Commission will present a background note on ERA Action 7 as brought forward in the 2020 ERA Communication, including a debrief about the Knowledge Valorisation Week (27-30 April) and ongoing consultations and surveys. ERAC will be invited to provide views on the 2008 Recommendation on the management of intellectual property in knowledge transfer activities with a view to its update.

4. ERA Governance

4.1 Updates from the Commission Expert Group on the 'ERA Forum for Transition'

ERAC will be informed about the work of the Expert Group 'ERA Forum for Transition', focussing on the preparations for the Pact for Research and Innovation for Europe, followed by an exchange of views.

4.2 Highlights from the ERA-related Groups

ERAC will take note of updates on the activities carried out by the ERA-related Groups. Delegations will have the opportunity to ask questions.

- 5. Standing Information Point
 - tbc
- 6. Any Other Business
 - 6.1 46th ERAC meeting (30 September 1 October, Slovenia)

The Steering Board will in due time draw up the provisional annotated agenda of the next meeting on the basis of the Work Programme 2021-2022, taking into account that this meeting will take place back-to-back with the meeting of Directors-General for Higher Education.

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