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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: 39th meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee
(ERAC)

Date: 17 and 18 September 2018

Time: 9.30, 9.00

Venue: SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

**co-Chairpersons: Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General DG RTD
and
Christian Naczinsky, Head of Department for EU and OECD Research
Policy, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Austria.**

DAY 1

1. **Adoption of the provisional agenda**
2. **The summary conclusions of the 38th meeting of ERAC, held in Brussels on 17 May 2018, were approved by written procedure on [Day Month] 2018.**
3. **Information from the co-Chairs and Presidency**
 - *The co-Chairs will report back on the latest ERAC Steering Board meeting.*
 - *The AT Presidency will make a presentation on Research and Innovation policy in Austria, including the relevant Presidency priorities.*
 - *The incoming RO Presidency will make a short presentation on its Presidency priorities.*

4. **ERA Governance**

4.1 **Review of the ERA advisory structure**

On the basis of the final draft Report provided by the Rapporteur, ERAC will discuss the recommendations and conclusions on the review of the ERA advisory structure. The aim of the discussion is to adopt the Report in view of the planned Council conclusions on ERA. To give the possibility to all the stakeholders to express themselves, Delegations will be kindly invited to limit their interventions to 3 minutes.

DAY 2

4.2 Highlights from the ERA-related Groups

Updates by the ERA-related Groups, together with key points for discussion, will be provided in writing to Delegations prior to the meeting. Delegations will have the opportunity to ask questions in relation to the notes and key points provided.

5. ERA and Innovation Policy

5.1 Strategic debate: how to improve national Research and Innovation systems of Member States and Associated Countries

The Commission co-Chair will make a short introductory presentation on the European Semester and the Reform Delivery Tool, followed by the Member States co-Chair with an outline of the ERAC Annual Report 2017. Based on recent reports on R&I performance and policies and activities under the Policy Support Facility, Delegations will be invited to exchange views on how to further optimise the efficiency and effectiveness of their national Research and Innovation systems, with a focus on performance based funding of public research and R&D tax incentives. Background papers and lead questions will structure the exchange of views, which will limit the intervention time to 3 minutes per Delegation. The outcome of the debate may contribute to the planned Council conclusions on ERA.

5.2 ERAC Ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships and follow-up

The ERAC Ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships will present its final reports on "Rationalising the partnership landscape" and "Increasing the efficiency of implementation of partnerships" for debate and in view of their adoption at the meeting or shortly afterwards.

6. 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.

- *Information on the ERAC Workshop to be held on 5 December 2018 in Brussels*
- *ERA Progress Report 2018*
- *Outcome of the 2018 European Semester process*

7. ERAC Work Programme 2018/19

The draft updated ERAC Work Programme 2018/19 will be circulated ahead of the meeting for its timely adoption.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 40th ERAC meeting (6 December 2018, Brussels)

The Steering Board will draw up the provisional annotated agenda of the next meeting on the basis of the updated Work Programme 2018-2019.