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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,	
<p>Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 292, <del>first and second sentences</del>, <b><u>in conjunction with Article 182(5)</u></b> thereof,</p>	<p>NL  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 292, <del>first and second sentences</del>, <b><u>in conjunction with Article 179 and Article 182(5)</u></b> thereof,</p> <p>IE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 292, <del>first and second sentences</del>, <b><u>in conjunction with Article 179 and Article 182(5)</u></b> thereof,</p> <p>IE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Article 179 should also be referenced.</p> <p>FR  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 292, <del>first and second sentences</del>, <b><u>in conjunction with Article 179 and Article 182(5)</u></b> thereof,</p> <p>FR  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Article 179 should be quoted, as it defines the scope of the ERA.</p> <p>AT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      We think it would be appropriate to also mention Article 179 as the basic place for ERA in the TFEU.</p> <p>SI  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p>

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Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,	
Whereas:	
<p>(1) Today, the EU faces multiple and unprecedented challenges. The global order is changing and the foundations of our societal well-being and security are being shaken by a turbulent geopolitical context, rising economic competition, an unprecedentedly rapid and transformative technological revolution, and climate change and its consequences. <del>The need to strengthen European leadership and strategic autonomy in key technological domains has become urgent. In this context,</del> <b><u>Research</u></b> science, technology and innovation <b><u>(R&amp;I)</u></b> are crucial to reduce Europe’s vulnerabilities and to unlock its full potential <del>In addition, research and innovation (R&amp;I) as well as playing</del> a critical role in enhancing the European Union’s sustainable competitiveness, <b><u>societal resilience, prosperity and security. The need to strengthen European leadership and strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy, in key technological domains has become urgent.</u></b></p>	<p>MT  <b><u>(Drafting Suggestions):</u></b>                      (1) Today, the EU faces multiple and unprecedented challenges. The global order is changing and the foundations of our societal well-being and security are being shaken by a turbulent geopolitical context, rising economic competition, an unprecedentedly rapid and transformative technological revolution, and climate change and its consequences. <del>The need to strengthen European leadership and strategic autonomy in key technological domains has become urgent. In this context,</del> <b><u>Research</u></b> science, technology and innovation <b><u>(R&amp;I)</u></b> are crucial to reduce Europe’s vulnerabilities and to unlock its full potential <b><u>across all Member States</u></b> <del>In addition, research and innovation (R&amp;I) as well as playing</del> a critical role in enhancing the European Union’s sustainable competitiveness, <b><u>societal resilience, prosperity and security. The need to strengthen European leadership and strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy, in key technological domains has become urgent.</u></b></p> <p>MT  <b><u>(Comments):</u></b>                      Malta places a scrutiny reserve on the recital and reiterates the need to highlight that research and innovation should contribute to reducing vulnerabilities and unlocking the full potential of all European Union Member States. It is imperative to level the R&amp;I playing field within the Union to increase Europe’s global competitiveness and capacities.</p>

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	IE (Comments): IE welcomes the changes.
<p>(2) Developing the European Research Area (ERA) is at the heart of our efforts to respond to these challenges. The ambition to create the ERA as a single market for research, technology and innovation was conceived in 2000 and enshrined in the Lisbon Treaty as a specific EU objective. <del>The recent political ambition to establish a ‘Research and Innovation Union’ leading to a joint European R&amp;I strategy and policy and to further pursue ‘the fifth freedom’ show the continuous need.</del> <b>While significant progress has been made since 2022 under the first ERA Policy Agenda, more needs to be done</b> to further develop an <b>fully functioning ERA area</b> where countries come together to coordinate and improve their national R&amp;I policies and ecosystems, and where knowledge, researchers, <b>innovators</b> and technology can move freely. Greater EU-wide coordination through the ERA can help stimulate investments and reforms, as well as play an essential role in fostering sustainable competitiveness, in line with the objectives of the Competitiveness Compass<sup>1</sup>.</p>	PT (Comments): PT welcomes the inclusion of the innovators category NL (Drafting Suggestions): (2) Developing the European Research Area (ERA) is at the heart of our efforts to respond to these challenges. The ambition to create the ERA as a single market for research, technology and innovation was conceived in 2000 and enshrined in the Lisbon Treaty as a specific EU objective <a href="#">(article 179)</a> . <del>The recent political ambition to establish a ‘Research and Innovation Union’ leading to a joint European R&amp;I strategy and policy and to further pursue ‘the fifth freedom’ show the continuous need.</del> <b>While significant progress has been made since 2022 under the first ERA Policy Agenda, more needs to be done</b> to further develop an <b>fully functioning ERA area</b> where countries come together to <a href="#">integrate</a> , coordinate and improve their national R&I policies and ecosystems, and where knowledge, researchers, <b>innovators</b> and technology can move freely. Greater EU-wide coordination through the ERA can help stimulate investments and reforms, as well as play an essential role in fostering sustainable competitiveness, in line with the objectives of the Competitiveness Compass <sup>2</sup> . NL (Comments):

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	<p><a href="#">We need to mention integrate, because it is a main aim and also to be consistent in the text.</a></p> <p>MT</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p>(2) Developing the European Research Area (ERA) is at the heart of our efforts to respond to these challenges. The ambition to create the ERA as a single market for research, technology and innovation was conceived in 2000 and enshrined in the Lisbon Treaty as a specific EU objective. <del>The recent political ambition to establish a ‘Research and Innovation Union’ leading to a joint European R&amp;I strategy and policy and to further pursue ‘the fifth freedom’ show the continuous need.</del> <b><u>While significant progress has been made since 2022 under the first ERA Policy Agenda, more needs to be done</u></b> to further develop a <b><u>fully functioning ERA area</u></b> where countries come together to coordinate and improve their national R&amp;I policies and ecosystems, and where knowledge, researchers, <b><u>innovators</u></b> and technology can move freely. Greater EU-wide coordination through the ERA can help stimulate investments and reforms, <b><u>reduce the internal innovation divide</u></b>, as well as play an essential role in fostering sustainable competitiveness, in line with the objectives of the Competitiveness Compass<sup>1</sup>.</p> <p>MT</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>Malta places a scrutiny reserve on the recital and would like to see the reference to reducing the internal innovation divide to be added to the text. We perceive the European Research Area as a suitable structure to address R&amp;I disparities between the countries and bridge the existing gaps through enhanced EU-level coordination and cooperation.</p> <p>LT</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p>(2) Developing the European Research Area (ERA) is at the heart of our efforts to respond to these challenges. The ambition to create the ERA</p>

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	<p>reforms, <b>reduce the internal innovation divide</b>, as well as play an essential role in fostering sustainable competitiveness, in line with the objectives of the Competitiveness Compass<sup>7</sup>.</p> <p>SK  <b>(Comments):</b>                      SK supports MT and perceives the ERA as a suitable structure to address R&amp;I disparities between the countries and bridge the existing gaps through enhanced EU-level coordination and cooperation.</p> <p>SI  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      (2) Developing the European Research Area (ERA) is at the heart of our efforts to respond to these challenges. The ambition to create the ERA as a single market for research, technology and innovation was conceived in 2000 and enshrined in the Lisbon Treaty as a specific EU objective. <del>The recent political ambition to establish a ‘Research and Innovation Union’ leading to a joint European R&amp;I strategy and policy and to further pursue ‘the fifth freedom’ show the continuous need.</del> <b>While significant progress has been made since 2021 2022 under the first ERA Policy Agenda, more needs to be done</b> to further develop a <b>fully functioning ERA area</b> where countries come together to coordinate, <i>integrate</i> and improve their national R&amp;I policies and ecosystems, and where knowledge, researchers, <del>innovators</del> and technology can move freely. Greater EU-wide coordination through the ERA can help stimulate investments and reforms, <b>reduce the internal innovation divide</b>, as well as play an essential role in fostering sustainable competitiveness, in line with the objectives of the Competitiveness Compass<sup>8</sup>.</p> <p>SI</p>

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	<p><b>(Comments):</b> Shouldn't the date be 2021 when the Council adopted its conclusions?</p> <p>We propose to stick to the text as recognized in art. 179 of TFEU.</p>
<p><b>(2a) As one of the core tools of implementing the ERA, the ERA Policy Agenda fosters translating the objectives set out in the Pact for R&amp;I in Europe into action. It underpins the joint efforts of the European Commission, Member States, and, where appropriate, associated countries and stakeholders to better coordinate R&amp;I policies at all levels. It supports achieving the “fifth freedom” - the Single Market for R&amp;I - with a view to:</b></p>	<p>NL <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b> <del>(2a) As one of the core tools</del> <u>The ERA Policy Agenda is the main instrument of implementing the ERA priorities, the ERA Policy Agenda fosters translating the objectives set out agreed in the Pact for R&amp;I in Europe into action. It underpins the joint efforts of the European Commission, Member States, and, where appropriate, associated countries and stakeholders, to better coordinate R&amp;I policies at all levels, it fosters their sense of ownership and increased commitment. It and supports achieving the “fifth freedom” -of the Single Market for R&amp;I.-with a view to: The ERA Policy Agenda for the next three-year cycle (2025-2027) addresses three main objectives:</u></p> <p>IE <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b> <del>(2a) As one of the core tools</del> <u>The ERA Policy Agenda is the main instrument of implementing the ERA priorities, the ERA Policy Agenda fosters translating the objectives set out agreed in the Pact for R&amp;I in Europe into action. It underpins the joint efforts of the European Commission, Member States, and, where appropriate, associated countries and stakeholders, to better coordinate R&amp;I policies at all levels. It fosters their sense of ownership and increased commitment and supports achieving the “fifth freedom” -of the Single Market for R&amp;I.-with a view to: The ERA Policy Agenda for the next three-year cycle (2025-2027) addresses three main objectives:</u></p>

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	<p>IE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      IE welcomes the insertion of #2a but further improvements are required to strengthen the narrative – we suggest some amendments.</p> <p>It is also important that the narrative clearly sets out the objectives of this ERA Policy Agenda – rather than the current focus on the longer-term goals for a fifth freedom.</p> <p>FR  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      (2a) <del>As one of the core tools of implementing the ERA, T</del><u><b>the ERA Policy Agenda is the main instrument to implement the ERA priorities fosters translating the objectives set out in the Pact for R&amp;I in Europe into action. It underpins the joint efforts of the European Commission, Member States, and, where appropriate, associated countries and stakeholders, to better coordinate R&amp;I policies at all levels. It supports achieving, and contributes to working on the “fifth freedom” - the Single Market for R&amp;I. —with a view to: The ERA Policy Agenda for the next three-year cycle (2025-2027) addresses three main objectives:</b></u></p> <p>FR  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Since we do not know yet how the 5th freedom will be translated into concrete principles, we would rather mention it contribute to the work on its definition.</p> <p>DE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      (2a) <del>As one of the core tools</del><u><b>The ERA Policy Agenda is the main instrument of to implementing the ERA priorities, the ERA Policy Agenda fosters translating the objectives set out in the Pact for R&amp;I in Europe into action. It underpins the joint efforts of the European</b></u></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>enhancing EU competitiveness by pooling national and EU resources to invest in strategic sectors and ensure the EU’s strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy;</u></li> </ul>	<p>NL  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <u>Contribute to enhancing EU competitiveness and ensuring the EU’s strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy by coordinating dedicated investments and reforms in R&amp;I and pooling national and EU resources at national and EU level to increase the effectiveness of public expenditure, invest in strategic sectors and</u></p>

