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Subject: PowerPoint presentation: European R&I Partnerships - Status report

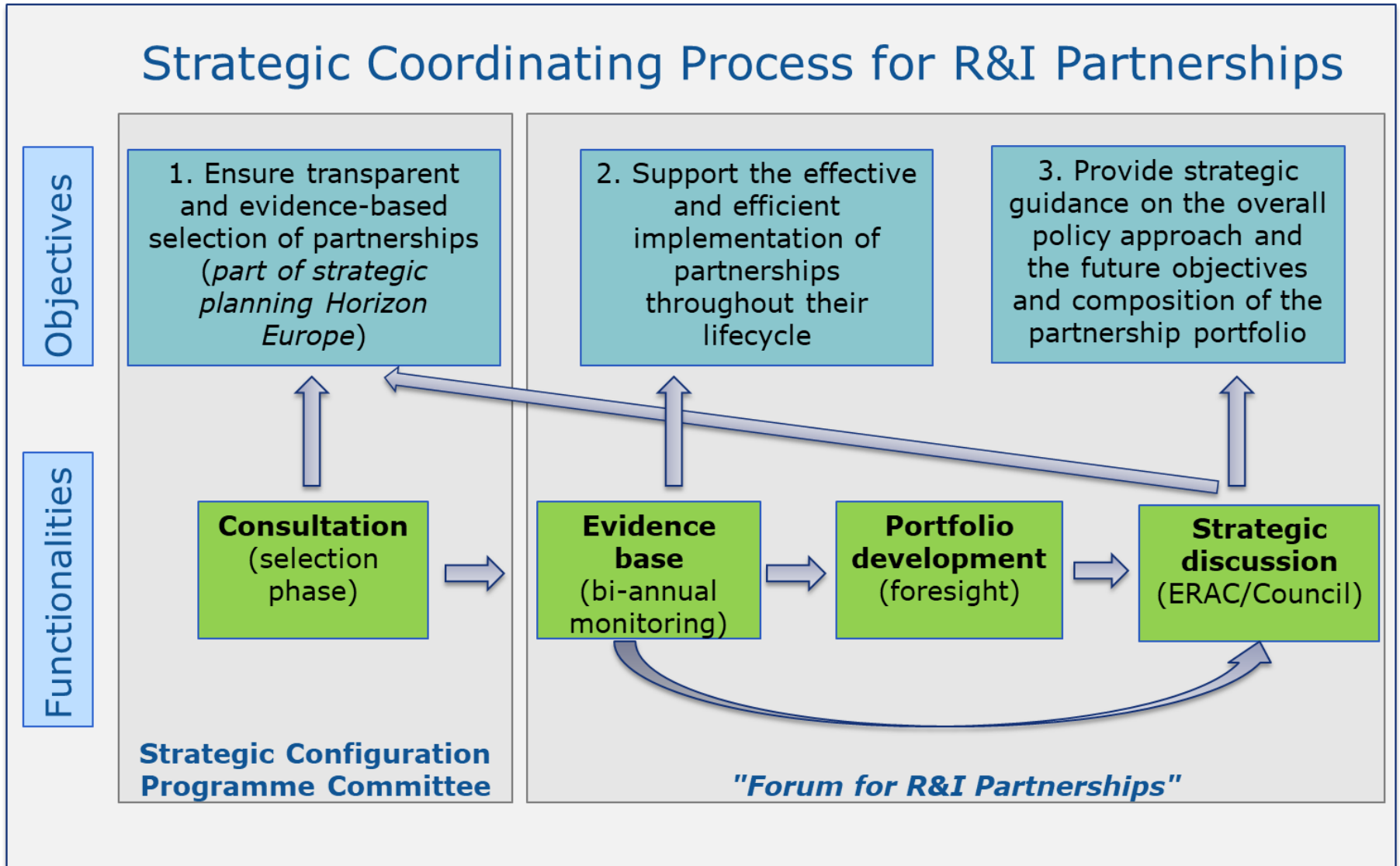
Delegations will find attached the PowerPoint presentation "European R&I Partnerships - Status report" given under item 5.3 of the ERAC Plenary agenda of 22 March 2019.

European R&I Partnerships

Status report

22 March 2019, Bucharest

Context: Strategic coordinating process



Draft mandate for the Transitional Forum for R&I Partnerships (2019-2020)

The timing of the kick-off meeting and exact timing of the work of the Transitional Forum for R&I partnerships will depend on the progress achieved on the negotiations of Horizon Europe.

Mandate: Tasks and deliverables

A. Scope and structure of the biennial monitoring

- Recommendation for the scope and structure biannual monitoring

B. Scope of foresight activities for the partnership portfolio development

- Recommendation for the scope, approach and necessary resources of foresight activities

C. Follow-up of ERAC recommendations to MS/AC

- Common guidelines for the design and implementation of national governance structures, national monitoring mechanisms, etc.
- Report on the status of preparation of MS/AC

D. Guidance for possible group(s) of external experts

- *No specific deliverable but will be reflected in the Final Report, if applicable*

E. The implementation of the Forum during Horizon Europe

- Opinion on the proposal for the Forum and its implementation during Horizon Europe
- Final report of the Forum to the attention of ERAC

+ other aspects where input from countries is relevant (e.g. feedback on the revised criteria framework etc.)

Mandate: Duration, meetings, composition

Duration and organisation of the work

- Set up for the period from mid-2019 until December 2020
- Formal meetings are held on a regular basis, typically up to four times a year
- Participation in meetings: one representative per delegation
- Possibility to seek expert advice, invite experts to meetings, or organize workshops seek input to or feedback

Membership

- Each Member State may designate maximum two representatives to the Transitional Forum to allow for a back-up/rotating participation in meetings.
- Observer: Chairperson of the High-Level Group of Joint Programming (GPC)

Profile

- Senior policy officials representing the Government / Ministries responsible for research and innovation policy in the Member States.
- Access to and capable of influencing national policy-making on all R&I partnerships
- Responsible for the overall national coordination related to R&I partnerships
- Mandated to represent national positions on all partnerships, including those with industry.

