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### **COMMUNICATION**

#### **NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: 26th Meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC)

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Date: 16 and 17 April 2015

Time: 10.00, 9.30

Venue: Radisson BLU Hotel Latvija, Riga, LATVIA

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**Chairperson: Robert-Jan Smits, Director-General, DG RTD**

#### **DAY 1: 16 April**

- 1. Adoption of the provisional agenda**
- 2. Approval of the draft summary conclusions of the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of ERAC, held in Brussels on 24 February, 2015**

### **3. Standing information point**

*Information will be provided to delegations at the meeting. Delegations will have the opportunity to ask questions in relation to the information provided.*

– *ERA Governance – oral update by the Presidency.*

### **4. ERA and Innovation Policy**

#### **4.1 EU ERA Roadmap**

*The Rapporteur (UK delegation) will give an update on the process to finalise the ERA Roadmap text following the 25<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting.*

*ERAC will adopt the final draft of the Roadmap and Annexes 1, 2 & 3 and discuss the next steps towards implementing the Roadmap.*

*ERAC will adopt the new mandate for the ad-hoc group on Monitoring the ERA Roadmap.*

### **5. Mandate / Rules of Procedure / Administrative issues**

#### **5.1 Election of Vice-Chair**

*Under Article 3(1) of the ERAC Rules of Procedure, the Committee shall elect a Vice-Chair from among Member State representatives for a period of two years, which shall be renewable once.*

#### **5.2 ERAC work programme (2015-2016)**

*The Vice-Chair will introduce the ERAC work programme for 2015-16 which has been updated by the Steering Board following the discussion and decisions taken on strategic topics at the 25<sup>th</sup> Plenary meeting.*

*ERAC will approve the work programme.*

**6. Presentation of R&I policy in Latvia and discussion**

*There will be a presentation on the outcomes of the research assessment of the Latvian research institutions that was undertaken in 2013 by the Nordic Council, including the influence of this exercise on the recent reforms to Latvian higher education, research and innovation policy.*

**7. Implementation and monitoring of the Innovation Union (IU) in the context of EU 2020**

**7.1 Innovation Union Scoreboard 2015**

*The Commission will present the Innovation Union Scoreboard (IUS) 2015. ERAC will debate the lessons and policy implications of the innovation performance of Member States as measured by the IUS.*

*Delegates will be sent a short note on the main findings and questions for delegates to consider for the discussion. The discussion should provide delegates with deeper insights of the EU's research and innovation performance and its implications in terms of identifying cross-cutting challenges for research and innovation systems.*

**7.2 European Semester**

*Building on the outcomes of the European Semester workshop, ERAC will discuss the main R&I challenges identified in the 2015 country reports and the key policy responses in the National Reform Programmes.*

*Prior to the meeting delegates will receive a summary note with questions to structure the discussion. The discussion should give delegates an overview of the main challenges identified in the 2015 European Semester country reports and a possibility to discuss the policy implications, notably in terms of developing the R&I components of their National Reform Programmes.*

*ERAC will also be updated on the progress on the joint EC/OECD questionnaire.*

**8. Any other business**

**8.1 Invitation to Ukraine to participate in ERAC meetings as an observer (in accordance with Article 6.3 of ERAC's Rules of Procedure)**

**8.2 next ERAC meeting (7-8 July, Luxembourg)**

*The Steering Board will draw up the provisional annotated agenda of the 27<sup>th</sup> ERAC meeting on the basis of the Work Programme 2015-2016.*