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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject:       **13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Research Area Committee (ERAC)**  
                  Date:       Friday, 25 January 2013 (10h00)  
                  Venue:      COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
                          LEX BUILDING  
                          Rue de la Loi 145, 1048 Brussels

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**Chairperson: Anneli Pauli, deputy Director-General**

**1. Adoption of the provisional agenda**

## **2. 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.*

*Progress on cross-border cooperation.*

*Research and Innovation Observatory – update on the collaboration space.*

*Update on the Innovation Indicator, 2012 State of the Innovation Union Report and Innovation Union Scoreboard (2012).*

*Invitation to the 2013 Mutual Learning Seminar.*

## **3. Mandate / Rules of Procedure / Administrative issues**

### **3.1 Discussion and provisional conclusions on the review of ERAC mandate**

*Following discussions at the seminar on the review of the mandate that was held on 16 November 2012 in Brussels, the Rapporteur is drafting a report based on the responses to the questionnaire and the various options arising. ERAC will discuss the report and provisional recommendations / conclusions with the aim to finalise its advice to Council so that Council may adopt conclusions or a resolution at one of the Competitiveness Councils under the current Presidency.*

## **4. ERA policy**

### **4.1 State of play of ERA progress**

*Following the adoption of Council conclusions by the Competitiveness Council on 11 December 2012, a discussion will take place on how ERA actions could be best included by Member States in the 2013 National Reform Programmes in order to serve as a basis for monitoring.*

*The Commission will give an update on the development of the ERA monitoring mechanism, including the survey to assess the state of play concerning ERA priorities in research performing organisations and the study of the state of play in Member States in terms of ERA policy to be launched soon.*

*ERAC will also be updated on the setting-up and first activities of the ad-hoc working group for monitoring.*

### **4.2 Implementing the International Cooperation Communication**

*The Commission will give information on implementing the recent International Cooperation Communication, focussing on the aspect of "Strengthening the Partnership with Member States and Major Stakeholders" and the external dimension of ERA; as well as possible interactions with SFIC.*

**LUNCH BREAK (13:00 - 14:30h)**

## **5. Implementation and monitoring of the Innovation Union in the context of Europe 2020**

### **5.1. European Semester: Annual Growth Survey (AGS)**

*There will be a presentation of the main outcomes of the first meeting on 24 January of the new ad-hoc working group on the European Semester. The main point for discussion will be the draft ERAC opinion on the 2013 Annual Growth Survey in view of its adoption shortly after the meeting.*

## **6. Peer review of Danish R&I System**

*The review has been conducted according to a specific methodology acknowledged by ERAC and carried out by an international expert panel. The process and methodologies will be presented along with the policy conclusions and experiences that are transferable to other R&I systems.*

## **7. Any other business**

### **Next ERAC meeting**

*The Steering Board will draw up the provisional annotated agenda of the next meeting on the basis of the Work Programme 2013.*

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NB: To reduce costs, only documents produced in the week preceding the meeting will be available in the meeting room.