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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC)

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Date: 21 and 22 March 2019

Time: 9.30, 9.30

Venue: Bucharest, ROMANIA

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**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.**

## **DAY 1**

### **1. Adoption of the provisional agenda**

### **2. The summary conclusions of the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of ERAC, held in Brussels on 6 December 2018, 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.*
- *The Romanian Presidency will make a presentation on Research and Innovation policy in Romania, including the relevant Presidency priorities.*
- *The incoming Finnish Presidency will make a short presentation on its Presidency priorities.*

### **4. ERA Governance**

#### **4.1 The follow-up on the Council conclusions of 30 November 2018 on the ERA and on the Review of the ERA advisory structure**

*After a presentation by the Rapporteur, ERAC will discuss the draft Action Plan to implement the Council conclusions of 30 November 2018 on the ERA, with a view to its adoption at the meeting or shortly afterwards.*

#### **4.2 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.*

*Highlights:*

- 1) *‘Recommendations on Open Science and Innovation’ (Standing Working Group on Open Science and Innovation);*
- 2) *‘Updated Work Programme’ (High-level Group on Joint Programming).*

## **DAY 2**

### **5. ERA and Innovation Policy**

#### **5.1 ERA Progress Report 2018 and monitoring ERA National Action Plans**

*The Commission will make a presentation on the 2018 ERA Progress Report, followed by a debate. Delegates will also take note of a report on the state of play on monitoring National Action Plans by the Rapporteur.*

#### **5.2 Strengthening the strategic capacity of ERAC**

*The Commission will present a first outline on the 'Role of Research and Innovation for the Future of Europe' for a possible input to the Sibiu summit on 9 May. This topic will also be at the core of the next strategic debate to be held at the ERAC Plenary on 6 June.*

#### **5.3 European R&I Partnerships: status report**

*Following a presentation by the Commission, Delegates will provide comments on the draft mandate for the transitional 'Forum for R&I Partnerships', the profile proposed for national nominations, and the proposal to structure the feedback on the preparations of European Partnerships.*

### **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.*

- *ERAC Workshop in June organised by the Romanian Presidency back-to-back with the ERAC Plenary meeting.*
- *Outcome of the Closing Event of the RISE Tour d'Europe.*

### **7. Any Other Business**

#### **7.1 42<sup>nd</sup> ERAC meeting (6 June 2019, Brussels)**

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