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Subject: 20th Meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee
(ERAC)

Date: 5 and 6 June 2014

Time: 9.30, 9.30

Venue: CANDIA MARIS RESORT & SPA
72 Andreas Papandreou Street, Heraklion - Gazi - Greece GR - 71414

Chairperson: Mr Rudolf Strohmeier, Deputy Director-General, DG RTD

Thursday 5 June (9.30h – 13h)

- 1. Adoption of the provisional agenda**
- 2. Approval of the draft summary conclusions of the 19th meeting of ERAC, held in Brussels on 27 March 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.

- *A short paper on the state of play of the Public Procurement of Innovation project.*

4. ERA and Innovation policy

4.1 ERA Roadmap

ERAC will follow-up on the discussion of the ERA Roadmap based on a note prepared by the Steering Board and agree on the content, timeline and responsibilities for the preparation of the ERA Roadmap, including the involvement of the ERA-related groups.

4.2 ERA Progress Report

The Commission will up-date ERAC on the state-of-play of the preparation of the ERA Progress Report. ERAC will discuss its contribution (working modalities & timeline) and how to consolidate the inputs by the other ERA-related groups to the ERA progress report with a view to a possible ERAC opinion.

Friday 6 June (9.30h – 13.00h)

5. Presentation of research and innovation policy in Greece

Professor Constantinos Stephanidis of University of Crete and the Foundation of Research and Technology Hellas (FORTH HELLAS), will give a presentation on the national research system and the national research priorities, including the Greek research infrastructures.

Dr. Vasilios Gongolidis of the General Secretariat for Research and Technology will give a presentation on the designing of the smart specialization strategy of Greece in relation to regional development.

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

6.1 European Semester

ERAC will have an initial discussion on the state of play on R&I policy trends and reporting based on a first analysis of the National Reform Programmes (NRPs) and the follow-up on the opinion on structuring and sharing input on R&I and the ERA elements in the NRPs.

ERAC may also discuss topics for future policy learning activities and ad-hoc workshops in the context of the European Semester.

6.2 Mutual Learning Seminar: follow-up

*ERAC will have a discussion on the final report from the **ERAC 2014 Mutual learning Seminar**, in particular focussing on the topic "Efficiency of Research and Innovation Systems for Economic Growth and Employment", and consider policy options in the context of Europe 2020 based on the preparatory work by the ad-hoc Working Group.*

6.3 Presentation and discussion on the mid-term review of Europe 2020

*The Commission will give a short presentation of the Communication "Taking stock of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth" (doc. **6713/14** of 7 March 2014). ERAC will have an exchange of views, focusing on the trends towards reaching the R&D national targets.*

7. Any other business

7.1 Update on work with ERA-related groups

The Vice-Chair will update ERAC on the follow-up from the meeting with Chairs or representatives of the ERA-related groups in February of this year.

7.2 Information by the incoming Italian Presidency on its research and innovation priorities

7.3 Next ERAC meeting (1-3 October, Venice)

The Steering Board will draw up the annotated provisional agenda of the next meeting on the basis of the Work Programme 2014-2015.