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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: 13 December 2021

Time: 9.30

Venue: Videoconference

**co-Chairs: Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General, DG Research and Innovation
(European Commission)**

**Barbara Weitgruber, Director-General for Scientific Research and
International Relations (Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science
and Research)**

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda (*)

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

- *The co-Chairs will report on the latest ERAC Steering Board meeting of 16 November.*
- *The Slovenian Presidency will provide an update on the progress of its Presidency priorities, including the outcome of the Competitiveness Council of 26 November and the state of play of the new ERAC mandate.*
- *The incoming French, Czech and Swedish Presidencies will briefly update on their respective Presidency priorities*

3. ERA and Innovation Policy

3.1 Strategic debate: First ERA Policy Agenda and the future role of ERAC

ERAC will be invited to discuss on the implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 in line with the Council conclusions on the future governance of the ERA of 26 November 2021. Key note speakers from the incoming Trio Presidencies will be invited to provide views on the way forward.

4. ERA Governance

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

ERAC will take note on the concluding work of the Expert Group ‘ERA Forum for Transition’, and the steps for establishing the ‘ERA Forum’ as well as prospects for its working programme.

4.2 Highlights from the ERA-related Groups - "Wrap-up" achievements

The Chairs of the ERA-related Groups will provide a "wrap-up" oral report of the achievements of the ERA-related Groups and how to build on their results in the future.

5. Follow-up on former ERAC strategic debates and presentation on one EU Mission

The Commission will provide information on the follow-up to former ERAC strategic debates related to:

- knowledge valorisation*
- research assessment*
- researchers careers*

Presentation of the main novelties, expected impact and link with the ERA in relation to the Horizon Europe Mission on “Cancer”.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 ERAC Workshop on synergies between ERA and the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) on 14 December 2021

ERAC will take stock of preparations for the online ERAC Workshop of 14 December 2021 on synergies between ERA and the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). The outcome of the Workshop, jointly organised by the Slovenian and French Presidencies and the Commission, will feed into the Joint meeting of Research and Higher Education ministers scheduled on 25 January 2022.

6.2 Next ERAC meeting (12-13 April 2022)

ERAC will take note of the outlook for the first ERAC meeting under the new ERA governance framework planned on 12 and 13 April 2022 in France.

() Representatives of Associated Countries will be invited to attend all agenda items.*

NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal.