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NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Contact:	erac@consilium.europa.eu
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Subject:	Meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC)
Date:	13 and 14 February 2025
Time:	14:00, 09:30
Venue:	COUNCIL JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

13 February 2025 (14:00-17:30)

1. Opening of the plenary by the ERAC co-Chairs and adoption of the agenda (*)
2. Updates by the Co-Chairs (*)
3. Presentation and updates on the current and incoming Presidencies' priorities on Research and Innovation (PL, DK, CY) (*)
4. Closing the innovation gap and creating a 'fifth freedom' – from analysis to action (*)
 - Strategic discussion
(document 5356/25)

14 February 2025 (9:30-13:00)

5. Talents, skills, research careers – how to move forward (*)
 - Strategic debate on possible steps towards a ‘fifth freedom’
(document 5358/25)
6. Towards an ERAC Opinion on research and technology infrastructures in Europe (*)
 - Update and discussion
(document 5359/25)
7. Any other business (*)
 - a. The role of Research and Innovation in Ukraine’s recovery - update by the ERAC co-Chair representing the Commission;
 - b. Presentation by the German delegation of the national measures towards Ukraine;
 - c. Modalities of the preparation of the strategic debate on ‘Capitalising on excellence and overcoming the innovation divide – challenges and opportunities for the next MFF cycle’ (June 2025 plenary).

() Attendance is open to one representative for each country associated to Horizon Europe, following the authorisation by the Committee of the Permanent Representatives on 22 January 2025.*

NB: Council documents are available on Delegates’ Portal.
