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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Subject: 36th meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee
(ERAC)

Date: 5 December 2017

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
Christian Naczinsky, Head of Department for EU and OECD Research
Policy, Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Austria.**

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

2. The summary conclusions of the 35th meeting of ERAC, held in Tartu on 21-22 September 2017 were approved by written procedure on [Day Month] 2017

3. Information from the co-Chairs and Presidency

- *The co-Chairs report back on the latest ERAC Steering Board meeting.*
- *The EE Presidency will provide an update on the progress of Presidency priorities.*
- *The incoming BG Presidency will provide an update on their Presidency priorities.*

4. ERA Governance (part 1)

Review of the ERA governance foreseen in 2018

4.1 *Directors-General will have a discussion on the strategic landscape for R&I in Europe to identify key strategic priorities that will require attention by the research and innovation community for the forthcoming review of the ERA Governance. This review, foreseen in the Council conclusions 14875/15, should occur in 2018. A set of guiding questions has been prepared by the Steering Board and sent to the Directors-General and to the Delegates on [Day Month]. ERAC will discuss the possible way forward and associated timeline.*

5. ERA and Innovation Policy

5.1 Interim Evaluation of Horizon 2020 and preparations for the next Framework Programme for Research and Innovation

In its conclusions in 2015 and 2016, the Council invited ERAC to assess the coherence of partnership instruments for R&I. To this purpose, ERAC has decided to establish an ad-hoc Working Group. Delegates will agree upon the Chairperson, the mandate, the tasks and the timeline for the ad-hoc Working Group.

5.2 Update on ERA National Action Plans and strategies

The Commission will update Delegates on the preparations for the upcoming workshop on ERA National Action Plans, planned back-to-back to the ERAC plenary meeting on 15-16 March 2018 in Plovdiv.

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.

- *Update on the upcoming edition of the Report "Science, research and innovation performance of the EU 2018", foreseen to be launched in mid-February 2018.*
- *Outcome of the Expression of Interest for PSF activities.*

7. ERA Governance (part 2)

7.1 Updates from the ERAC Standing Working Groups and from the ERA-related Groups

Updates by the ERAC Standing Working Groups and the ERA-related groups 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.

7.2 ERAC Work programme 2018-2019

The draft ERAC Work programme 2018-2019 was circulated to Delegates on [Day Month] in view of its adoption at this meeting or shortly afterwards by written procedure.

8. Any other business

8.1 37th ERAC meeting (15-16 March 2018, Plovdiv)

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