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Subject:	18th meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC)
Date:	6 February 2014
Time:	10.00
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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**Chairperson: Rudolf Strohmeier, deputy Director-General**

- 1. Adoption of the provisional agenda - 10h10**
- 2. Approval of the draft summary conclusions of the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of ERAC, held in Brussels on 12 December 2013 - 10h20**

### **3. Standing information point - 10h30**

*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.*

- *2014 Mutual Learning Seminar and Workshop – introductory papers and questionnaires sent to participants*
- *Planned actions for the interaction on the implementation of ERA policy with other ERA-related groups*

### **4. ERA and Innovation policy**

#### **4.1 ERA Progress Report - 10h50**

*The Presidency will be invited to update ERAC on the status of the draft Council conclusions on the ERA Progress Report 2013.*

*ERAC will discuss the methodology and organisation of work to prepare the operational roadmap based on the recommendations in the ERAC opinion. The expected outcome is for ERAC to agree on the working methods to prepare the roadmap before summer 2014.*

#### **4.2 Innovation topics - 11h50**

*The delegations that have taken up the work on the topics of "Open Access and IPR" and the "Public Procurement of Innovation" will outline the planning and proposed mechanisms to take these new initiatives forward with a view to a draft ERAC opinion on these subjects by the end of 2014.*

*ERAC will be updated on activities in "Open Innovation and Knowledge Transfer" and its policy implications by a member of — or a written contribution from — the ERAC Working Group on Knowledge Transfer.*

## **LUNCH BREAK 13h00 – 14h00**

### **5. Implementation and monitoring of the Innovation Union in the context of Europe 2020**

#### **5.1 European Semester - 14h00**

*ERAC will discuss ongoing work on the European Semester, recalling (1) the ERAC opinions on the AGS 2014 and (2) the guidance note that could be used by national authorities on a voluntary basis to structure their R&I inputs to NRPs.*

*The Working Group on the European Semester and on ERA Monitoring will present its draft work programme for the European Semester.*

#### **5.2 2013 Innovation Union Competitiveness Report - 14h45**

*The presentation of the 2013 edition of the report was given at the ERAC meeting on 12 December 2013. The Report contributes to the Europe 2020 Strategy by providing in-depth statistical and economic analysis covering the main features of efficient research and innovation systems. ERAC will have a further discussion on the policy implications.*

*Prior to the meeting delegates will receive a summary note mapping the conclusions of the IUC report onto the objectives of the European innovation policy to orientate the discussion. The expected outcome is that the delegates will have additional insights that may contribute to improve the elaboration of their National Reform Programmes, as well as, more generally, national and regional R&I policies.*

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

### **6.1 Presentation of report for tracking ERAC impact - 15h30**

*The Vice-Chair will present the initial findings on tracking ERAC's impact based on the input from Member States and Associated Countries.*

*Members are asked to express their views on this with a view to the report being finalised in Q1 2014 (March meeting).*

### **6.2 Election of members of the Steering Board - 16h15**

*Under Article 4 (3) of the Rules of Procedure of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee, up to two Member State representatives shall be elected by a majority of the representatives of Member States or their alternates for a period of 18 months. Their term shall not be renewable more than once. The Committee is asked to pronounce itself on the candidature of Mr David Wilson (UK) for the vacant position.*

## **7. Any other business - 16h30**

### **Next ERAC meeting (27 March 2014, Brussels)**

*The Steering Board will draw up the provisional annotated agenda of the next meeting on the basis of the Work Programme 2013-2015.*

*DK will make a short announcement on the forthcoming Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF) Conference in Copenhagen in June 2014.*

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NB: Delegates of EU Member States requiring day badges to attend meetings should consult document 14387/1/12 REV 1 on how to obtain them.