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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)

Date: 16 March 2021

Time: 9.30

Venue: Videoconference

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#### **1. Welcome by the ERAC Co-Chairs and adoption of the provisional agenda**

**Jean-Eric Paquet**, Director-General DG Research & Innovation and

**Clara Eugenia García**, Counsellor For Research And Innovation, Ministry for Science and Innovation.

#### **2. Information from the co-Chairs and from the Presidency**

- *The co-Chairs will report back on the latest ERAC Steering Board meeting.*
- *The Portuguese Presidency will make a presentation on Research and Innovation policy in Portugal, including the relevant Presidency priorities.*
- *The incoming Slovenian, French and Czech Presidencies will briefly update on their respective Presidency priorities.*

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

#### **3.1 Strategic debate: Synergies between Horizon Europe, Cohesion Policy and the Recovery and Resilience Facility**

*The Commission will present a background note on Horizon Europe, Cohesion Policy and the Recovery and Resilience Facility, including their roles and synergies between them. Delegations will be invited to discuss how to best leverage these schemes to maximise synergies and to deliver on a reinforced ERA.*

#### **3.2 Analysis of PSF proposals to support reforms**

*Following a presentation by the Commission on the Horizon Europe Policy Support Facility, Delegations will be invited to provide comments and ask questions in relation to the information provided.*

#### **3.3 Participation in the study ‘Evaluation of the ERA policy framework’**

*The Commission will present the state of play of the ‘Study to evaluate the ERA policy framework/ERA monitoring mechanism’. The three ERAC representatives on the Steering Committee of the Study will then share their impressions with Delegates.*

#### **3.4 Higher Education Transformation Agenda**

*The Commission will provide information on the process of the Higher Education Transformation Agenda.*

#### **3.5 Gender Equality in the ERA**

*A short report on the outcome of the workshop on ‘Gender Equality in the ERA: Gender Equality Plans as a catalyst for change’, will be given by the relevant Rapporteur.*

### **4. ERA Governance**

#### **4.1 Updates from the Commission Expert Group on the ‘ERA Forum for Transition’**

*ERAC will take note of written updates on the launch of the Expert Group ‘ERA Forum for Transition’, including its mandate and draft work plan. A discussion with the Steering Committee of this Expert Group (representatives of the current and future Presidency Trio and of the Commission) will follow, also to identify the appropriate way forward to follow up on EU R&I Partnership in the context of Horizon Europe.*

### **5. 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.*

- The renewed and new R&D investment targets*
- The new edition of the EC- OECD STIP Compass*

### **6. Any Other Business**

#### **6.1 46<sup>th</sup> ERAC meeting (3-4 June 2021, Porto)**

*The Steering Board will draw up the provisional annotated agenda of the next meeting on the basis of the Work Programme 2021-2022.*