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**Subject: ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 - Commitment of Member States to ERA Actions**

Dear ERAC Members,

The Council Conclusions on the future governance of the European Research Area (hereinafter “the Conclusions”), adopted on 26 November last year, require that ERA actions “*secure the commitment of at least half of Union Member States representing a critical mass in order to ensure a broad political support and to provide opportunities beyond the participating States to benefit all Member States*” (para. 10).

Member States, and where applicable associated countries, are required “*to identify within the first semester 2022 the ERA actions in which they wish to participate*” (para. 12 of the Conclusions).

The first months of 2022 have therefore been dedicated to discussing, in the ERA Forum, each of the twenty actions of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024.

Following the strategic debate held at the ERAC plenary meeting on 12-13 April, the Commission has co-created individual templates for each action with the ERA Forum in order to facilitate Member States’ expression of their commitment to specific ERA actions.

The templates (in annex) invite Member States to express their commitment to ERA actions, while also allowing them to specify indicative activities that are foreseen at national level, as well as any other aspects related to the implementation of the action that they consider useful to point out. You will note that there is no template for action 18 (in agreement with the members of the ERA Forum it has been merged with actions 19 and 20) nor for action 15 (as the Commission is still developing this template, which will be sent at a later stage).

I would be grateful to receive the templates expressing the commitments from your Member States to specific ERA actions by 30 June 2022 at the following email address: [RTD-ERA-FORUM@ec.europa.eu](mailto:RTD-ERA-FORUM@ec.europa.eu)

Observers in the ERA Forum are also welcome to express their commitment to specific actions of the ERA Policy Agenda, if they wish to do so. We will therefore share these

templates with representatives of associated countries, as well as the stakeholders' representatives in the ERA Forum.

The ERA Forum will assist the Commission in taking stock of the expression of commitment to ERA actions in July, allowing ERAC to hold a discussion and provide guidance in this matter at its meeting in September.

I would like to thank you for your commitment to the European Research Area and for your continuous support during this important process, and I look forward to continuing our cooperation in constructing a renewed ERA.

Yours faithfully,

Jean-Eric PAQUET