Mandate: Co-Chairmanship, secretariat, resources

Co-chairmanship

- Co-chaired by the Commission and an elected Member State representative
- Management position in DG RTD and at Member State level
- Once elected, the Member State co-chair will represent the general interests of the Forum
→ new nomination for that country
- The co-chair is elected for the whole duration of the Transitional Forum

Support group

- Assisting the co-chairs in the planning, preparation and follow-up of the activities
- Composed of themselves or their representatives, and three to five Forum Delegates
- Proposed by the co-chairs, and approved by consensus by the Forum

Secretariat and resources

- Commission will provide support for the transitional period (Secretariat, organisation of meetings, reimbursement of travel expenses, and possible expert group)
- Member States will provide resources for their participation and national preparation and cover the related costs
- Other resources necessary will have to be found on a base-by-case basis.

Structured consultation on European Partnerships

Process and tentative timeline

! Disclaimer: this timeline is valid only if political agreement on Strategic Planning and areas for missions and institutionalized Partnerships is reached before EP elections !

- **April/May 2019:** Roadshow in the shadow Strategic Configuration PC, with an overview on all candidates for European Partnerships identified so far, and short presentations/discussion on those potentially based on Article 185/187;
- **May 2019:**
 - Submission of detailed fiches for all candidates of European Partnerships to shadow SPC;
 - Publication of Inception Impact Assessment;
 - Launch of the Member State consultation (online submission; open for 3 weeks);
- **May 2019:** Start of Impact Assessments for Article 185/187 initiatives and start of preparatory work for all Partnerships;
- **June:** dedicated meeting in the shadow Strategic PC on European Partnerships, based on an analysis consolidating the feedback received, and circulated before the meeting;
- **Mid-2019:** Open Public Consultation on future European Partnerships based on Article 185/7;
- **End of 2019:** Submission of Impact Assessment drafts to Regulatory Scrutiny Board;
- **Early 2020:** Adoption of Commission proposals for Article 185/187 initiatives;
- **Late 2020:** Adoption of basic acts for Article 185/187 initiatives by (EP and) Council;
- **Early 2021:** Launch of first European Partnerships under Horizon Europe.

Proposal for a format to present European Partnerships candidates

In addition to two dedicated meetings on Partnerships in shadow Strategic Configuration of the Programme Committee, Member States will receive information in written format on:

- The overall [portfolio](#)
- The [individual candidates](#)

Provisional template: Input provided by the Commission on the **portfolio**

	Name and short description	Envisaged implementation mode	Predecessors (if applicable)	Composition of partners	Directly relevant for other Partnerships / clusters
Cluster 1	Partnership X				
	Partnership Z				
	...				
Cluster 2					
Cluster 3					
Cluster 4					
Cluster 5					
Other					

Input provided by the Commission on the individual candidates

1. Name
2. Short description
3. DGs directly involved
4. Proposed starting year and expected timeline necessary to achieve the objectives
5. Objectives (short, long, medium term), link to broader policy objectives, expected impacts
6. Relevance for Horizon Europe clusters, and currently identified links with other partnership candidates / Union programmes
7. Baseline (is there a pre-existing partnership or networks)
8. Rationale for using European Partnership;
9. Currently envisaged implementation mode
10. Expected type and composition of partners
11. Contributions and commitments expected from partners

→ In addition, a draft Inception Impact Assessment will be provided for potential Article 185/187 initiatives.

Proposal for a format to structure feedback

Format: Online submission of feedback to aid data visualisation and analysis

Duration: open for 3 weeks

Structure: 2 parts: (1) overall portfolio; (2) individual candidates

The feedback will feed the following outputs :

- Report with the consolidated feedback results and key open issues (to feed the dedicated meeting in the shadow SPC on European Partnerships)
- Impact Assessments on Article 187/185 initiatives
- Preparation and design of all European Partnerships

Provisional template for feedback on Partnership candidates (I)

On the **overall portfolio**

1. Feedback on the rationalisation and reform achieved compared to H2020, in general and per cluster
2. Feedback on the overall balance of the proposed partnership portfolio, including
 - candidates where delegations consider a European Partnership approach is not justified
 - additional priorities where delegations propose a European Partnership approach could be considered

Provisional template for feedback on Partnership candidates (II)

On **individual candidates** for European Partnerships

1. Contact at national level for any follow-up, including possible participation in preparatory meetings (Research and sectorial ministry)
2. Relevance of the European Partnerships for
 - national policies and priorities
 - research organisations including universities
 - industry
3. Interest to participate and contribute to the European Partnerships with national programmes or other resources
4. Feedback on the use of a European Partnership approach for the priority (not on the relevance of the priority which is covered in section 1!)
5. Feedback on the proposed form of implementation mode
6. Feedback on objectives (including on the specific interests in the given area), expected impacts and timeframe, comments
7. Feedback on type and composition of partners
8. Feedback on contributions and commitments from partners

Questions for discussion

1. Does the proposed format on the information to be provided by the Commission on the candidates for European Partnerships contain all elements necessary, keeping in mind the early stage of preparation? Are there elements that are missing or not considered necessary?
1. Do you agree with the draft template and core questions for collecting feedback from Member States on the partnership portfolio and individual proposals for European Partnerships? Are there elements that are missing or not considered necessary?

*In case there are further comments:
Delegations are asked to send them by **29 March 2019***