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	<p><u>facilitate investments of scale that can compete in the emerging new global order and ensure the EU's strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy;</u></p> <p>IE (Drafting Suggestions): Contribute to <u>enhancing EU competitiveness and ensuring the EU's strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy by coordinating dedicated investments and reforms in R&amp;I and pooling national and EU resources at national and EU level to increase the effectiveness of public expenditure, invest in strategic sectors and facilitate investments of scale that can compete in the emerging new global order</u> and <u>to ensure the EU's strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy;</u></p> <p>IE (Comments): The text needs to elaborate on what the specific areas of focus for this ERA Policy Agenda are. High level objectives are not sufficient if we are to have a strong narrative.</p> <p>FR (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Contribute to enhancing EU competitiveness and ensuring the EU's strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy by coordinating dedicated investments and reforms in R&amp;I and pooling national and EU resources at national and EU level to increase the effectiveness of public expenditure, to invest in strategic sectors and to facilitate investments of scale that can compete in the emerging new global order</u> <u>ensure the EU's strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy;</u></li> </ul> <p>DE (Drafting Suggestions):</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><u>-Contribute to enhancing EU competitiveness and ensuring the EU's strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy by coordinating dedicated investments and reforms in R&amp;I and pooling national and EU resources at national/regional and EU level, which are available in the current Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027, to increase the effectiveness of public expenditure, invest in strategic sectors and facilitate investments of scale that can compete in the emerging new global order and ensure the EU's strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy;</u></p> <p>DE</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>DE proposes to add “resources at national/regional and EU level” to underline that regions are actively involved in implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda in some topics.</p> <p>DE would like to stress that the current MFF rules apply to the time frame of the proposed ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</p> <p>SI</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p><i>strengthening the EU's R&amp;I excellence and impact, global scientific leadership and attracting global talent by enhancing <del>through</del> <del>coordinated</del> research career paths, facilitating researcher mobility and knowledge sharing, and promoting access to cutting-edge research infrastructures;</i></p> <p>SI</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>We propose to shift the two indents in order to emphasize the scientific value of the ERA first.</p> <p>As this indent deals with scientific leadership we should make clear that we are talking about cutting-edge research infrastructure.</p> </li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>strengthening the EU's scientific leadership and attracting global talent through coordinated research career paths, mobility, and access to cutting-edge infrastructures;</u></li> </ul>	<p>NL  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <u>strengthening the EU's R&amp;I excellence and impact, global scientific leadership and its attractiveness to attracting global talent by through coordinated enhancing research career paths, facilitating researcher mobility and knowledge sharing across Europe, and promoting access to cutting-edge infrastructures. Freedom of scientific research and a secure environment for researchers based on European values makes the EU an attractive workplace; and</u></p> <p>MT  <b>(Comments):</b>            Malta supports the mention of strengthening the EU's scientific leadership and attracting global talent through coordinated research career paths, mobility, and access to cutting-edge infrastructures.</p> <p>IE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <u>strengthening the EU's R&amp;I excellence and impact, global scientific leadership and its attractiveness to attracting global talent by through coordinated enhancing research career paths, facilitating researcher mobility and knowledge sharing across Europe, and promoting access to cutting-edge infrastructures. Freedom of scientific research and a secure environment for researchers based on European values makes the EU an attractive workplace; and</u></p> <p>IE  <b>(Comments):</b>            As previously stated, the text needs to elaborate on what the specific areas of focus for this ERA Policy Agenda are. High level objectives are not sufficient if we are to have a strong narrative.</p>

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	<p>Explicit reference to EU values and freedom of scientific research is particularly important given recent developments.</p> <p>FR</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>strengthening</del> the EU's R&amp;I excellence and impact, <u>global scientific leadership and its attractiveness to attracting global talent through coordinated by enhancing research career paths, facilitating researcher mobility and knowledge-sharing across Europe, and promoting access to cutting-edge infrastructures.</u> <del>Freedom of scientific research and a secure environment for researchers based on European values makes the EU an attractive workplace;</del> and</li> </ul> <p>DE</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>strengthening</del> the EU's R&amp;I excellence and impact, <u>global scientific leadership and its attractiveness to attracting global talents by through coordinated- enhancing research career paths, facilitating researcher's mobility and knowledge sharing across Europe and promoting access to cutting-edge infrastructures. Freedom of scientific researchs and a secure environment for researchers based on European values makes the EU an attractive workplace;</u></li> </ul> <p>SI</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p><i>contribute to enhancing EU competitiveness and ensuring the EU's strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy by <del>pooling</del> leverageing <del>national and EU</del> joint resources to increase the effectiveness of public expenditure, invest in strategic sectors and facilitate investments of scale that can compete in the emerging new global order and ensure the EU's strategic autonomy, while preserving an open economy;</i></p>

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<p>• <u>and contributing to sustainable development by coordinating R&amp;I efforts in industrial transformation, energy technologies and developing synergies with other policies to promote a more circular and resilient economy.</u></p>	<p>NL  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <u>enhance <del>contributing to the</del> EU’s sustainable development and societal transformation by coordinating R&amp;I efforts in industrial transformation, energy technologies and developing synergies with other policies to promote a more circular and resilient economy.</u></p> <p>LT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <u>and contributing to sustainable development by coordinating R&amp;I efforts in industrial transformation, energy technologies and developing synergies with other policies to promote a more circular and resilient economy.</u></p> <p>LT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      We do not see the need to narrow down mentioning of technologies here only to energy technologies. We believe that the introductory part should be broader. Otherwise it sends a wrong message that ERA is dealing only with one specific type of technologies.</p> <p>IE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <u>enhance <del>contributing to the</del> EU’s sustainable development and societal transformation by coordinating R&amp;I efforts in industrial transformation, energy technologies and developing synergies with other policies to promote a more circular and resilient economy.</u></p> <p>IE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      We propose adding ‘societal transformation’ to align with the Pact for R&amp;I which focuses on societal and economic impact.</p> <p>FR  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p>

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	<p>• <del>and contributing</del> <b>enhance the EU's to sustainable development and societal transformation by coordinating R&amp;I efforts in industrial transformation, energy technologies and developing synergies with other policies to promote a more circular and resilient economy.</b></p> <p>EE (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <p>□ <b>and contributing to sustainable development by coordinating R&amp;I efforts in industrial transformation, energy technologies and developing synergies with other policies to promote a more circular and resilient economy.</b></p> <p>EE (Comments):</p> <p>We would rather see the reference to all of the technologies or to extend the list with other key-technologies.</p> <p>DE (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <p>• <b>and enhance contributing to the EU's -sustainable development and societal transformation by coordinating R&amp;I efforts in industrial transformation, energy technologies and developing synergies with other policies to promote a more circular and resilient economy.</b></p> <p>SI (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <p><b>and enhance EU's contributing to sustainable development and societal transformation by coordinating R&amp;I efforts in green industrial transformation, energy technologies and developing synergies with other policies to promote a more circular and resilient economy.</b></p>
(3) The ERA has produced major achievements over the past 25 years in core policy areas including research infrastructures, open science,	CZ (Drafting Suggestions):

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<p>international cooperation, gender <del>equality balance</del> in R&amp;I, joint programming, research careers and researcher mobility. Contributing to these achievements, <b>among others</b> the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) have funded over 150,000 excellent researchers, notably through excellent doctoral programmes, postdoctoral fellowships and R&amp;I staff exchanges, EURAXESS has supported over 2 million researchers in their career development and mobility across Europe and the Open Science Cloud (EOSC) provides seamless access to quality data and digital services while supporting collaboration across borders and disciplines.</p>	<p>(3) The ERA has produced major achievements over the past 25 years in core policy areas including research infrastructures, open science, international cooperation, <del>inclusive</del> gender <del>equality balance</del> in R&amp;I, joint programming, research careers and researcher mobility. Contributing to these achievements, <b>among others</b> the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) have funded over 150,000 excellent researchers, notably through excellent doctoral programmes, postdoctoral fellowships and R&amp;I staff exchanges, EURAXESS has supported over 2 million researchers in their career development and mobility across Europe and the Open Science Cloud (EOSC) provides seamless access to quality data and digital services while supporting collaboration across borders and disciplines.</p> <p>CZ <b>(Comments):</b> CZ requests that the text be amended to include the wording “inclusive” so that it better reflects the contemporary approach to gender equality.</p>
<p>(4) In 2021, Member States and the Commission <del>concluded</del> <b>agreed on</b> a new vision and policy framework <b>for the ERA</b>, set out in the <b>Pact for R&amp;I<sup>9</sup> and the</b> Council conclusions on the future governance of the ERA<sup>10</sup> <del>and the Pact for R&amp;I</del>. The <b>long-term</b> vision sets out the common values and principles that will guide R&amp;I and identifies priorities for joint action. In the Pact, Member States reiterated their commitment to work together <del>on the to</del> <b>to</b> achievements of the ERA objectives to foster integration and cooperation and reduce fragmentation across Europe in</p>	<p>PT <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b> (4) In 2021, Member States and the Commission <del>concluded</del> <b>agreed on</b> a new vision and policy framework <b>for the ERA</b>, set out in the <b>Pact for R&amp;I<sup>12</sup> and the</b> Council conclusions on the future governance of the ERA<sup>13</sup> <del>and the Pact for R&amp;I</del>. The <b>long-term</b> vision sets out the common values and principles that will guide R&amp;I and identifies priorities for joint action. In the Pact, Member States reiterated their commitment to work</p>

<sup>9</sup> **Council Recommendation (EU) 2021/2122 of 26 November 2021 on a Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe, OJ L 431, 2.12.2021, p. 1–9.**

<sup>10</sup> 14308/21.

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<p>scientific research, technology and innovation. Member States <b><u>also stressed that it is essential to continue building and reinforcing R&amp;I ecosystems, and reiterated the need for better coordination and alignment between EU and national policy planning and implementation</u></b> reaffirmed their commitment to improve coordination and align national R&amp;I policies to create a more integrated and efficient research ecosystem in the 2024 Council conclusions on strengthening the competitiveness of the EU, reinforcing the ERA and overcoming its fragmentation<sup>11</sup>.</p>	<p>together <del>on the</del> <b><u>to</u></b> achievements of the ERA objectives to foster integration and cooperation and reduce fragmentation across Europe in scientific research, technology and innovation. Member States <b><u>also stressed that it is essential to continue building and reinforcing R&amp;I ecosystems, and reiterated the need for better coordination and alignment between EU and national and regional policy planning and implementation</u></b> reaffirmed their commitment to improve coordination and align national R&amp;I policies to create a more integrated and efficient research ecosystem in the 2024 Council conclusions on strengthening the competitiveness of the EU, reinforcing the ERA and overcoming its fragmentation.</p> <p>PT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      PT proposes to include the regional dimension.</p> <p>MT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Malta highly supports the mention of reducing fragmentation across Europe in scientific research, technology and innovation and would like it to remain in the text.</p> <p>HU  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      (4) In 2021, Member States and the Commission <del>concluded</del> <b><u>agreed on</u></b> a new vision and policy framework <b><u>for the ERA</u></b>, set out in the <b><u>Pact for R&amp;I<sup>14</sup> and the</u></b> Council conclusions on the future governance of the ERA<sup>15</sup> and the Pact for R&amp;I. The <b><u>long-term</u></b> vision sets out the common</p>

<sup>11</sup> 16179/24.

