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## COMMUNICATION

### NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: Meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee  
(ERAC)

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Date: 15 and 16 April 2026

Time: 09:00, 09:00

Venue: Nicosia, Cyprus

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#### 15 April 2026

1. Opening of the plenary by the ERAC co-Chairs and adoption of the agenda (\*)
2. Updates by the Co-Chairs (\*)
3. Presentation and updates on the current and incoming Presidencies' priorities on research and innovation (CY, IE, LT) (\*)
4. ERAC Work programme (01/07/2026- 31/12/2027)(\*)
  - *Discussion and adoption*  
(doc. 6893/26)
5. EU competitiveness funding: guiding principles for priority-setting
  - *Strategic debate*  
(doc. 7489/26, prepared by FR, DE, ES, SI, NL, LT, DK and the Commission)

## 16 April 2026

### 6. EU competitiveness funding: European partnerships

- *Strategic debate*  
(doc. 7490/26, prepared by FR, DE, ES, SI, NL, LT, DK and the Commission)

### 7. Science diplomacy (\*)

- *Presentation by the Commission*
- *Strategic debate with key speaker Prof. Costas N. Papanicolas*  
(doc. 7491/26)

### 8. Any other business (\*)

- a) The role of R&I in Ukraine's recovery – update by the ERAC co-Chair representing the Commission and presentations by the Austrian, Latvian and Swedish delegations  
(doc. 7400/26)
- b) The agenda of the next ERAC meeting(s)

(\*) *The attendance is open to one representative for each country associated to Horizon Europe, as authorised by the Committee of the Permanent Representatives on 25 March 2026.*

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