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EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA
AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

– ERAC –
Secretariat

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NOTE

To:	Delegations
Subject:	Planned actions for the interaction on the implementation of ERA policy with other ERA-related groups

The Council in its May 2013 resolution invited the ERA-related groups to consider together, in the interest of the timeliness, effectiveness and efficiency of advice to Council, Commission and Member States how best to improve their cooperation, consultation and coordination. Therefore, after discussion on the December 2013 plenary ERAC meeting, ERAC Steering Board on its January 2014 meeting decided to invite Chairs of ERA-related groups for a dedicated meeting of the ERAC SB, which will be held on 7 February 2014 in Brussels. SB ERAC invites ERA related groups to continue the discussion on how to implement best the Council resolution and improve mutual cooperation.

SB ERAC proposed the meeting will focus on three issues:

- 1) Work programmes of all ERA-related groups (including ERAC) - presentations
- 2) ERA-related groups' contribution to the innovation topics selected by ERAC,
- 3) first exchange of ideas on the review called for in the Council resolution of 30 May 2013.

The aim of item (1) of the meeting will be to have a better overview of the Work Programmes of each group (including ERAC) and discuss if and possibly where better mutual coordination may be required in order to achieve common goals.

As issue (2) is concerned, SB ERAC wants to invite ERA-related groups to work with the Rapporteurs of two innovation topics included in the ERAC Work Plan (Open Access and IPR and Public Procurement of Innovation) within its expertise and resources. ERAC SB will invite also ERA-related groups to consider taking the lead in two other innovation topics discussed by ERAC: Open Innovation and Knowledge Transfer and IP valuation. ERA-related groups are welcome to propose other innovation topics to be discussed and to take the lead on.

As far as issue (3) is concerned, ERAC SB is willing to share its experience in reviewing ERAC own mandate and monitoring its activity, which could create a good basis for further discussion.

Invitation was sent to the Chairs of the following ERA-related groups:

- the Helsinki Group on Gender in Research and Innovation,
- the ERA Steering Group on Human Resources and Mobility (SGHRM),
- the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI),
- the Strategic Forum for International Science and Technology Cooperation (SFIC),
- the High Level Group on Joint Programming (GPC)
- the ERAC Working Group on Knowledge Transfer (KT)

Vice chair will inform the Committee on its next plenary meeting on a results of this dedicated SB ERAC meeting and further steps agreed.