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	<p>values and principles that will guide R&amp;I and identifies priorities for joint action. In the Pact, Member States reiterated their commitment to work together <del>on the</del> <u>to</u> achievements of the ERA objectives to foster integration and cooperation and reduce fragmentation across Europe in scientific research, technology and innovation. Member States <b>also stressed that, to develop a fully functioning ERA, it is essential to continue building and reinforcing R&amp;I ecosystems, and reiterated the need for better coordination and alignment between EU and national policy planning and implementation</b> reaffirmed their commitment to improve coordination and align national R&amp;I policies to create a more integrated and efficient research ecosystem in the 2024 Council conclusions on strengthening the competitiveness of the EU, reinforcing the ERA and overcoming its fragmentation<sup>16</sup>.</p> <p>HU  <b>(Comments):</b>  <a href="#">The CC invites the COM and MSs to develop the ERA, that's the primary objective of inviting MSs and COM for closer collaboration.</a></p>
<p>(5) The first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 created a solid foundation to achieve the ERA objectives. It translated the Pact for R&amp;I priority areas into a set of concrete actions. 17 actions were jointly implemented by the Commission, Member States, Horizon Europe associated countries and EU-level stakeholders. As part of the new governance, the ERA Forum and its sub-groups play a unique role in <b>discussing, designing and</b> supporting implementation of the ERA and its actions. They <del>act as a bridge between EU level, national and regional bodies and</del> <b>provide an efficient framework for</b> facilitate collaboration <b>between the Commission, the Member States, associated countries</b></p>	<p>PT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  (5) The first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 created a solid foundation to achieve the ERA objectives. It translated the Pact for R&amp;I priority areas into a set of concrete actions. 17 actions were jointly implemented by the Commission, Member States, Horizon Europe associated countries and EU-level stakeholders. As part of the new governance, the ERA Forum and its sub-groups play a unique role in <b>discussing, designing and</b> supporting implementation of the ERA and its actions. They <del>act as a bridge between EU level, national and regional</del></p>

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<p><b><u>and relevant stakeholders in an</u></b>–The inclusive and participatory approach ensures that all voices are heard. This fosters innovative strategies and a shared ownership of policies to strengthen Europe’s R&amp;I ecosystem. As a high-level strategic policy <b><u>joint</u></b> advisory <b><u>committee</u></b> body, the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) provides early advice to the Council, <del>and</del> the Commission <b><u>and the Member States on strategic R&amp;I policy issues, including on strategic policy orientation and future trends that require the refinement of Union and national, including regional, R&amp;I policies, including on the current and the next Union R&amp;I Framework Programme and other relevant R&amp;I-driven Union initiatives.</u></b></p>	<p>bodies and <b><u>provide an efficient framework for</u></b> facilitate collaboration <b><u>between the Commission, the Member States, associated countries and relevant stakeholders in an</u></b>–The inclusive and participatory approach ensures that all voices are heard. This fosters innovative strategies and a shared ownership of policies to strengthen Europe’s R&amp;I ecosystem. As a high-level strategic policy <b><u>joint</u></b> advisory <b><u>committee</u></b> body, the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) provides early advice to the Council, <del>and</del> the Commission <b><u>and the Member States on strategic R&amp;I policy issues. This includes, including on strategic policy orientation and future trends that require the refinement of both Union and national (including regional), including regional, R&amp;I policies. ERAC also advice , including on the current and the next Union R&amp;I Framework Programme and other relevant R&amp;I-driven Union initiatives.</u></b></p> <p>PT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      The text has been updated for clarity.                      PT welcomes the addition of the discussion and designing components, in addition to the support for the implementation of the ERA and its actions.                      HU  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      (5) <a href="#">As it is highlighted by the above mentioned Council Conclusions</a>, the first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 created a solid foundation <b><u>and important progress</u></b> to achieve the ERA objectives. It translated the Pact for R&amp;I priority areas into a set of concrete actions. 17 actions were jointly implemented by the Commission, Member States, Horizon Europe associated countries and EU-level stakeholders. As part of the new governance, the ERA Forum and its sub-groups play a unique role in <b><u>discussing, designing and</u></b> supporting implementation of the ERA and its actions. They act as a bridge between EU level, national and regional bodies and <b><u>provide an efficient framework for</u></b> facilitate collaboration</p>

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<p>(6) The Commission highlighted the achievements of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 and the new governance in the 2024 Communication ‘Implementation of the European Research Area’<sup>17</sup>. The main achievements in addressing a range of R&amp;I needs across Europe under the first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 include (1) creating the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA), (2) publishing the ‘Zero tolerance code of conduct on counteracting gender-based violence in the EU research and innovation system’, (3) stimulating the green energy transformation by implementing the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda of the ERA pilot on green hydrogen, (4) <del>creating</del> the <b><u>Report on European Synergies of Funds, produced by</u></b> R&amp;I and Cohesion</p>	<p>NL (Drafting Suggestions): (6) The Commission highlighted the achievements of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 and the new governance in the 2024 Communication ‘Implementation of the European Research Area’<sup>18</sup>. The main achievements in addressing a range of R&amp;I needs across Europe under the first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 include (1) creating the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA), (2) publishing the ‘Zero tolerance code of conduct on counteracting gender-based violence in the EU research and innovation system’, (3) stimulating the green energy transformation by implementing the Strategic Research and Innovation</p>

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<p>Managing Authorities Network' (RIMA), linking R&amp;I policy actors and managing authorities to assess the innovation divide, increase excellence and capitalise on existing widening <b>and other framework programme</b> instruments, <b>(5) successfully carrying out the very first Multilateral Dialogue on principles and values for international cooperation in R&amp;I and adopting a ministerial statement, and (56)</b> developing a new ERA monitoring and evaluation framework.</p>	<p>Agenda of the ERA pilot on green hydrogen, (4) <del>creating the <b>Report on European Synergies of Funds, produced by R&amp;I and Cohesion</b></del> <b>Managing Authorities Network' (RIMA), linking R&amp;I policy actors and managing authorities to assess the innovation divide, increase excellence and capitalise on existing widening <b>and other framework programme</b> instruments, (5) successfully carrying out the very first Multilateral Dialogue on principles and values for international cooperation in R&amp;I and adopting a ministerial statement, and (5655)</b> developing a new ERA monitoring and evaluation framework.</p> <p>NL  <b>(Comments):</b>  <a href="#">We do not want to mention RIMA here, it is out of scope of the EPA.</a></p> <p>IE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>            (6) The Commission highlighted the achievements of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 and the new governance in the 2024 Communication 'Implementation of the European Research Area'<sup>19</sup>. The main achievements in addressing a range of R&amp;I needs across Europe under the first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 include (1) creating the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA), (2) publishing the 'Zero tolerance code of conduct on counteracting gender-based violence in the EU research and innovation system', (3) stimulating the green energy transformation by implementing the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda of the ERA pilot on green hydrogen, (4) <del>creating the <b>Report on European Synergies of Funds, produced by R&amp;I and Cohesion</b></del> <b>Managing Authorities Network' (RIMA), linking R&amp;I policy actors and managing authorities to assess the innovation divide, increase excellence and capitalise on existing widening <b>and other framework programme</b> instruments, (5) successfully carrying out the very first Multilateral</b></p>

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	<p><b><u>Dialogue on principles and values for international cooperation in R&amp;I and adopting a ministerial statement, and (56)</u></b> developing a new ERA monitoring and evaluation framework.</p> <p>IE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      IE supports the calls from other MS to delete the reference to RIMA.                      HU  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      (6) The Commission highlighted the achievements of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 and the new governance in the 2024 Communication ‘Implementation of the European Research Area’<sup>20</sup>. The main achievements in addressing a range of R&amp;I needs across Europe under the first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 include (1) creating the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA), (2) publishing the ‘Zero tolerance code of conduct on counteracting gender-based violence in the EU research and innovation system’, (3) stimulating the green energy transformation by implementing the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda of the ERA pilot on green hydrogen, (4) <del>creating</del> the <b><u>Report on European Synergies of Funds, produced by</u></b> R&amp;I and Cohesion Managing Authorities Network’ (RIMA), linking R&amp;I policy actors and managing authorities to assess the innovation divide, increase excellence and capitalise on existing widening <b><u>and other framework programme</u></b> instruments, <b><u>(5) successfully carrying out the very first Multilateral Dialogue on principles and values for international cooperation in R&amp;I and adopting a ministerial statement, (6) elaborating the Competence Framework for Researchers (ResearchComp), (7) reinforcing and recognising the importance of research management capabilities, and (5658)</u></b> developing a new ERA monitoring and evaluation framework.</p>

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	<p>HU  <b>(Comments):</b>  <a href="#">We miss two elements which can be considered important achievements of the Policy Agenda.</a>            1) <a href="#">ResearchComp is one important element to improve and mainstream research careers</a>            2) <a href="#">ERA Action 17, co-sponsored by Hungary and Germany, made important progress towards the recognition, upskilling, capacity building and networking of research managers.</a></p> <p>FR  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>            (6) The Commission highlighted the achievements of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 and the new governance in the 2024 Communication ‘Implementation of the European Research Area’<sup>21</sup>. The main achievements in addressing a range of R&amp;I needs across Europe under the first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 include (1) creating the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA), (2) publishing the ‘Zero tolerance code of conduct on counteracting gender-based violence in the EU research and innovation system’, (3) stimulating the green energy transformation by implementing the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda of the ERA Research and Innovation Agenda of the ERA pilot on green hydrogen, <del>(4) creating the <b>Report on European Synergies of Funds, produced by R&amp;I and Cohesion Managing Authorities Network<sup>2</sup> (RIMA), linking R&amp;I policy actors and managing authorities to assess the innovation divide, increase excellence and capitalise on existing widening and other framework programme instruments,</b> (5) successfully carrying out the very first Multilateral Dialogue on principles and values for international cooperation in R&amp;I and adopting a</del></p>

