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Subject:	19th meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC)
Date:	27 March 2014
Time:	10.00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

Chairperson: Rudolf Strohmeier, deputy Director-General

- 1. Adoption of the provisional agenda**
- 2. Approval of the draft summary conclusions of the 18th meeting of ERAC, held in Brussels on 6 February 2014**

3. 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.

- *Short papers on the state of play on the Innovation topics (Open Access and Public Procurement of Innovation).*

4. ERA and Innovation policy

4.1 ERA Progress Report

ERAC will discuss the follow-up to the Council conclusions on ERA Progress on the basis of a note with questions prepared by the ERAC Steering Board.

ERAC should agree on the distribution of responsibilities, methodology and timetable for the preparation of the ERA roadmap.

The Commission will up-date ERAC on the ongoing preparation of the 2nd ERA Progress Report, including information on the ERA survey.

Based on this information, there could be an initial exchange of views on the scope of ERAC's future opinion on the 2nd ERA Progress Report and the links with the ERA roadmap.

4.2 ERA-related groups

The Vice-Chair will update ERAC on the proposed interaction on the implementation of ERA policy with other ERA-related groups following the meeting on 7 February.

LUNCH BREAK

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

5.1 European Semester

ERAC will have an initial discussion on the outcome of the 2014 Mutual Learning Seminar taking place on 20 March, in particular on the topic: "Efficiency of Research and Innovation Systems for Economic Growth and Employment".

The discussion will lead to identifying the focus for the follow-up work of the ad-hoc Working Group.

5.2 Innovation Union Scoreboard 2014

The Commission will present the Innovation Union Scoreboard (IUS) 2014, published on 4 March 2014. ERAC will debate the lessons and policy implications of the innovation performance of Member States as measured by the IUS.

A short note will be sent to ERAC delegates before the plenary in order to position the discussion and focus on the main IUS findings.

5.3 Research and Innovation as new sources of growth

The Commission intends to adopt in June 2014 a Communication on 'Research and Innovation as sources of renewed growth'. In the context of this forthcoming Communication, ERAC will have an exchange of views on the potential of both continued R&I investment and reform of the research and innovation system as drivers of renewed and sustainable economic growth and job creation. ERAC will also analyse the challenges this poses for future R&I policy formulation.

The discussion will be structured around the following two questions:

- 1. Which of the reforms you have introduced over the past years, has proven to be particularly successful in increasing the quality and efficiency of R&I investment?"*
- 2. Which elements of smart fiscal consolidation in your country had the strongest impact on growth?*

6. Mandate/Rules of Procedure/Administrative issues

6.1 Presentation of report for tracking ERAC impact

The Vice-Chair will present the final report on tracking ERAC's impact based on the input from Member States and Associated Countries.

7. Any other business

Next ERAC meeting (5-6 June 2014, Crete)

The Steering Board will draw up the provisional annotated agenda of the next meeting on the basis of the Work Programme 2014.

NB: Delegates of EU Member States requiring day badges to attend meetings should consult document [14387/1/12 REV 1](#) on how to obtain them.