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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: ERAC (European Research Area and Innovation Committee)

Subject: A New European Innovation Agenda

Delegations will find attached document on the above mentioned subject with the view to the meeting of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) on 13-14 September 2022.

Agenda point for the ERAC Plenary:

“A New European Innovation Agenda”

Why this topic in ERAC?

The Commission adopted a Communication on a new European Innovation Agenda on 5th July 2022. The Communication aims at reinforcing European leadership in transformative innovation and deep-tech that accelerate the green and digital transitions, by bringing together policies, investments and instruments in a coherent joined-up, ‘whole of government’ approach to drive systemic change and impact.

The Communication outlines the measures, grouped under five flagship areas that can work in concert to leverage the strengths of the EU’s Single Market, strong industrial base, talents, stable institutions and democratic societies. These five flagship areas are funding of scale-ups, enabling innovation through experimentation spaces and public procurement, accelerating and strengthening innovation in European innovation ecosystems across the EU, fostering, attracting and retaining talents, and data informed policy and policy support.

The initiative particularly encourages the Member States and regions to build on the proposals and work with the Commission and stakeholders to mobilise investments, ensure favourable framework conditions and implement essential reforms.

In close cooperation with the representatives in the European Innovation Council Forum, the Commission intends to monitor and report on the progress and impact of the actions identified in this Communication by 2024.

What guidance would be needed?

Based on the assessment and the flagships included in the New European Innovation Agenda Communication, ERAC would be invited to discuss and provide views and guidance on the role of the MS in the implementation of the New European Innovation Agenda:

- ✓ Whether it shares the Commission’s analysis and interpretation as to the strengths and challenges of Europe and identified flagship areas where action is required;
- ✓ Where do MS/AC see the greatest potential for action at national level to improve the EU’s innovation performance and which actions should be treated as a matter of priority?
- ✓ What would be the appropriate framework to monitor the implementation of the New European Innovation Agenda?

What could be a possible follow-up to the discussion?

The discussion will be kicked-off by a presentation to the plenary and then take place in breakout rooms. The outcomes of the ERAC discussion should feed into the work of the current CZ Presidency.