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NOTE

From:	ERAC Secretariat
To:	ERAC delegations
Subject:	Overview of ERAC opinions and their uptake in Commission communications or other documents and in Council conclusions, resolutions or debates, as well as an assessment of the impact of these in Member States and Associated Countries (since June 2010)

The Committee's Report on the review of the ERAC mandate¹ recommended that the Committee's Steering Board carry out continuous monitoring of the impact of ERAC opinions and put an annual monitoring report to the Committee.

The Council resolution on the advisory work for the European Research Area² invited the Committee to implement the recommendations included in its Report of 18 April 2013 without delay.

Delegations will find attached to this Note an overview of ERAC opinions produced since June 2010 and their uptake in Commission communications or other documents and in Council conclusions, resolutions or debates, as well as an assessment of the potential impact *of both ERAC opinions **and** their uptake by the Commission and the Council* in Member States and Associated Countries (although this part of the table still remains to be completed at this point in time).

¹ Doc. ERAC 1201/13 of 18 April 2013 (Recommendation 4).

² Doc. 10331/13 of 31 May 2013 (Paragraph 6).

This overview will be presented at the 17th meeting of ERAC in December 2013 for a discussion on the methodology of the overview: How specific should the impact assessment by Member States and Associated Countries be (it would need to fit in the fourth column of the table)? Could the impact be satisfactorily expressed in terms of "high", "medium" and "low"?

Following this discussion, as well as input by Member States and Associated Countries (to the fourth column), the Vice-Chair will, on behalf of the Steering Board, present a monitoring report to the Committee at the 18th meeting in February 2014.

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ERAC Opinion on recommendations and possible options to achieve more synergies between the Knowledge Triangle and Cohesion policies at various governance levels ³	Communication from the Commission: Europe 2020 Flagship Initiative - Innovation Union ⁴ <i>Some elements reflected in text but no specific reference to synergies between Knowledge Transfer and Cohesion policies</i>	November 2010: Council conclusions on Innovation Union In Europe ⁵	...
ERAC Opinion on ERA-related instruments (partially building on the June 2010 opinion on synergies (see above) (based on a 2009 Council request for considering ways to improve and simplify ERA-landscape) ⁶	Communication from the Commission: Partnering in Research and Innovation ⁷ <i>Reference to ERAC opinion on ERA-related instruments. However, a framework within which to develop solid and durable partnerships^(ref) is needed.</i>	December 2011: Council conclusions on Partnering in Research and Innovation ⁸	...

³ Doc. ERAC 1204/10 of 21 June 2010.

⁴ Doc. 14035/10 of 6 October 2010.

⁵ Press Release 3049th Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space) Council meeting Brussels, 26 November 2010.

⁶ Doc. 1208/11 of 26 May 2011.

⁷ Doc. 14555/11 of 22 September 2011.

⁸ Doc. 18349/11 of 8 December 2011.

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	<i>Also proposal to simplify instruments.</i>		
ERAC advice on the review of ERA-related Groups ⁹ (based on Council resolution of 3 December 2009 on the Enhanced Governance of the European Research Area ¹⁰ , which invited MS and CION to initiate a review of groups)	<i>No follow-up/ reference by Commission.</i>	June 2011: Council Conclusions on the development of the European Research Area (ERA) through ERA-related Groups ¹¹	...
ERAC opinion on the Modernisation of Universities ¹²	Communication from the Commission: Supporting growth and jobs — an agenda for the modernisation of Europe's higher education systems ¹³ <i>No direct reference to ERAC's input, but reference (p. 5 and footnote 15) to the principles of innovative doctoral training and European Framework for research careers, which have been prepared with the support of the ERA Steering Group</i>	November 2011: Council conclusions on the modernisation of higher education ¹⁴	...

⁹ Doc. ERAC 1206/11 of 6 May 2011.

¹⁰ Official Journal C 323, 31.12.2009, p. 1-4.

¹¹ Doc. 11032/11 of 1 June 2011.

¹² Doc. ERAC 1211/11 of 23 June 2011.

