



Update on the ERA Forum for Transition

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The ERA Forum for transition

- The ERA Pact
- The governance
- The policy agenda
- Next steps

The ERA Pact

- The Commission proposal for a Council Recommendation for a Pact for research and innovation in Europe
- Based on the ERA communication and the Council Conclusions on the communication
- States the common values and principles
- Identifies priority areas for common action.
- Introduces the policy agenda and the policy platform
- Policy coordination

Values and principles

- Upholding values which includes areas like research integrity, freedom of scientific research and gender equality
- Working better which focuses on free circulation of research, knowledge and researchers, the need to pursue excellence and create value
- Working together which aims at coordinating, committing and creating coherence between the European and national levels and relates to global outreach, inclusiveness, societal responsibility

Priority areas for joint action

- Deepening a truly functioning internal market for knowledge
- Taking up together the challenges posed by the twin green and digital transition, and increasing society's participation in the ERA
- Amplifying access to research and innovation excellence across the Union
- Advancing concerted research and innovation investments and reforms

The ERA governance

- The ERA Pact suggests a continuation of the ERA Forum for transition together with the ERAC two independent bodies
- Governance was discussed in three meetings and rounded up in the meeting 17 September
- Council Conclusions on the future ERA governance framework and adoption of the Council Recommendation for a Pact for research and innovation in Europe

The ERA policy coordination

- A common ERA policy agenda
- A dedicated ERA policy online platform for reporting
- An ERA scoreboard, which monitors progress towards the ERA objectives
- Regular policy dialogues between the Member States and the Commission
 - Joint agreement of the Commission and the Member States on a common ERA policy agenda
 - Member States and the Commission share information on their policies and programmes that contribute to implementing the ERA policy agenda
 - Commission reviews the implementation of the ERA policy agenda

The ERA policy agenda

- The actions needed for the implementation of the defined priorities and sub-areas in the ERA Pact.
- The ERA Policy Agenda is based on key ERA policy documents such as
 - the ERA Roadmap proposed in the Commission’s Communication “A new ERA for Research and Innovation”,
 - the actions identified in the ERA Council Conclusions of December 2020,
 - and other recent ERA-related policy documents
- Discussed 16 July, 17 September and will be finalised 8 October
- Member states invited to send comments and suggestions.
- The ERA Policy Agenda will be annexed to the Council conclusions on the future ERA governance framework

Next steps

- Meeting with Stakeholders to discuss the Policy agenda
- ERA Forum meeting 8 October
 - ERA policy agenda and the list of actions.
 - ERA Scoreboard and policy platform with some more consolidated ideas and options.
 - Discussion on the reform of the research assessment system and ERA Hubs/ERA4you.
- ERA Presidency Conference on 26/27 October
- Competitiveness council with Council Conclusions on the future ERA governance framework and adoption of the Council Recommendation for a Pact for research and innovation in Europe
- ERA Forum meeting November and December 2021

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