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	<p><b><u>ministerial statement, and (56)</u></b> developing a new ERA monitoring and evaluation framework.</p> <p>FR</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b> Although we fully recognize the interest in seeking synergies between EU funds, we believe this should not be quoted among the main achievements of the EPA.</p> <p>FI</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b> (6) The Commission highlighted the achievements of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 and the new governance in the 2024 Communication ‘Implementation of the European Research Area’<sup>22</sup>. The <del>main</del> achievements in addressing a range of R&amp;I needs across Europe under the first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 include <b>for instance</b> (1) creating the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA), (2) publishing the ‘Zero tolerance code of conduct on counteracting gender-based violence in the EU research and innovation system’, (3) stimulating the green energy transformation by implementing the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda of the ERA pilot on green hydrogen, (4) <del>creating</del> the <b><u>Report on European Synergies of Funds, produced by</u></b> R&amp;I and Cohesion Managing Authorities Network’ (RIMA), linking R&amp;I policy actors and managing authorities to assess the innovation divide, increase excellence and capitalise on existing widening <b><u>and other framework programme</u></b> instruments, <b><u>(5) successfully carrying out the very first Multilateral Dialogue on principles and values for international cooperation in R&amp;I and adopting a ministerial statement, and (56)</u></b> developing a new ERA monitoring and evaluation framework.</p> <p>FI</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p>

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	<p><u>As the CION said in the previous WP, the mentioned achievements were examples, not “main achievements” based on any indicators.</u></p> <p>SI  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      (6) The Commission highlighted the achievements of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 and the new governance in the 2024 Communication ‘Implementation of the European Research Area’<sup>23</sup>. The main achievements in addressing a range of R&amp;I needs across Europe under the first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 include (1) creating the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA), (2) publishing the ‘Zero tolerance code of conduct on counteracting gender-based violence in the EU research and innovation system’, (3) stimulating the green energy transformation by implementing the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda of the ERA pilot on green hydrogen, <del>(4) creating the <b>Report on European Synergies of Funds, produced by</b></del> R&amp;I and Cohesion Managing Authorities Network<sup>2</sup> (RIMA), linking R&amp;I policy actors and managing authorities to assess the innovation divide, increase excellence and capitalise on existing widening <del>and other framework programme instruments,</del> <b>(54) successfully carrying out the very first Multilateral Dialogue on principles and values for international cooperation in R&amp;I and adopting a ministerial statement, and (56,5)</b> developing a new ERA monitoring and evaluation framework.</p>
<p>(7) The second ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 builds on this approach and is designed to <b>help reinforce the national R&amp;I systems and contribute to</b> tackle the <del>current</del> <b>complex global</b> challenges <b>Europe</b></p>	<p>SE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p>

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<p><b>is facing.</b> Using the Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action and the implementation outcomes of the first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 as a basis, it <del>proposes outlines</del> 11 <b>structural long-term</b> ERA <del>structural</del> policies; and <del>8 eight</del> tangible ERA actions, <b>as defined in paragraph 1 of this recommendation.</b> These are the result of an extensive co-creation process within the ERA Forum and ERAC<sub>2</sub> and the aim is to start implementation in 2025. <del>The first and the second ERA Policy Agendas are connected.</del> The ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 provides continuity on ongoing policies under the first agenda, tackles the ERA’s core long-term objectives, and has the flexibility needed to respond to new strategic needs. <b><u>It should enhance the visibility and raise awareness on ERA, its objectives and its actions.</u></b></p>	<p>(7) The second ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 builds on this approach and is designed to <b>help reinforce the national, including regional, R&amp;I systems and contribute to</b> tackle the <del>current</del> <b>complex global</b> challenges <b>Europe is facing.</b> Using the Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action and the implementation outcomes of the first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 as a basis, it <del>proposes outlines</del> 11 <b>structural long-term</b> ERA <del>structural</del> policies; and <del>8 eight</del> tangible ERA actions, <b>as defined in paragraph 1 of this recommendation.</b> These are the result of an extensive co-creation process within the ERA Forum and ERAC<sub>2</sub> and the aim is to start implementation in 2025. <del>The first and the second ERA Policy Agendas are connected.</del> The ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 provides continuity on ongoing policies under the first agenda, tackles the ERA’s core long-term objectives, and has the flexibility needed to respond to new strategic needs. <b><u>It should enhance the visibility and raise awareness on ERA, its objectives and its actions.</u></b></p> <p>SE  <b>(Comments):</b>            Compare point 5, should be synchronized</p> <p>NL  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>            The second ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 builds on this approach and is designed to <b>help reinforce the national R&amp;I systems and contribute to</b> tackle the <del>current</del> <b>complex global</b> challenges <b>Europe is facing.</b> Using the Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action and the implementation outcomes of the first ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024 as a basis, it <del>proposes determines</del> outlines 11 <b>long-term structural long-term</b> ERA <del>structural</del> policies; and <del>8 eight</del> tangible ERA actions, <b>as defined in paragraph 1 of this recommendation.</b> These are the result of an extensive co-creation process within the ERA Forum and ERAC<sub>2</sub> and the aim is to start implementation in 2025. <del>The first and the second ERA Policy Agendas are connected.</del> The ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027</p>

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HEREBY RECOMMENDS THAT:	
<p>1. The Member States adopt the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 <b>proposing with 11 structural, long-term ERA policies that are not confined to individual policy agendas, are embedded in national and European policy and</b> but still have a three-year work plan; and with 8 ERA actions, to be completed within the three-year policy agenda. <b>ERA actions are concise, policy-driven and goal-oriented to provide substantive added value for the EU, Member States, associated countries and stakeholders.</b> All ERA proposals are outlined in more detail in the annex.</p>	<p>NL  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      The Member States adopt the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 <b>proposing with 11 structural, long-term ERA policies and eight ERA actions. Structural policies are longer term issues that require a longer term focus beyond the three year-cycle of the ERA Policy Agenda that are not confined to individual policy agendas, are to embedded them in national and European policy and R&amp;I systems – such as research assessment reform; open science, research careers, research infrastructure and knowledge valorisation.</b> They but still have a three-year work plan <b>to ensure the timely implementation of interim measures to achieve the longer term objectives;</b> and with 8 ERA actions, to be completed within the three-year policy agenda. <b>ERA actions are concise, policy-driven oriented and goal-oriented driven to provide substantive added value for the EU, Member States, associated countries and stakeholders and they are to be completed within the three-year ERA Policy Agenda.</b> All ERA proposals <b>for the period 2025-2027</b> are outlined in more detail in the annex.</p> <p>IE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      The Member States adopt the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 <b>proposing which includes with 11 structural, long-term ERA policies and eight ERA actions. Structural policies are longer term issues that require a longer term focus beyond the three year-cycle of the ERA Policy Agenda.that are not confined to individual policy agendas, are to embedded them in national and European policy – such as research assessment reform; open science, research careers, research infrastructure and knowledge valorisation.</b>and They but still have a</p>

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	<p>three-year work plan <u>to ensure the timely implementation of interim measures to achieve the longer term objectives;</u> and with 8 ERA actions, to be completed within the three year policy agenda. <u>ERA actions are concise, policy-driven and goal-oriented to provide substantive added value for the EU, Member States, associated countries and stakeholders and they are to be completed within the three-year ERA Policy Agenda.</u> All ERA proposals <u>for the period 2025-2027</u> are outlined in more detail in the annex.</p> <p>IE (Comments): The Recommendation is not ‘proposing’ the ERA priorities for the next ERA Policy Agenda. It sets out what the agreed priorities for the next three years are.</p> <p>The definitions of structural policies (SPs) and ERA actions are very important and we support the inclusion of the definitions used in the ERAC Opinion.</p> <p>However, the ERAC Opinion highlighted the need for a more concrete definition of SPs. For the SPs, we strongly believe that the focus should be on what they are rather than on what they are not.</p> <p>It is also very important that the distinction between SPs and ERA actions is clear.</p> <p>We suggest some text.</p> <p>FR (Drafting Suggestions):</p>

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	<p><del>to be completed within the three-year policy agenda.</del> <b>ERA actions are concise, policy-driven and goal-oriented to provide substantive added value for the EU, Member States, associated countries and stakeholders and they are to be completed within the three-year ERA Policy Agenda.</b> All ERA proposals <del>for the period 2025-2027</del> are outlined in more detail in the annex.</p> <p>DE</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>DE: In the current draft it is still not clear enough what distinguishes an 'ERA structural policy' from 'ERA actions'. DE supports the draft suggestion [made by IE] to set out clear definitions for both terms and classify the activities associated with policies and actions.</p> <p>AT</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p>1. The Member States adopt the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 <b>including</b> <del>proposing</del> 11 structural, long-term ERA policies that are not confined to individual policy agendas, are embedded in national and European policy and have a three-year work plan; and 8 ERA actions, to be completed within the three-year policy agenda. ERA actions are concise, policy-driven and goal-oriented to provide substantive added value for the EU, Member States, associated countries and stakeholders. All ERA proposals are outlined in more detail in the annex.</p> <p>AT</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>The EC proposes but the Council recommends the EPA and its activities.</p> <p>SI</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p>1. The Member States adopt the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 <b>outlining</b> <del>proposing</del> with 11 <b>long-term</b> structural; <del>long-term</del> ERA policies <b>and 8 ERA actions. Long-term structural policies are longer term challenges that require an extended focus, beyond the three</b></p>

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	<p><b>year cycle of the ERA Policy Agenda to that are</b> not confined to individual policy agendas, <b>are embedded them in national and European policy and</b> but still have a three-year work plan <i>to ensure the timely implementation of their interm measures and objectives.</i> <del>and</del> with 8 ERA actions, to be completed within the three year <i>duration of the P-policy agenda.</i> <b>ERA actions are concise, policy-oriented driven and goal-driven oriented to provide substantive added value for the EU, Member States, associated countries and stakeholders and are to be completed within the three year ERA Policy Agenda.</b> All ERA proposals are outlined in more detail in the annex.</p> <p>SI (Comments): See comment above.</p> <p>By stating that ERA action are concise we might by impywing that the long-term structural policies are not.</p>
<p>2. The Member States <b>and the Commission</b> implement, on a <del>voluntary</del> <b>the basis of the variable geometry principle, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholders,</b> the following ERA structural policies and ERA actions, in line with the four Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action. These structural policies and actions focus on (i) bringing clear added value at national and European level, (ii) making an impact by producing specific deliverables and tangible outcomes within three years, (iii) building on constant co-creation between Member States, Commission, <b>and, where appropriate, associated countries</b> and stakeholders, (iv) being self-standing with one <b>core main</b> activity, <del>meaning no sub-actions</del>, and (v) being implemented in variable geometry, allowing for flexibility in the extent to which countries can get involved. <b>Each action should be launched with the commitment of at least 50% of the Member States.</b></p>	<p>SE (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <p>2. The Member States <b>and the Commission voluntarily</b> implement, on a <del>voluntary</del> <b>the basis of the variable geometry principle, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholders,</b> the following ERA structural policies and ERA actions, in line with the four Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action. These structural policies and actions focus on (i) bringing clear added value at national and European level, (ii) making an impact by producing specific deliverables and tangible outcomes within three years, (iii) building on constant co-creation between Member States, Commission, <b>and, where appropriate, associated countries</b> and stakeholders, (iv) being self-standing with one <b>core main</b> activity, <del>meaning no sub-actions</del>, and (v) being implemented in variable geometry, allowing for flexibility</p>

