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Subject: 35th meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee
(ERAC)

Date: 21 and 22 September 2017

Time: 9.30, 9.30

Venue: TARTU, ESTONIA

**co-Chairpersons: Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General DG RTD
and
David Wilson, Deputy Director, International Knowledge & Innovation,
BEIS, UK.**

DAY 1

- 1. Adoption of the provisional agenda**
- 2. The summary conclusions of the 34th meeting of ERAC, held in Brussels on 16 June 2017 were approved by written procedure on [Day Month] 2017**
- 3. Election of a new MS co-Chair**
- 4. Information from the co-Chairs and Presidency**
 - *The co-Chairs report back on the latest ERAC Steering Board meeting.*
 - *The EE Presidency will make a presentation of R&I policy in Estonia, including the Presidency priorities for Research and Innovation. The EE Presidency will also update ERAC on the outcome of the discussions at the Informal meeting of Competitiveness Ministers (research), held on 24-25 July in Tallinn.*
 - *The BG upcoming Presidency will make a short presentation on its Presidency priorities.*
- 5. ERA and Innovation Policy**
 - 5.1 Interim Evaluation of Horizon 2020 and preparations for the next Framework Programme for Research and Innovation**

Following the approval of the ERAC Opinion by written procedure on 7 July 2017, the Commission will present the state of play and the lessons learnt on the public-public partnerships. Based on a set of guiding questions, Delegations will be invited to express their views.
 - 5.2 Update on ERA National Action Plans and strategies**

The Commission will update Delegates on the follow-up of the National Action Plans as well as on the outcome of the workshop on National Action Plans, held on 20 September 2017. Delegates will discuss the outcome of the workshop as well as the planning and use of future workshops.

DAY 2

5.3 Report "Science, research and innovation performance of the EU 2018"

The Commission will make a presentation on emerging findings of the Report. ERAC Delegates will be invited to provide their input before the Report is being finalised.

6. 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.

– Update on the Joint EC/OECD Survey on Science, Technology and Innovation Policies.

7. ERA Governance

7.1 Updates from the ERAC Working Groups

7.1.a Standing Working Group on Open Science and Innovation

7.1.b Standing Working Group on Gender in Research and Innovation

7.1.c Standing Working Group on Human Resources and Mobility

7.2 Updates from the ERA-related Groups

7.3 Review of the ERA governance foreseen in 2018

The MS co-Chair will update Delegates on progress and feedback received since the latest ERAC Plenary. A draft with main issues and a first set of questions to the DGs will be circulated prior to the meeting. Delegates will discuss the input to be fed into the guidance paper that the Steering Board has to submit to the DGs.

7.4 The ERAC Annual Report 2016 was adopted by written procedure on [Day Month] 2017

7.5 The Report of the Ad-hoc Working Group on Measuring the Impact of EU Framework Programmes for R&I at National Level was adopted by written procedure on 4 July 2017

8. Any other business

8.1 36th ERAC meeting (5 December 2017, Brussels)

The Steering Board will draw up the provisional annotated agenda of the next meeting on the basis of the updated Work Programme 2016-2017.