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NOTE

Subject: Summary conclusions of the GPC plenary meeting of 12 September 2018

Delegations will find annexed to this Note the summary conclusions of the GPC plenary meeting of 12 September 2018, as adopted by written procedure.

The meeting was chaired by the GPC Chair, Mr Leonidas ANTONIOU and the GPC Vice-Chair, Mr Emmanuel PASCO-VIEL. The High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC) drew the following conclusions:

1. Welcome by the Chair and approval of the provisional agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 4037/18 with some changes in the order of the items.

2. Future of Joint Programming

2a. Towards Partnerships under Horizon Europe

Mr Alexander GRABLOWITZ, Commission, presented, on behalf of the Chair of ERAC Ad-hoc Working Group on Partnerships, tasks and deliverables of the Group's work as well as the state of play of the reports prepared by the Group.

He also gave an overview of the next steps:

- 25 September 2018: Expert hearing on criteria framework
- 26/27 September 2018: ERAC WG meeting in Brussels
- 6 December 2018 ERAC Plenary: presentation of the final report and the Commission will present:
 - Proposal for refined criteria framework;
 - Proposal for strategic coordinating process.

Mr Grablowitz also outlined the parts of the Horizon Europe proposal relevant to the Joint Programming Process.

The main points raised in the discussion were the following:

- The possible timeline for the identification of the partnerships under Horizon Europe proposal.

- The possible various forms of partnerships in the proposal.
- The lack of the CSA Instrument to support Partnerships in the Horizon Europe proposal.

2b. Final Report of the GPC Task Force on the analysis of the Long Term Strategies of the Joint Programming Initiatives

The GPC adopted Final Report of the GPC Task Force on the analysis of the Long Term Strategies of the Joint Programming Initiatives. The PT delegation voted against the report.

2c. Discussion on the legal structures for the JPIs

Ms Kathrine ANGELL-HANSEN, Strategy Director of the JPI Oceans, presented, the rationale as well as the practical aspects of choosing a legal structure (AISBL) for the JPI Oceans Secretariat. She also shared the lessons learnt from this exercise.

2d. Working Group on the Future of Joint Programming - state of play

The Vice-Chair debriefed delegations on the meeting of the Working Group on the Future of Joint Programming which took place on the day before the GPC plenary meeting. Among others, the Group reflected on draft recommendations 27 and 28 of ERAC's draft report on the review of the ERA advisory structure.

Discussions about the possible future developments of the GPC taking into account draft ERAC's recommendations concentrated around the following main themes:

- Level of commitment of MS/AC.
- Level of commitment of the Commission.
- Ideas about learning lessons from the organisation of ESFRI.

3. Priority 2a - monitoring analysis

Ms Petra ZAGAR, Rapporteur of the Priority 2a Task Force, present the progress concerning Priority 2a.

It was concluded that another round of the exercise could be performed at the end of February next year in order to compare the results with those resulting from the current exercise. Moreover, the Rapporteur would reflect on the possibility to elaborate on the qualitative part of the assessment.

4. General information concerning the recent developments within the ERA-related groups

The Chair provided the following information to delegations:

- Next ERAC plenary will take place in Salzburg on 17-18 September. The adoption of the final draft report on the review of the ERA advisory structure is planned to take place at that meeting.
- At the next ERAC plenary meeting, the Chair will inform ERAC about the draft GPC Work Programme 2018-2019. If no substantial comments will be received, the draft Work Programme will be launched for adoption by the GPC in written procedure.
- The ERAC Annual Report 2017 was adopted by written procedure on 20 July with a part concerning the GPC work.
- The Vice-Chair will participate in the following SFIC meeting on 26 September with a view to strengthen the cooperation between the GPC and SFIC.

5. Any other business

The Chair recalled the date of the next GPC meeting: 7 December 2018.