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Subject: 29th meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee
(ERAC)

Date: 14 and 15 January 2016

Time: 9.30, 9.00

Venue: Europe building, Kattenburgerstraat 7
1018 JH Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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

DAY 1

1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**
2. **The draft summary conclusions of the 28th meeting of ERAC, held in Brussels on 13 November were approved by written procedure ahead of the meeting**
3. **Information from the co-Chairs**
4. **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 PSF activities;*
- *'Lund Revisited', High-Level Conference on 4 December 2015;*
- *European Semester 2016 and summary of the AGS package;*
- *Commission Staff Working Document on Better regulation for innovation-driven investment at EU level.*

5. **ERA and Innovation Policy**

5.1 **Update on national ERA action plans and strategies**

In follow-up to the Workshop on drafting national ERA roadmap action plans and strategies in October in London, there will be a break-out session for further informal discussions between Member States on the state of play in each country, current issues and progress, with the aim to prepare a further Workshop in the Spring, focussing on the most challenging issues, to support finalising the national action plans and strategies before the ERA high-level conference in May 2016.

5.2 **Discussion on state of the art and methodology of the EMM**

In follow-up to the overview at the previous ERAC Plenary, the Commission will present the revised approach for the 2016 ERA Progress Report. It will present the list of indicators that will be the core of the EMM and the way they will be used in the analysis. A first skeleton of the content of the report will also be presented. Delegates will be invited to provide suggestions on the content of the report.

5.3 **Presentation of R&I policy in the Netherlands**

There will be a presentation of the research and innovation policy in the Netherlands followed by discussion.

5.4 Open Access and Innovation Task Force report

The rapporteur (Marjan van Meerloo) for the Task Force on Open Access and Innovation will present the recommendations in the report of the Task Force which was circulated to ERAC delegates in December. ERAC will be invited to discuss the recommendations with a view to adopting its opinion on Open Access and Innovation.

DAY 2

6. ERA Governance

6.1 Implementation of Council conclusions (Dec) on ERA advisory structure

ERAC will be updated on the next steps on the ERAC and ERA-related governance, based on a note prepared by the Steering Board with the indicative timetable to implement the different measures.

In line with the Council conclusions on the streamlining of the groups, ERAC will have an initial discussion in break-out groups on the coordination of the ERA-related groups with the existing Commission expert groups, as set out in Commission's inventory of the advisory groups, with the aim of identifying overlaps or gaps between the groups; any resources/coordination issues and whether the groups reflect delegations' priorities.

6.2 ERAC Working Group on ERA Priority 5

Following on from the initial exchange of views at the previous ERAC Plenary and further discussions in the ERAC Steering Board, ERAC will consider the draft mandate for the new Working Group for ERA Priority 5: Optimal circulation, access to and transfer of scientific knowledge. Delegates will be invited to adopt the mandate and take the necessary actions to set-up this working group.

7. Adoption of the work programme

ERAC MS co-Chair will present the proposed new approach and topics for ERAC's work programme for 2016-2017, to ensure timely strategic advice to Council and the Commission. The forthcoming Presidencies (SK, MT) will present their indicative topics and the NL Presidency will indicate possible follow-up/ implementation of the Presidencies' work;

ERAC will be invited to agree on this approach and the strategic topics proposed.

8. Any other business

ERAC meeting (22 April, Brussels)

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