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Subject: 43rd meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee
(ERAC)

Date: 2 October 2019

Time: 9.00

Venue: HELSINKI, FINLAND

**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.**

1. Adoption of the provisional agenda

2. The summary conclusions of the 42nd meeting of ERAC, held in Brussels on 6 June 2019, were approved by written procedure on [Day Month] 2019

3. Information from the co-Chairs and Presidency

- *The co-Chairs will report back on the latest ERAC Steering Board meeting and on the progress of the Action Plan to implement the Council conclusions of 30 November 2018 on the ERA.*
- *The Finnish Presidency will make a presentation on Research and Innovation policy in Finland, including the relevant Presidency priorities.*
- *The incoming Croatian Presidency will make a short presentation on its Presidency priorities.*

4. ERA and Innovation Policy

4.1 Ad-hoc Working Group on the future of the ERA: Interim Report

The Ad-hoc Working Group on the future of the ERA will provide its assessment of the current state of play and of the factors for success or failure of the ERA policy framework so far, drawing lessons from the experience since 2000. The Group will also outline possible options for a new narrative/paradigm on the future of the ERA. Delegates will discuss the Interim Report of the Group with a view to contribute to the final relevant ERAC Opinion.

4.2 Monitoring ERA National Action Plans

The Rapporteur will present the Final Report with a view to its adoption at the meeting or shortly afterwards.

5. ERA Governance

5.1 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.

Highlight: ‘Monitoring of the performance of Research Infrastructures including a framework on Key Performance Indicators’ (European Strategic Forum for Research Infrastructures).

5.2 The role of the European Commission in the ERA-related Groups

On the basis of a note prepared by the European Commission, Delegates will discuss the state of play and the future perspectives.

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.

- *Outcome of the 2019 European Semester cycle.*
- *Update on Partnerships.*

7. Any Other Business

7.1 44th ERAC meeting (17 December 2019, Brussels)

The Steering Board will draw up the provisional annotated agenda of the next meeting on the basis of the Work Programme 2019-2020.
