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| Member State/associated country/stakeholder1: |
| Lead entity at national level and contact person1:  *[Indicate the organisation, name, position, e-mail address.]* |
| The action includes the following types of activities:  *[These are examples of activities, in which the country or organisation could participate in. For more detailed information, including the objectives, please refer to the explanatory document(s) of this action.]*   * Co-creating with the Commission the different elements of the ERA monitoring mechanism as described by the Pact for R&I * Ensure appropriate resources for the future monitoring and evaluation of ERA Actions and priorities at national and/or regional level * Share best practices and engage in mutual learning exercises and regular policy dialogues to actively assess the implementation of the Policy Agenda |
| Comments, planned or ongoing activities regarding the implementation of the action[[1]](#footnote-1):  *[Activities at the level of countries or organisations can be shared in this box. The activities could include national measures (e.g. reforms, initiatives, studies), the participation in EU-level activities, which are described in the explanatory document, and the engagement in transnational activities with other Member States, associated or third countries. Moreover, any other comments can be added.]* |

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| * **Description** | As set out on the Council Recommendation for a Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe (Pact for R&I), a framework for an efficient and effective monitoring mechanism consisting of an online ERA policy platform, an ERA scoreboard at EU level, an ERA dashboard at national level and regular reporting will be proposed by the Commission until mid-2022. The monitoring mechanism will co-created between the Commission, Member States, associated countries and stakeholders in the ERA Forum during the second half of 2022. The new ERA monitoring mechanism will collect and analyse both quantitative and qualitative information related to the progress in realising the ERA priority areas and the implementation of the agreed joint actions.  The online ERA policy platform will be a user-friendly platform for informing on (i) the implementation of the ERA policy agenda at Union and national level and on (ii) other relevant investments, reforms and activities supporting the principles and ERA priority areas set out in this Pact (Pact for R&I).  In line with the Pact for R&I the scoreboard ”*monitors progress towards the ERA objectives at Union level*”. It “*should assess the overall consolidation and collective progress of ERA priorities and should only display aggregated data at EU level*”. It will show the overall progress on the priority areas for joint action at EU level based on a limited number of quantitative indicators.  In line with the Pact for R&I ”*a more detailed dashboard monitoring progress towards the ERA objectives at national level, through a rich combination of relevant input, outcome and impact indicators and qualitative analyses that accommodate the different circumstances of Member States and that relate to the ERA priorities*” will be established.  The Commission will prepare *annual reports* on each Member State’s progress in the implementation of the ERA policy agenda (*country reports*). The country reports shall support the regular policy dialogues between Member States and the Commission.  The Commission will prepare *a report for consideration by the Council* on the state of play of the implementation of the ERA policy agenda at the level of the Union every 18 months. The report will underpin “*steering the ongoing ERA policy agenda and preparing its reviews and updates that will be discussed and approved by the Council*”. |
| * **Actors** | The ERA scoreboard, dashboard and policy platform will be developed and managed by the European Commission in cooperation with external experts, the Member States and ERA stakeholders. |
| * **Timing and milestones** | **Mid-2022:** The Commission will present to the Council a monitoring and evaluation framework for the implementation of the ERA.  **2nd half 2022**: The ERA Forum will provide further advice to the Commission on the development and implementation of the future monitoring mechanism.  **Early 2023:** The first version of the monitoring mechanism should be launched, after which “*the Commission and the Member States should share information through the ERA policy online platform on their current and planned policies and programmes that contribute to implementing the ERA policy agenda, and more broadly contribute to the principles and priorities set out by this Pact”.*  **Mid-2023**: First 18-months report by the Commission  **End 2023**: First country reports by the Commission |
| * **Funding** | Funded under Horizon Europe. |
| * **Expected impact** | The monitoring mechanism will create the evidence base for policy making and give input to the monitoring of the policy actions and their direction. |
| * **Monitoring** | The monitoring mechanism will be implemented when the co-creation phase is finished. |
| * **Communication** | When the monitoring system is online, a first communication should take place as either a short press release or a short analysis of the content.  All actors should be encouraged to communicate the information in the monitoring mechanism. |
| * **Additional information** | The development of the monitoring mechanism will be underpinned by the report “Data gathering and analysis of policy developments and reforms: Study to evaluate the ERA policy framework/ERA monitoring mechanism”. Independent experts advise the Commission on how the most effective and efficient monitoring mechanism should look like.  At a later stage, the actual setting up of the online policy platform and the preparation of the scoreboard, the dashboard and the reporting will be supported by public procurement and external experts. |

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