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### COMMUNICATION

#### **NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: Informal Videoconference of the European Research Area and  
Innovation Committee (ERAC)

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Date: 10 September 2020

Time: 10.00

Venue: Videoconference

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1. **Welcome by the ERAC co-Chairs: Jean-Eric Paquet**, Director-General DG R&I and **Christian Naczinsky**, Head of Department for EU and OECD Research Policy, Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, Austria.
2. **Information from the co-Chairs and the Presidency**
  - The German Presidency will update on R&I priorities, activities and events for the second half of 2020.
  - The incoming Portuguese, Slovenian and French Presidencies will briefly update on their respective Presidency priorities.

### **3. ERA and Innovation Policy**

#### **3.1 Synergies between the ERA and the EHEA**

The Committee will take note of information on the ongoing work and activities related to building synergies between the ERA and the EHEA. It will take stock of the outcome of discussions held in the ERAC meeting on 4 June and the written contributions provided by delegations (doc. WK 6870/2020), with a view to discussions at the next ERAC plenary on 16 December 2020.

#### **3.2 Monitoring ERA National Action Plans**

The Rapporteur on Monitoring National Action Plans for ERAC, Cecilia Cabello (ES), will present the final report on the Monitoring of ERA National Action Plans with a view to its adoption by ERAC.

#### **3.3 Strategic Coordinating Process for R&I Partnerships**

ERAC will hear a presentation on the state of play of the "Strategic Coordinating Process for R&I Partnerships". After the presentation, delegations will hold an exchange of views.

### **4. ERA Governance**

#### **4.1 Implementation of the ERAC Action Plan 2019-2021**

The Helpdesk in support of the implementation of the ERAC Action Plan will present the state of play of the implementation of the Action Plan, following the completion of the latest round of consultations. ERAC will be invited to approve the approach of the draft report with a view to its adoption by ERAC in December 2020.

#### **4.2 Highlights from the ERA-related Groups**

ERAC will take note of written updates on the activities carried out by the ERA-related Groups. Delegations will have the opportunity to ask questions in relation to the notes and key points provided.

#### **4.3 ERAC Annual Report 2019**

ERAC will take note of the last stages / endorsement of the ERAC Annual Report 2019, to be formalised by written procedure.

#### **4.4 Update of the ERAC Work Programme 2019-2020**

ERAC will take note of the last stages / endorsement of the second update of the ERAC Work Programme 2019-2020, to be formalised by written procedure.

### **5. Standing information points**

- The Commission will present the "Innovation Scoreboard 2020", which was published on 23 June 2020.
- The Commission will provide information on preparations for the "European R&I Days" to take place from 22 to 24 September 2020.

**6. State of play for the election of a new Member States' co-Chair of ERAC**

The ERAC Secretariat will inform on the state of play of the process for the election of a new Member States ERAC co-Chair.

**7. Any other business**

- *(poss.) Commission communication on the Future of R&I and the ERA*  
The Commission will, if possible, provide information on the state of play of the new "Commission communication on the Future of R&I and the ERA".
  - *European data for R&I Policy*  
The Commission will give a presentation on European data for R&I policy and will provide information on a technical workshop in the last quarter of 2020.
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