New European Research Area ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024

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Towards a New European Research Area

2020	January 2021	16 July 2021	26 November 2021

Commission Communication "A new ERA for Research and Innovation", September

Council Conclusions on the new ERA, December

Establishment of the **ERA Forum for Transition**

- 13 meetings
- Three workshops and R&I Days side event with ERA stakeholder umbrella organisations
- Some covered topics: ERA governance framework, ERA policy agenda, four ERA pilot actions - green hydrogen, plastic pirates, EOSC, and the talent platform

Commission adopts proposal for a **"Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe"**

1) Principles for R&I in Europe
2) Priority areas for ERA joint actions
3) Investments and reforms
4) Simplified policy coordination

- **Council Recommendation on a "Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe"**

- **Council conclusions on the new ERA governance & the first ERA policy Agenda (2022-2024)**

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Council Recommendation and Council Conclusions
New ERA Governance and Policy Framework

Pact for research and innovation in Europe

- **10 values and principles**
- **4 priority areas**
  - Deepening ERA
  - Broadening ERA and relevance
  - Amplifying access to excellence
  - Advancing R&I investments and reforms
- **Prioritising investments and reforms**
- **Monitoring and Coordination**

ERA Policy Agenda

- Designed to contribute to the priority areas of the Pact for R&I, setting out the voluntary **ERA actions** which are defined and coordinated at Union level.

- **20 ERA joint actions for 2022-24**

ERA Governance

ERA Forum
Commission expert group for coordination and implementation of the ERA, together with EU countries, Associated countries and stakeholders

ERAC
High-level strategic policy body, providing advice

Council
Decision making "Owner" of Policy Agenda

ERA Monitoring

- Ensure a proper basis for **evidence informed policy making**
- Provide evidence and analysis **in the context of the European Semester**

New ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 : Actions (1)

Deepening a truly functioning internal market for knowledge

1. Enable the open sharing of knowledge and the re-use of research outputs, including through the development of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)

2. Propose a EU copyright and data legislative and regulatory framework fit for research

3. Advance towards the reform of the Assessment System for research, researchers and institutions to improve their quality, performance and impact

4. Promote attractive and sustainable research careers, balanced talent circulation and international, transdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility across the ERA

5. Promote gender equality and foster inclusiveness, taking note of the Ljubljana declaration

6. Deepening the ERA through protecting academic freedom in Europe

7. Upgrade EU guidance for a better knowledge valorisation

8. Strengthen sustainability, accessibility and resilience of research infrastructures in the ERA

9. Promote a positive environment and level playing field for international cooperation based on reciprocity

Taking up together the green transition and digital transformation and other challenges with impact on society, and increasing society's participation in the ERA

10. Make EU R&I missions and partnerships key contributors to the ERA

11. An ERA for green transformation

12. Accelerate the green/digital transition of Europe's key industrial ecosystems

13. Empower Higher Education Institutions to develop in line with the ERA, and in synergy with the European Education Area

14. Bring Science closer to Citizens

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New ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 : Actions (2)

Amplifying access to research and innovation excellence across the Union

15. Build-up regional and national R&I ecosystems to improve regional/national excellence and competitiveness

16. Improve EU-wide access to excellence

17. Enhance the strategic capacity of Europe's public research performing organisations

Advancing concerted research and innovation investments and reforms

18. Facilitate a national process or ERA policy vehicle preparation for identification of running or planned measures contributing to the implementation of ERA

19. Establish an efficient and effective ERA monitoring mechanism

20. Support to the prioritisation, coordination and direction of R&I investments and reforms

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ERA Policy Agenda: Selection of Actions

Council conclusions on the future governance of the ERA (November 2021) 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"

- "Member States and where applicable associated countries to **identify within the first semester 2022 the ERA actions in which they wish to participate**"

Towards the Implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024

Establishment of the new ERA Forum: February 2022

- **Co-design and coordinate** the implementation of the ERA actions, **prepare future updates** of the ERA Policy Agenda and **analyse its implementation**
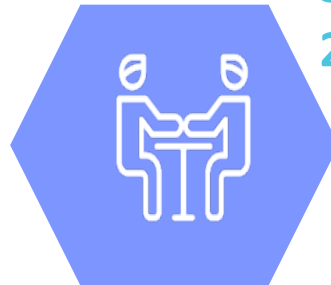
Filling in the Templates for each ERA action during the first half of 2022

- Member States fill in the Templates for each ERA action that they wish to participate
- Member States **will choose the actions in which they participate (June 2022)**
- **ERA Forum meeting 13 July 2022**

Setting-up of the new ERA monitoring during 2nd half of 2022

- Including **a scoreboard, dashboard, online policy platform and reporting** (by end of 2022/early 2023)

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Greece's commitments to ERA actions

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