¹³ Doc. 14198/11 of 22 September 2011.

¹⁴ Doc. 16746/11 of 17 November 2011.

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	<i>Human Resources and Mobility (SG HRM).</i>		
ERAC opinion on the "Common Strategic Framework" for Research, Technological Development and Innovation ¹⁵	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council establishing Horizon 2020 - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020)¹⁶ References to ERAC opinion: "The importance of a coherent strategic approach was also underlined in [an] opinion delivered by the European Research Area Committee on 3 June 2011"¹⁷. Reference to ERAC opinion: This approach is widely recognised by stakeholders as the way forward and has also been supported by the European Parliament in its Resolution of 27 September 2011, the European Economic and Social Committee and the European Research Area Committee. [Cannot		...

¹⁵ Doc. ERAC 1210/11 of 6 June 2011.

¹⁶ Doc. 17933/11 of 5 December 2011.

¹⁷ Reference to doc. ERAC 1210/11 of 5 June 2011.

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	<i>find this. FS]</i>		...
ERAC Opinion on the development of an ERA Framework ¹⁸ (with inputs from SGHRM, GPC, SFIC, KT and ESFRI)	Communication from the Commission - A Reinforced European Research Area Partnership for Excellence and Growth. ¹⁹ Five axes proposed by ERAC were not directly taken up in Communication; concerns expressed by the proposed arrangements with research stakeholder organisations discussed in DG seminar;	December 2012: Council Conclusions on a reinforced European Research Area Partnership for Excellence and Growth ²⁰	
ERAC opinion on the 2011 Annual Growth Survey ²¹	Mutual Learning seminar 2013 will follow-up and report on progress ²² (possibly taking some of ERAC's recommendations)	February 2012: Debate in Competitiveness Council based on Presidency paper on AGS ²³ , 1-2 March 2012: European Council conclusions ²⁴	...
ERAC Opinion on the Commission's Annual Growth Survey ²⁵	...	...	

¹⁸ Doc. ERAC 1215/11 of 9 December 2011.

¹⁹ Doc. 12848/12 of 23 July 2012.

²⁰ Doc. 17649/12 of 12 December 2012.

²¹ Doc. ERAC 1204/1/11 REV 1 of 28 February 2011.

²² "Report on the 2013 ERAC Mutual Learning Seminar on Research and Innovation Policies, Brussels, March 21, 2013" (doc. without number or date).
[*still to check for ERAC impact*]

²³ Doc. 6675/12, p. 8-9 (Press Release of Council on 20-21 February 2012).

²⁴ Doc. EUCO EUCO 4/2/12 REV 2 of 26 April 2012, p. 1-2.

²⁵ Doc. 1201/12 of 10 February 2012.

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ERAC opinion on the Relationship between the European Research Area and Horizon 2020 ²⁶	<i>No follow-up by Commission.</i> commitology / governance for H2020 in Commission's proposal for Specific programme;	...	...
ERAC opinion on the Annual Growth Survey 2013 ²⁷	...	...	
Report from ERAC on the review of the ERAC Mandate ²⁸		Council resolution on the advisory work for the the European Research Area ²⁹	...
ERAC Opinion on Cross-border Cooperation among Research-performing Organisations for Achieving the European Research Area ³⁰	...	...	...
[ERAC Opinion on the European Research Area Progress Report 2013 ³¹] (still to come, provisional title)	...	...	...

²⁶ Doc. ERAC 1207/12 of 30 August 2012.

²⁷ Doc. ERAC 1202/13 of 1 February 2013.

²⁸ Doc. ERAC 1201/13 of 18 April 2013

²⁹ Doc. 10331/13 of 31 May 2013. See also the draft resolution that was put to Coreper (doc. 9763/13 of 24 May 2013) and that includes an overview of all ERA advisory groups in Annex II.

³⁰ Doc. ERAC 1215/1/13 REV 1 of 7 November 2013.

³¹ European Research Area Progress Report by the Commission: doc. 13812/13 of 20 September 2013. [ERAC opinion: doc. of ...].