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	<p><u>We see no reason the mention the 50% again and the text on the 50% as now suggested is not an option for us. We already did that excersise and on the basis of that the CIE proped an agenda in which almost all actions are above the 50%. We do want to honor the right of initiative of the CIE. For those few actions that might be around the 50%, we do not want a new survey and other administrative steps. We propose to ask every MS, stakeholder and AC to nominate experts per action. Then we see where we stand. Also, sometimes you have a better result of an action with 45% then with 65%. It depends on the level and quality of commitment.</u></p> <p>MT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      MT supports other countries in calling for reintroduction of the word ‘voluntary’ into the text.</p> <p>LT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      2. The Member States <b>and the Commission</b> implement, on a <del>voluntary</del> <b>a voluntary the</b> basis <b>of the variable geometry principle, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholders</b>, the following ERA structural policies and ERA actions, in line with the four Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action. These structural policies and actions focus on (i) bringing clear added value at national and European level, (ii) making an impact by producing specific deliverables and tangible outcomes within three years, (iii) building on constant co-creation between Member States, Commission, <b>and, where appropriate, associated countries</b> and stakeholders, (iv) being self-standing with one <b>core main</b> activity, <del>meaning no sub</del> actions, and (v) being implemented in variable geometry, allowing for flexibility in the extent to which countries can get involved. <b>Each structural policy and action should be launched with the commitment of at least 50% of the Member States. Mechanisms for flexible commitments should be defined as soon as possible by the ERA Forum.</b></p>

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	<p>LT</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b>                      We would like to keep “voluntary” in the text.</p> <p>Lithuania strongly believes that aiming for further development of ERA it is necessary to have a strong political commitment from MS and a critical mass (i.e., at least a half of MS should be involved). It should also be very clear from the text that the 50% threshold is applicable to ERA actions as well as to structural policies. We see the risk that by going forward with many poorly supported ERA activities we will deepen ERA fragmentation. Lithuania believes that the quality of ERA activities is much more important than the quantity.</p> <p>We also do not understand the term “flexible commitments”. Furthermore, we do not think that ERA Forum is the right configuration for such discussions.</p> <p>IE</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      The Member States <b>and the Commission</b> implement <b>the ERA Policy Agenda</b>, on a <del>voluntary</del> <b>the</b> basis <b>of the variable geometry principle, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholders,</b> <del>the following ERA structural policies and ERA actions,</del> in line with the four Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action. These structural policies and actions focus on (i) bringing clear added value at national and European level, (ii) making an impact by producing specific deliverables and tangible outcomes within three years, (iii) building on constant co-creation between Member States, Commission, <b>and, where appropriate, associated countries</b> and stakeholders, (iv) being self-standing with one <b>core main</b> activity, <del>meaning no sub-actions,</del> and (v) being implemented in variable geometry, allowing for flexibility</p>

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	<p>in the extent to which countries can get involved. <del>Each action should be launched with the commitment of at least 50% of the Member States. Mechanisms for flexible implementation commitments should be defined as soon as possible by the ERA Forum, aiming at a participation of at least 50% of Member States in each structural policy or ERA action.</del></p> <p>IE (Comments): The first sentence as currently constructed is not very clear.</p> <p>On the final sentence, we support the amendment proposed by AT.</p> <p>HR (Drafting Suggestions): 2. The Member States, <del>on a voluntary basis and in line with the variable geometry principle, together with and the Commission implement, on a voluntary the basis of the variable geometry principle, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholders, implement</del> the following ERA structural policies and ERA actions, in line with the four Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action. These structural policies and actions focus on (i) bringing clear added value at national and European level, (ii) making an impact by producing specific deliverables and tangible outcomes within three years, (iii) building on constant co-creation between Member States, Commission, <del>and, where appropriate, associated countries</del> and stakeholders, (iv) being self-standing with one <del>core main</del> activity, <del>meaning no sub actions</del>, and (v) being implemented in variable geometry, allowing for flexibility in the extent to which countries can get involved. <del>Each action should be launched with the commitment of at least 50%</del></p>

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	<p><b><u>of the Member States. Mechanisms for flexible commitments should be defined as soon as possible by the ERA Forum.</u></b></p> <p>HR</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b>                      Considering that “voluntary” and “variable geometry” are not synonyms, nor is “variable geometry” clearly defined in the legal basis, we suggest to make the text clearer in relation to voluntary engagement of Member States in the implementation of ERA structural policies and ERA actions.</p> <p>FR</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      2. The Member States <b><u>and the Commission</u></b> implement, on a voluntary <b><u>the basis of the variable geometry principle, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholders,</u></b> the following ERA structural policies and ERA actions, in line with the four Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action. These structural policies and actions focus on (i) bringing clear added value at national and European level, (ii) making an impact by producing specific deliverables and tangible outcomes within three years, (iii) building on constant co-creation between Member States, Commission, <b><u>and, where appropriate, associated countries</u></b> and stakeholders, (iv) being self-standing with one <b><u>core main</u></b> activity, <del>meaning no sub-actions,</del> and (v) being implemented in variable geometry, allowing for flexibility in the extent to which countries can get involved. <b><u>Each action should be launched based on sufficient support from Member States, accounting for a genuine critical mass with the commitment of at least 50% of the Member States. Mechanisms for flexible commitments implementation should be defined as soon as possible by the ERA Forum.</u></b></p> <p>FR</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p>

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	<p>As a compromise, we suggest not defining a specific threshold, to avoid debates on 45% vs 55% support and because implementation depends more on the level and quality of commitment. However, ERA actions/policies that would be supported by only 3 or 4 MS would not have a critical mass needed for an EU added-value and to achieve EU-level tangible outcomes.</p> <p>FI</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p>2. The Member States <b>and the Commission</b> implement, on a voluntary <b>the</b> basis <b>of the variable geometry principle, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholders</b>, the following ERA structural policies and ERA actions, in line with the four Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action. These structural policies and actions focus on (i) bringing clear added value at national and European level, (ii) making an impact by producing specific deliverables and tangible outcomes within three years, (iii) building on constant co-creation between Member States, Commission, <b>and, where appropriate, associated countries</b> and stakeholders, (iv) being self-standing with one <b>core</b> main activity, <del>meaning no sub-actions</del>, and (v) being implemented in variable geometry, allowing for flexibility in the extent to which countries can get involved. <del>Each action should be launched with the commitment of at least 50% of the Member States. Mechanisms for flexible commitments should be defined as soon as possible by the ERA Forum.</del></p> <p>FI</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p><del>FI is not in favor of new mechanisms or administrative steps to measure sufficient commitment. When it comes to mentioning 50% as a strong guiding principle, we can be flexible.</del></p> <p>ES</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p>

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	<p>The last sentence is not clear at all, it can be interpreted to be contrary to the 50% and the Forum (stakeholders and experts) cannot establish the resources committed by the MS.</p> <p>EE</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p>2. The Member States <b>and the Commission</b> implement, on a <del>voluntary</del> <b>a voluntary</b> the basis <b>of the variable geometry principle, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholders</b>, the following ERA structural policies and ERA actions, in line with the four Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action. These structural policies and actions focus on (i) bringing clear added value at national and European level, (ii) making an impact by producing specific deliverables and tangible outcomes within three years, (iii) building on constant co-creation between Member States, Commission, <b>and, where appropriate, associated countries</b> and stakeholders, (iv) being self-standing with one <b>core</b> main activity, <del>meaning no sub-actions</del>, and (v) being implemented in variable geometry, allowing for flexibility in the extent to which countries can get involved. <b><u>Each structural policy and action should be launched with the commitment of at least 50% of the Member States. Mechanisms for flexible commitments should be defined as soon as possible by the ERA Forum.</u></b></p> <p>EE</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>We don't support deleting voluntary basis.</p> <p>We need to have a political commitment and ownership by the MS for all the activities and structural policies. The questionnaire that was sent to ERA forum members did not ask about the political commitment but if the Forum members feel, that the actions are <b>relevant</b> or if THEY (not the MS) would participate in such an action. ERA Forum delegates have no obligation nor mandate or means to ensure the MS's participation in structural policy nor in action, hence we need the discussion and a</p>

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	<p>decision on a political level. It is a question of allocating resources and making strategic decisions.</p> <p>DK</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>DK stresses that ERA actions without a minimum of 50 percent commitment from MS should not be part of the policy agenda in order to ensure a focused list of actions with support from MS. DK would therefore support keeping the current sentence on the 50 percent requirement.</p> <p>DE</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p>2. The Member States <b>and the Commission</b> implement, on a <del>voluntary</del> <b>the basis of the variable geometry principle, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholders,</b> the following ERA structural policies and ERA actions, in line with the four Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action. These structural policies and actions focus on (i) bringing clear added value at national and European level, (ii) making an impact by producing specific deliverables and tangible outcomes within three years, (iii) building on constant co-creation between Member States, Commission, <b>and, where appropriate, associated countries</b> and stakeholders, (iv) being self-standing with one <del>core main</del> activity, <del>meaning no sub-actions</del>, and (v) being implemented in variable geometry, allowing for flexibility in the extent to which countries can get involved. <b><u>Each action should be launched with the commitment of at least 50% of the Member States. Mechanisms for flexible implementation commitments should be defined as soon as possible by the ERA Forum, aiming at a participation of at least 50% of Member States in each action.</u></b></p> <p>DE</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p>

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	<p>DE supports the draft suggestion [made by NL] to clarify the proceedings on MS participation. Nevertheless, it should be clear that the principle of variable geometry applies as the general rule.</p> <p>CZ</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p>2. The Member States <b>and the Commission</b> implement, on a <u>voluntary basis, on the principle of the variable geometry principle, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholders</u>, the following ERA structural policies and ERA actions, in line with the four Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action. These structural policies and actions focus on (i) bringing clear added value at national and European level, (ii) making an impact by producing specific deliverables and tangible outcomes within three years, (iii) building on constant co-creation between Member States, Commission, <b>and, where appropriate, associated countries</b> and stakeholders, (iv) being self-standing with one <b>core main</b> activity, <del>meaning no sub-actions</del>, and (v) being implemented in variable geometry, allowing for flexibility in the extent to which countries can get involved. <b><u>Each action should be launched with the commitment of at least 50% of the Member States. Mechanisms for flexible commitments should be defined as soon as possible by the ERA Forum.</u></b></p> <p>CZ</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>CZ requests to add the principle of voluntary involvement to the text. All initiatives of the ERA Policy Agenda stem from and operate on the principle of voluntary participation by EU Member States. The voluntary basis is therefore a core principle of the ERA Policy Agenda and should be explicitly mentioned in the text.</p> <p>BG</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p>

