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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject:	30th meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC)
Date:	22 April 2016
Time:	10.00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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

- 1. Adoption of the provisional agenda**
- 2. The draft summary conclusions of the 29th meeting of ERAC, held in Amsterdam on 14-15 January were approved by written procedure.**
- 3. Information from the co-Chairs and Presidency**

The NL Presidency will give an update on the three sets of Council conclusions being prepared;

The incoming SK Presidency will give a brief update on the activities involving young researchers;

4. ERA and Innovation Policy

4.1 Exploratory exchange of views on the European Innovation Council (EIC)

Based on the exploratory web consultation launched on 17 February, for ideas and evidence for the EIC, ERAC will collect delegations initial ideas and thoughts on the issues arising and agree on the process for preparing its advice to the Commission on this topic;

4.2 Update on the European Fund for Strategic Investment (EFSI) financing for RDI-related projects and expectations

ERAC will be updated on R&D&I projects financed under EFSI and invited to exchange views on appropriate actions that could be taken to ensure more projects related to R&I can benefit from such investments;

4.3 Update on national ERA action plans and strategies

Member States will be invited to raise any final issues prior to submitting their ERA national action plans and strategies by 1 May, in preparation for the discussion at the Ministerial lunch during the Competitiveness Council on 27 May;

5. 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.

- *Report of EMM Workshop;*
- *Update on the RESAVER scheme.*

LUNCH BREAK

6. Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility: Peer-Review of the Moldovan R&I system and lesson learnt

Prior to the meeting, delegates will be sent a summary of the MD exercise conducted through the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility. The session will start with a short presentation by the Chair of the Review Panel, Krzysztof Gulda and the MD authorities on the lessons learnt, followed by a broader discussion focussing on:

- what policy issues and conclusions are transferrable to other MS from this exercise?*
- exchange of views on experiences gained from other peer reviews and expectations towards the peer review process.*

7. Report on Science, Research and Innovation Performance of the EU - A contribution to the Open Innovation, Open Science, Open to the World agenda

The Commission will give a short presentation on the key findings of the report which was published on 10 March 2016. Prior to the meeting delegates will receive a summary note with questions to structure the discussion which will focus on where the EU needs to improve its performance to tackle the challenges it faces.

8. ERA Governance

8.1 Election of Steering Board member

Under Article 4, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the ERAC Rules of Procedure, up to two representatives from two other Member States elected from the representatives serving on the Committee shall be part of the Steering Board.

8.2 Implementation of actions relating to the ERA advisory structure

ERAC will consider the actions needed to progress the ERA-related governance issues, in particular:

- the setting up of the ERAC Working Group on ERA Priority 5;*
- the follow-up on the scope for rationalising groups based on the updated Commission inventory and the additional information that Member States have collected on the groups;*
- the content and structure of the first ERAC Annual Report and the process for adoption;*

9. Any other business

ERAC meeting (15-16 September, Bratislava)

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