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**COMMUNICATION**

**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee  
(ERAC)

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Date: 6 June 2019

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL  
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING  
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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**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 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of ERAC, held in Bucharest on 21-22 March 2019, were approved by written procedure on 16 May 2019**
3. **ERA and Innovation Policy (part 1)**

### **3.1 Strengthening the strategic capacity of ERAC**

*ERAC will discuss the 'Role of Research and Innovation for the Future of Europe' as a follow-up to the EU27 leaders' meeting in Sibiu on 9 May and the relevant Commission's contribution. This will include summaries of the outcomes of the discussions at the 5 June ERAC Workshop on the issues of 'Investing in the Sustainable Development Goals' and 'Inclusiveness'. Delegates will be invited to highlight those aspects where ERAC's input could prove particularly valuable in the roll-out of the post-Sibiu work.*

### **4. Information from the co-Chairs and Presidency**

- *The co-Chairs will report back on the latest ERAC Steering Board meeting.*
- *The Romanian Presidency will provide an update on the progress of its Presidency priorities.*
- *The incoming Finnish Presidency will make a presentation on its Presidency priorities, which include 'Sustainable growth, competitiveness and security', and on the Joint Conference of ERAC and the EU Directors-General for Higher Education to be held on 1 October.*

### **5. ERA Governance**

#### **5.1 The follow-up on the Council conclusions of 30 November 2018 on the ERA and on the Review of the ERA advisory structure**

*After a presentation by the Rapporteur, ERAC will discuss the follow up on the Action Plan.*

#### **5.2 Highlights from the ERA-related Groups**

*Updates by the ERA-related Groups, together with key points for discussion, will be provided in writing to Delegations prior to the meeting. Delegations will have the opportunity to ask questions in relation to the notes and key points provided.*

*Highlight: 'Policy brief on Gender and Innovation' (Standing Working Group on Gender in Research and Innovation).*

#### **5.3 ERAC Work Programme 2019-2020**

*The draft ERAC Work Programme 2019-2020 was circulated to Delegates on [Day Month] in view of its adoption at this meeting or shortly afterwards by written procedure.*

## **6. ERA and Innovation Policy (part 2)**

### **6.1 Monitoring ERA National Action Plans**

*The Rapporteur will give an oral update on the Report on Monitoring ERA National Action Plans for all ERA-related Groups. Delegates will be invited to provide comments as an input to the Final Report to be submitted to the next Steering Board meeting on 2 July.*

### **6.2 Evaluation of the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility**

*Following two presentations by the Rapporteur of the Horizon 2020 Commission Expert Group for the evaluation of the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility, and by the Commission on the developments concerning the 'PSF 2.0', Delegations will be invited to provide comments and ask questions in relation to the information provided.*

## **7. 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.*

- *The European Innovation Scoreboard and Regional Innovation Scoreboard 2019.*

## **8. Any Other Business**

### **8.1 43rd ERAC meeting (2 October 2019, Helsinki)**

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

*On 1 October 2019 there will be a Joint Conference of ERAC and the EU Directors-General for Higher Education.*

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