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	<p>standing with one <u>core</u> main activity, <del>meaning no sub-actions</del>, and (v) being implemented in variable geometry, allowing for flexibility in the extent to which countries can get involved. <b><u>Each structural policy and action should be launched with the commitment of at least 50% of the Member States. Mechanisms for flexible commitments should be defined as soon as possible by the ERA Forum.</u></b></p> <p>SK  <b>(Comments):</b>                      SK would like to keep “voluntary” in the text.</p> <p>SK believes that not only ERA Actions, but also ERA Structural Policies need a strong commitment from MS and a critical mass (i.e., at least a half of MS involved). Otherwise, we see the risk of deepening the ERA fragmentation.</p> <p>SI  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      2. The Member States <b><u>and the Commission</u></b> implement, on a <del>voluntary</del> <b><u>the basis of the variable geometry principle, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholders,</u></b> the following ERA structural policies and ERA actions, in line with the four Pact for R&amp;I priority areas for joint action. These structural policies and actions focus on (i) bringing clear added value at national and European level, (ii) making an impact by producing specific deliverables and tangible outcomes within three years, (iii) building on constant co-creation between Member States, Commission, <b><u>and, where appropriate, associated countries</u></b> and stakeholders, (iv) being self-standing with one <u>core</u> main activity, <del>meaning no sub-actions</del>, and (v) being implemented in variable geometry, allowing for flexibility in the extent to which countries can get involved. <del><b><u>Each activity-action should</u></b></del></p>

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	<p><del>be launched with the commitment of at least 50% of the Member States. Mechanisms for flexible commitments should be defined as soon as possible by the ERA Forum.</del></p> <p>SI</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b>                      With the new structure of EPA, the overarching term for the joint action should be ERA activity, which is divided into a long-term structural policies and ERA action.                      We are not in favour of repeating what is already considered as accomplished during the process running in the ERA Forum. The ERA activities provided in the text of the CCs should be the ones that have been considered to receive enough support from MS to be part of the new EPA.</p>
<p><b><u>3. The ERA structural policies and ERA actions by priority areas are as follows:</u></b></p>	<p>DK</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b>                      DK would like to request a list of the countries having expressed interest in the proposed activities to see whether they meet the 50 percent threshold.</p> <p>SI</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <u>The ERA structural policies and ERA actions by the Pact priority areas are as follows</u></p>
<p>‡ Priority Area 1: Deepening a truly functioning internal market for knowledge</p>	
<p><b><u>An efficient, effective and well functioning internal market for knowledge, built on</u></b> The free movement of researchers, knowledge and data is essential to build a more efficient and inclusive European R&amp;I system. It helps minimise the duplication of resources and create the</p>	<p>NL</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <u>An efficient, effective and well functioning internal market for knowledge, built on</u> The free movement of researchers, knowledge and</p>

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<p>critical mass needed to be effective. To strengthen the EU's competitiveness, it is essential to boost the EU's international position and scientific leadership by carrying out pioneering <del>fundamental and applied</del> research <b><u>along the whole research and innovation chain, including fundamental and applied science.</u></b></p>	<p>data is essential to build a more efficient and inclusive European R&amp;I system. It helps minimise the duplication of resources and create the critical mass needed to be effective. To strengthen the EU's competitiveness, it is essential to boost the EU's international position and scientific leadership by carrying out pioneering <del>fundamental and applied</del> research <b><u>and innovation along the whole research and innovation chain, including fundamental and applied science and by boosting EU's attractiveness for global talent.</u></b></p> <p>NL (Comments): <a href="#">We made a suggestion to be more inclusive in the definition of all the kinds of research and innovation that are important.</a></p> <p>MT (Drafting Suggestions): <b><u>An efficient, effective and well functioning internal market for knowledge, built on</u></b> The free movement of researchers, knowledge and data, <b><u>as well as brain circulation, are</u></b> <del>is</del> essential to build a more efficient and inclusive European R&amp;I system. It helps minimise the duplication of resources and create the critical mass needed to be effective. To strengthen the EU's competitiveness, it is essential to boost the EU's international position and scientific leadership by carrying out pioneering <del>fundamental and applied</del> research <b><u>along the whole research and innovation chain, including fundamental and applied science.</u></b></p> <p>MT (Comments): Malta would like to stress the importance of brain circulation within the Union as a way to help address the internal innovation divide. An efficient and inclusive European R&amp;I ecosystem needs to safeguard the equal treatment of all researchers and innovators and ensure the prevention of brain drain.</p>

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	<p>Furthermore, we would like to express our support for the mention of fundamental research/science and ask for it to be kept in the text.</p> <p>LT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <u><b>An efficient, effective and well functioning internal market for knowledge, built on</b></u> <del>The</del> free movement of researchers, knowledge and data <u>as well as balanced brain circulation, are is</u> essential to build a more efficient and inclusive European R&amp;I system. It helps minimise the duplication of resources and create the critical mass needed to be effective. To strengthen the EU’s competitiveness, it is essential to boost the EU’s international position and scientific leadership by carrying out pioneering <del>fundamental and applied</del> <u>fundamental and applied</u> research <u><b>along the whole research and innovation chain, including fundamental and applied science.</b></u></p> <p>LT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Lithuania supports MT suggestion to mention here brain circulation.</p> <p>We also would like to keep in the text mentioning of fundamental and applied research.</p> <p>HU  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <u><b>An efficient, effective and well functioning internal market for knowledge, built on</b></u> <del>The</del> free movement of researchers, knowledge and data is essential to build a more efficient and inclusive European R&amp;I system. It helps minimise the duplication of resources and create the critical mass needed to be effective. To strengthen the EU’s competitiveness, it is essential to boost the EU’s international position and scientific leadership by carrying out pioneering <del>fundamental and</del></p>

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	<p>applied research <b>along the whole research and innovation chain, including fundamental and applied science</b> <a href="#">while overcoming the fragmentation of the ERA.</a></p> <p>HU (Comments): <a href="#">EU competitiveness can only be improved if we overcome the fragmentation of the EU and of course the innovation divide, as stated in the above mentioned CC.</a></p> <p>FR (Drafting Suggestions): <b>An efficient, effective and well functioning internal market for knowledge, built on</b> The free movement of researchers, knowledge and data is essential to build a more efficient and inclusive European R&amp;I system. It helps minimise the duplication of resources and create the critical mass needed to be effective. To strengthen the EU's competitiveness, it is essential to boost the EU's international position and scientific leadership by carrying out pioneering <del>fundamental and applied</del> research <b>and innovation along the whole research and innovation chain, including fundamental and applied science, and by</b> <a href="#">boosting EU's attractiveness for global talent.</a></p> <p>FR (Comments): The attractiveness of the EU towards global talent is among the most crucial challenges for the upcoming period. R&amp;I plays a key role in this regard.</p> <p>EL (Drafting Suggestions): <b>An efficient, effective and well functioning internal market for knowledge, built on</b> The free movement of researchers, knowledge and data <b>as well as brain circulation, are essential to build a more efficient and inclusive European R&amp;I system. It helps minimise the</b></p>

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	<p><u>duplication of resources and create the critical mass needed to be effective. To strengthen the EU’s competitiveness, it is essential to boost the EU’s international position and scientific leadership by carrying out pioneering <b>fundamental and applied research along the whole research and innovation chain, including fundamental and applied science.</b></u></p> <p>EL  <b>(Comments):</b>  <b>Support to MT</b></p> <p>EE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <b>An efficient, effective and well functioning internal market for knowledge, built on</b> The free movement of researchers, knowledge and data, as well as balanced brain circulation, are <del>is</del> essential to build a more efficient and inclusive European R&amp;I system. It helps minimise the duplication of resources and create the critical mass needed to be effective. To strengthen the EU’s competitiveness, it is essential to boost the EU’s international position and scientific leadership by carrying out pioneering <del>fundamental and applied</del> <b>fundamental and applied</b> research <b>along the whole research and innovation chain, including fundamental and applied science.</b></p> <p>EE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      We support MT suggestion to mention here brain circulation and Lt suggestion keeping reference to fundamental and applied research.</p> <p>BG  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <b>An efficient, effective and well functioning internal market for knowledge, built on</b> The free movement of researchers, knowledge and data, <b>as well as balanced brain circulation,</b> is essential to build a more</p>

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	<p>efficient and inclusive European R&amp;I system. It helps minimise the duplication of resources and create the critical mass needed to be effective. To strengthen the EU’s competitiveness, it is essential to boost the EU’s international position and scientific leadership by carrying out pioneering fundamental and applied research <b><u>along the whole research and innovation chain, including fundamental and applied science.</u></b></p> <p>SK</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p><b><u>An efficient, effective and well functioning internal market for knowledge, built on</u></b> The free movement of researchers, knowledge and data, <b><u>as well as balanced brain circulation, are</u></b> <del>is</del> essential to build a more efficient and inclusive European R&amp;I system. It helps minimise the duplication of resources and create the critical mass needed to be effective. To strengthen the EU’s competitiveness, it is essential to boost the EU’s international position and scientific leadership by carrying out pioneering fundamental and applied research <b><u>along the whole research and innovation chain, including fundamental and applied science.</u></b></p> <p>SI</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p><b><u>An efficient, effective and well functioning internal market for knowledge, built on</u></b> The free movement of researchers, knowledge and data, <b><u>as well as brain circulation, are</u></b> is essential to build a more efficient and inclusive European R&amp;I system. <b><i>It ensures that efforts and investments are used efficiently and creates the necessary critical mass.</i></b> It helps minimise the duplication of resources and create the critical mass needed to be effective. To strengthen the EU’s competitiveness, it is essential to boost the EU’s international position and scientific leadership by carrying out pioneering fundamental and applied research <b><u>along the whole research and innovation chain, including fundamental and applied science.</u></b></p> <p>SI</p>

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	<p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>A more positive tone to the text proposed.</p> <p>If we are talking about research, than it's the research chain and not the innovation one. Otherwise we should use R&amp;I in all parts of the sentence.</p>
<p>The <b><u>Commission EU with the Member States, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholder organisations,</u></b> will continue to work on this priority through the following structural policies:</p>	<p>IE</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p>The <b><u>Commission EU with and the Member States, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholder organisations,</u></b> will continue to work on this priority through the following structural policies:</p> <p>IE</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>This is an important distinction. The Commission and MS work together to implement the ERA priorities.</p> <p>SI</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p>The <b><u>Commission EU with the Member States, and in coordination, where appropriate, with the associated countries and stakeholder organisations,</u></b> will continue to work on this priority through the following <b><i>ERA long-term</i></b> structural policies:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Open science</del> – Enabling open science via sharing and re-use of data, including through the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC);</li> </ul>	

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<p><del>• Research infrastructures</del> Strengthening sustainability, accessibility and resilience of research infrastructures in the <u>ERA</u> European Research Area;</p>	<p>DE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Strengthening sustainability, accessibility, <u>continuous improvement</u> and resilience of research infrastructures in the <u>ERA</u>                      DE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      We also need to ensure RIS remain up-to-date by constant actualisation to remain world-class</p>
<p><del>• Gender equality, equal opportunities for all and inclusiveness</del> Strengthening inclusive and intersectional gender equality in the ERA;</p>	<p>SE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Strengthening inclusive and intersectional gender equality <u>as well as the principle of universal design</u> in the ERA.                      SE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Sweden proposes adding 'the principle of universal design'. Universal design involves designing environments, products, services, etc., so that they can be used by as many people as possible.                      HU  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <del>• Gender equality, equal opportunities for all and inclusiveness</del> Strengthening <del>inclusive and intersectional</del> gender equality <u>with an intersectional approach</u> in the ERA;                      HU  <b>(Comments):</b>  <u>The phrase 'intersectional gender equality' seems to be a semantic error because 'intersectional' is not an adjective that directly qualifies gender equality. Intersectionality refers to how different forms of discrimination (gender, race, class) overlap, so it describes a framework, not a type of equality.</u></p>

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	<p>Therefore, we propose the already established agreed language at the Council level and use the phrase gender equality with “intersectional approach” or gender equality with “intersectional perspectives”.</p> <p>EE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      We support keeping the term <b>intersectional</b> in the texts.</p> <p>BG  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Strengthening <del>inclusive</del> <b>inclusiveness</b> and <del>intersectional</del> gender equality <b>and addressing all forms of discrimination</b> in the ERA</p> <p>BG  <b>(Comments):</b>                      BULGARIA has a <b>RED LINE</b> on “<i>intersectional gender equality</i>” (and “<i>intersectionality</i>” in the Annex).</p> <p>BULGARIA welcomes in principle the proposed Gender Equality related structural policy.</p> <p>We believe “gender equality” as a wide term encompasses gender-based discrimination by default.</p> <p>The issues stem from a decision of the Bulgarian Constitutional Court from 2018, related to the notions of “gender” that are incompatible with main principles of the Bulgarian Constitution.</p> <p>We urge in strongest terms to make an effort and find a solution, acceptable for all Member States.</p>
<p>• <del>Researchers careers and mobility and</del> <b>Making research careers more attractive and sustainable</b></p>	<p>NL  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p>

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	<p>• <del>Researchers careers and mobility and</del> <b><u>Making research careers more attractive and sustainable and support mobility</u></b>                      NL                      (Comments):  <a href="#">Can we bring the word 'mobility' back?</a></p>
<p>• <del>Reforming r</del>Research assessment and reward systems – Making research careers more attractive and sustainable as well as reforming research assessment;</p>	
<p>• <del>Knowledge valorisation</del>– Upscaling knowledge valorisation capacities and activities;</p>	
<p>• <del>Global engagement</del>– Global Approach to R&amp;I.</p>	<p>IE                      (Drafting Suggestions):                      • <u>Implementing the</u> Global Approach to R&amp;I.                       IE                      (Comments):                      This is to clarify what we are doing and ensure consistency with the rest of the section – all of which start with a verb.</p>
<p>The following ERA actions are proposed for the next three years:</p>	
<p>• Equity in open science;</p>	<p>IE                      (Drafting Suggestions):                      • Equity in open science;                      IE                      (Comments):</p>

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	It is not obvious what this means. The focus of each SP and ERA action should be clear without having to consult the annex. They all should start with a verb for consistency.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advancing the European Science for Policy (S4P) ecosystem;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitating and accelerating the responsible use of AI in science in the EU;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancing research security.</li> </ul>	
<p>2. Priority Area 2: Taking up together the green transition and digital transformation and other challenges with impact on society, and increasing society's participation in the ERA</p>	
<p>For the ERA to <b>play its part in</b> boosting competitiveness, improve the quality of life for people in the EU and tackle societal challenges such as the green and digital transitions, it <del>should must</del> create synergies with sectoral policies <del>and industrial policy</del>. R&amp;I investment <del>should must</del> deliver tangible outcomes that are used and deployed by the market <b>and should enhance scientific progress and adresss societal needs.</b></p>	<p>PT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      For the ERA to <b>play its part in</b> boosting competitiveness, improve the quality of life for people in the EU and tackle societal challenges such as the green and digital transitions, it <del>should must</del> create synergies with sectoral policies <del>and industrial policy</del>. R&amp;I investment <del>should must</del> deliver tangible outcomes that are used and deployed by the market <b>and should enhance scientific progress and impact <del>and in adresssing</del> societal needs.</b></p> <p>PT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      The emphasis on impact should be highlighted</p> <p>NL  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      For the ERA to <b>play its part in</b> boosting competitiveness, improve the quality of life for people in the EU and tackle societal challenges such as</p>

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	<p>the green and digital transitions, it <del>should</del> <b>must</b> create synergies with <del>sectoral</del> <b>other</b> policies <b>to develop holistic approaches</b> and industrial policy. R&amp;I investment <del>should</del> <b>must</b> deliver tangible outcomes that are used and deployed by the market <b>and should enhance scientific progress and adress societal needs.</b></p> <p>NL  <b>(Comments):</b>  <a href="#">We should remain careful quoting sectoral policies, since it could open the door to further “thematic” ERA Actions.</a></p> <p>IE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      For the ERA to <b>play its part in</b> <b>boosting</b> competitiveness, improve the quality of life for people in the EU and tackle societal challenges such as the green and digital transitions, it <del>should</del> <b>must</b> create synergies with <del>sectoral</del> <b>other EU</b> policies <b>to develop holistic approaches</b> and industrial policy. R&amp;I investment <del>should</del> <b>must</b> deliver tangible outcomes that are used and deployed by the market <b>and should enhance scientific progress and adress societal needs.</b></p> <p>IE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      The synergies should not be limited to sectoral policies but all relevant EU policies.</p> <p>FR  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      For the ERA to <b>play its part in</b> <b>boosting</b> competitiveness, improve the quality of life for people in the EU and tackle societal challenges such as the green and digital transitions, it <del>should</del> <b>must</b> create synergies with <del>sectoral</del> <b>other EU</b> policies <b>to develop holistic approaches</b> and industrial policy. R&amp;I investment <del>should</del> <b>must</b> deliver tangible outcomes that are used and deployed by the market <b>and should enhance scientific progress and adress societal needs.</b></p>

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	<p>FR  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Not only sectoral policies should be linked and integrating a R&amp;I dimension (e.g. industrial, trade, finance policies).</p> <p>SI  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      For the ERA to <b>play its part in</b> boosting competitiveness, improve the quality of life for people in the EU and tackle societal challenges such as the green and digital transitions, it <b>should</b> <del>must</del> create synergies with sectoral policies <del>and industrial policy</del>. R&amp;I investment <b>should</b> <del>must</del> deliver <b>valuable</b> <del>intangible</del> outcomes that are used and deployed by the market <b>and should enhance scientific progress and address societal needs.</b></p> <p>SI  <b>(Comments):</b>                      R&amp;I can also produce intangible but valuable outcomes (e.g.: policy impact, knowledge advancements).</p>
<p>The following structural policies have been <b>identified as</b> the core approaches to address this priority area:</p>	<p>SI  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      The following <b>ERA long-term</b> structural policies have been <b>identified as</b> the core approaches to address this priority area:</p>
<p><del>• <b>Challenge-based initiatives</b> – Making the strategic energy technology (SET) plan a key thematic component of the ERA;</del></p>	
<p><del>• <b>Synergies with education and the European Skills Agenda</b> – Improving the articulation between R&amp;I and higher education within the ERA and unleashing the full potential of European R&amp;I ecosystems;</del></p>	<p>NL  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <del>• <b>Synergies with education and the European Skills Agenda</b> – Improving the articulation between R&amp;I and higher education, <a href="#">in</a></del></p>

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	<p><a href="#">connecting to the EHEA</a>, within the ERA and unleashing the full potential of European R&amp;I ecosystems; FR</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>_____ Synergies with education and the European Skills Agenda</del> – Improving the articulation between R&amp;I and higher education within the ERA, <a href="#">in connection to the EHEA</a>, and unleashing the full potential of European R&amp;I ecosystems; FR</li> </ul> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>If we truly aim at bridging R&amp;I and HE policies at the EU level, we should seek further synergies with the EHEA (Bologna process). SI</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improving the articulation between R&amp;I and higher education within the ERA <b>in connection with EHEA</b> and unleashing the full potential of European R&amp;I ecosystems; SI</li> </ul> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>We should emphasize the obvious synergies between ERA and EHEA.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>_____ An active citizen and societal engagement in R&amp;I</del> – Enhancing trust in science through citizen participation, engagement and science communication.</li> </ul>	
<p>The following ERA actions are proposed for the next three years:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerating R&amp;I investments for Europe’s industrial transformation and competitive sustainability;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerating new approach methodologies (NAMs) to advance biomedical research and testing of medicinal products and medical devices;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Developing a A coherent</b> harmonised and coordinated framework for a European approach to integrity and ethics in R&amp;I in the face of emerging challenges.</li> </ul>	
<p>3- Priority Area 3: Enhancing access to research and innovation excellence across the Union and enhancing interconnections between innovation ecosystems across the Union</p>	<p>MT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Malta would like to express its strong support for the Priority Area and ask for it to be retained in the text.</p> <p>HU  <b>(Comments):</b>  <a href="#">We can only accept the possible adjustment of the name of the priority area, if the word “incentives” is added without deleting “access”, as proposed by RO at the RWP meeting.</a></p>
<p>Research excellence spans all of Europe, across ages, disciplines and sectors. Its full potential has yet to be tapped due to significant disparities in opportunities for researchers and innovators in the ERA.</p>	
<p><b><u>The following structural policy has been identified as a core approach to address this priority area:</u></b></p>	<p>SI  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <b><u>The following ERA long-term structural policy has been identified as a core approach to address this priority area:</u></b></p>
<p>A structural policy to tackle this priority area is to create synergies between EU, national and regional funding programmes;</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve EU access to excellence.</li> </ul>	<p>SE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <del>Improve EU access to excellence.</del> Encourage improved structural reforms for access to excellence.</p> <p>SE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      The phrase 'Improve EU access to excellence' should be rephrased to promote reforms and the pursuit of higher quality and excellence in all countries, rather than merely providing passive access to the successes of others. The wording should be more in line with 'Encourage Improved Structural Reforms'.</p> <p>LT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Improve <u>incentivising</u> EU access to excellence.</p> <p>LT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      We can support inclusion of “incentivising”.</p> <p>HU  <b>(Comments):</b>  <a href="#">We can only accept the possible adjustment of the name of the priority area, if the word “incentives” is added without deleting “access”, as proposed by RO at the RWP meeting.</a></p> <p>EE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Improve <u>incentivising</u> EU access to excellence.</p> <p>EE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      We <b>can support</b> adding the reference to incentives to the text</p>
<p>The following ERA action is proposed for the next three years:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empowering R&amp;I: A new era in research management.</li> </ul>	
<p>4. Priority Area 4: Advancing concerted research and innovation investments and reforms</p>	
<p>As the EU focuses on key areas for future competitiveness, sustainability and well-being, it would be counterproductive to duplicate, substitute or fragment R&amp;I investment and initiatives. <del>Cross-border</del> <b>Transnational</b> cooperation <del>can</del> <b>boosts</b> efficiency by pooling resources to achieve critical mass and increase the knowledge spillover effects to boost <b>R&amp;I innovation</b>. Ensuring that these investments are efficient and impactful will also require in some instances designing, implementing and monitoring structural reforms in national R&amp;D systems. The aim of these reforms <del>will be is</del> to increase scientific excellence, <del>extract</del> <b>embed a culture of the valorisation</b> of research results, enhance science-business links and better target policies to support business innovation.</p>	<p>MT <b>(Comments):</b> Malta supports transnational cooperation based on resource pooling and increasing knowledge spillover to strengthen R&amp;I ecosystems across the Union. We would like to see these references retained in the text.</p> <p>BE <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b> As the EU focuses on key areas for future competitiveness, sustainability and well-being, it would be counterproductive to duplicate, substitute or fragment R&amp;I investment and initiatives. <del>Cross-border</del> <b>Transnational</b> cooperation <del>can</del> <b>boosts</b> efficiency by pooling resources to achieve critical mass and increase the knowledge spillover effects to boost <b>R&amp;I innovation</b>. Ensuring that these investments are efficient and impactful will also require in some instances designing, implementing and monitoring structural reforms in national <b>research and development (R&amp;D)</b> systems. The aim of these reforms <del>will be is</del> to increase scientific excellence, <del>extract</del> <b>embed a culture of the valorisation</b> of research results, enhance science-business links and better target policies to support business innovation.</p>
<p>There is no specific ERA action proposed under this objective <del>but it is widely acknowledged that boosting R&amp;I investments and adopting structural reforms remains a key priority for</del>. <del>The</del> European Commission and the Member States <b>remain, however, committed</b> to work closely</p>	<p>NL <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b> There is no specific ERA <b>structural policy of</b> action proposed under this objective <del>but it is widely acknowledged that boosting R&amp;I investments</del></p>

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<p>together using a set of existing instruments. More precisely, implementing the R&amp;I measures under the EU’s Recovery and Resilience Facility is expected to boost national innovation capacity, especially in countries that continue to lag behind.</p>	<p><del>and adopting structural reforms remains a key priority for. <b>T</b>he European Commission and the Member States <b>remain, however, committed</b> to work closely together using a set of existing instruments. More precisely, implementing the R&amp;I measures under the EU’s Recovery and Resilience Facility is expected to boost national <u>research and</u> innovation capacity, especially in countries that continue to lag behind.</del></p> <p>NL  <b>(Comments):</b>  <a href="#">Name both R and I.</a></p> <p>FR  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  There is no specific ERA <u>structural policy or</u> action proposed under this objective <del>but it is widely acknowledged that boosting R&amp;I investments and adopting structural reforms remains a key priority for. <b>T</b>he European Commission and the Member States <b>remain, however, committed</b> to work closely together using a set of existing instruments. More precisely, implementing the R&amp;I measures under the EU’s Recovery and Resilience Facility is expected to boost national <u>research and</u> innovation capacity, especially in countries that continue to lag behind.</del></p> <p>SI  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  There is no specific ERA action proposed under this objective <del>but it is widely acknowledged that boosting R&amp;I investments and adopting structural reforms remains a key priority for. <b>T</b>he European Commission and the Member States <b>remain, however, committed</b> to work closely together using a set of existing instruments. More precisely, implementing the R&amp;I measures under the EU’s Recovery and Resilience Facility is expected to boost national <i>research and</i> innovation capacity, especially in countries that continue to lag behind.</del></p>

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<p>Through the European Semester of economic policy coordination, the European Commission carries out an in-depth analysis of the national R&amp;I systems and issues country-specific recommendations on how to boost each country’s innovation potential. The Commission then monitors policy responses by the Member States to assess progress in bridging the R&amp;I gaps identified. To support their efforts to improve their R&amp;I systems through reforms, Member States and, <b>where appropriate</b>, associated countries can receive expert support under the Horizon Policy Support Facility, an instrument that has proved highly beneficial in improving policymaking and identifying reform pathways, and the bilateral Enhanced <b>Policy</b> Dialogue with Member States <b>and, where appropriate, associated countries</b> on commonly agreed topics of R&amp;I.</p>	
<p><b>3.4.</b> The established collaborative framework <b>within ERAC and ERA Forum</b> between the European Commission, Member States associated countries and stakeholder organisations in the form of the ERA Forum and ERAC should be maintained as a central mechanism of ERA governance. Implementation of the next ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 will remain an inclusive and transparent endeavour across all levels of governance to foster co-creation and ownership of the agenda. The ERA Forum remains a sounding board for emerging challenges, outside the activities of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027, that require cross-country collaboration and are covered by the Pact for R&amp;I, such as a follow-up on the freedom of scientific research <b>and strengthening scientific leadership of Europe.</b></p>	<p>ES (Drafting Suggestions): <b>4.</b> The established collaborative framework <b>within ERAC, giving clear R&amp;I political orientations, and the ERA Forum, providing outlines and content for the proposed actions</b> between the European Commission, Member States associated countries and stakeholder organisations in the form of the ERA Forum and ERAC should be maintained as a central mechanism of ERA governance. Implementation of the next ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 will remain an inclusive and transparent endeavour across all levels of governance to foster co-creation and ownership of the agenda. The ERA Forum <b>remains a sounding board will be able to identify for</b> emerging challenges, outside the activities of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027, that require cross-country collaboration and are covered by the Pact for R&amp;I, such as a follow-up on the freedom of scientific research <b>and strengthening scientific leadership of Europe.</b></p> <p>ES (Comments):</p>

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	Please differentiate both functions as in the recalling part. Please explain what does “sounding board” mean.
<p><b>4.5. ERA actions will be implemented by the Member States in variable geometry, providing a flexible approach. Member States are recommended to involve their regions and national stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</b> Coordinated implementation should ensure the active and broad involvement of EU-level stakeholders across the entire spectrum, from research to innovation and market deployment. The categories of stakeholders in the ERA Forum should be reviewed to <del>achieve a greater</del> <b>explore the optimal</b> representation of the different interests, in particular <b>the private sector and the civil society.</b></p>	<p>SE <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b> <b>4.5. ERA actions will voluntarily be implemented by the Member States in variable geometry, providing a flexible approach. Member States are recommended to involve their regions and national stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</b> Coordinated implementation should ensure the active and broad involvement of EU-level stakeholders across the entire spectrum, from research to innovation and market deployment. The categories of stakeholders in the ERA Forum should be reviewed to <del>achieve a greater</del> <b>explore the optimal</b> representation of the different interests, in particular <b>the private sector and the civil society.</b></p> <p>SE <b>(Comments):</b> It is important to clarify that it is voluntary. Simply writing 'variable geometry' is not clear enough.</p> <p>PT <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b> <b>4.5. ERA actions will be implemented by the Member States in a voluntary basis based on a variable geometry, providing a flexible approach. Member States are recommended to involve their regions and national stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</b> Coordinated implementation should ensure the active and broad involvement of EU-level stakeholders across the entire spectrum, from research to innovation and market deployment. The categories of stakeholders in the ERA Forum should be reviewed to</p>

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	<p>achieve a greater <b>explore the optimal</b> representation of the different interests, in particular <b>the private sector and the civil society.</b> PT</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b> Portugal reinforces the voluntary basis of this process and therefore suggests explicitly including this aspect also in this paragraph.</p> <p>PT proposed removing the reference to "national" in relation to stakeholders to make the text more inclusive, allowing for national, regional, or even international stakeholders.</p> <p>PT could agree with NL on the co-leadership of the trio consisting of a representative from CION, a MS or AC and a stakeholder representative. NL</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b> <b>4.5. ERA structural policies and actions will be implemented by the Member States in variable geometry, providing a flexible approach.</b> <u>In this context, the implementation modalities of the ERA Policy Agenda require further refinement to strengthen engagement, foster shared ownership, and provide Member States, associated countries, the European Commission, and relevant stakeholders with the necessary tools for effective and efficient implementation, while ensuring flexibility in participation. To support these goals and promote inclusive governance, the implementation modalities should enable active engagement in the co-leadership of ERA structural policies and actions. Member States should also have the flexibility to designate representatives per ERA structural policy and action who can best contribute to implementation from a European and national perspective, based on a whole-of-government approach if needed. The ERA Forum should take up this refinement of the implementation modalities as soon as possible. Member States are recommended to involve their regions</u></p>

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	<p><del><u>and national stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</u></del> Coordinated implementation should ensure the active and broad involvement of EU-level stakeholders across the entire spectrum, from research to innovation and market deployment. The categories of stakeholders in the ERA Forum should be reviewed to <del>achieve a greater</del> <b>explore the optimal</b> representation of the different interests, in particular <b><u>the private sector and the civil society.</u></b></p> <p>NL (Comments): <a href="#">We think we mean both action and policy.</a></p> <p><a href="#">The suggestion we deleted leaves too much open for interpretation and will not provide the needed reassurance for MS that they can nominate the right people at the EU level in the actions/policies.</a></p> <p>LT (Drafting Suggestions): <b>4.5. ERA actions will be implemented by the Member States in variable geometry, <del>providing a flexible approach.</del> Member States are recommended to involve their regions and <del>national</del> stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</b> Coordinated implementation should ensure the active and broad involvement of EU-level stakeholders across the entire spectrum, from research to innovation and market deployment. The categories of stakeholders in the ERA Forum should be reviewed to <del>achieve a greater</del> <b>explore the optimal</b> representation of the different interests, in particular <b><u>the private sector and the civil society.</u></b></p> <p>LT (Comments): We suggest deleting “flexible approach” as it creates confusion. Lithuania believes that variable geometry covers the flexibility aspect.</p>

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	<p>The concept of “national stakeholders” is also not clear. IE</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p><b>4.5. <u>The priority ERA activities (structural policies and ERA actions) will be implemented by the Member States in-based on the variable geometry principle, providing a flexible approach. Member States are recommended to involve their regions and national stakeholders to facilitate support the implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</u></b> Coordinated implementation should ensure the active and broad involvement of EU-level stakeholders across the entire spectrum, from research to innovation and market deployment. The categories of stakeholders in the ERA Forum should be reviewed to <del>achieve a greater</del> <b>explore the optimal</b> representation of the different interests, in particular <b><u>the private sector and the civil society.</u></b></p> <p>IE</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>The text needs to avoid using ERA actions as a generic term when we mean SPs <u>and</u> ERA actions as defined in Recommendation 1. One option is to use ‘ERA activities’ and clearly define it in the text. The most important thing is that we are clear that SPs are also explicitly included here and in all other relevant paragraphs.</p> <p>We should be consistent in how we reference variable geometry. See Recommendation #2.</p> <p>We welcome the change to the text on ERA Forum membership. We need to strike the right balance between expanding representation while ensuring the ERA Forum remains effective.</p>

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	<p>FR</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p>4.5. <b>ERA structural policies and actions will be implemented by the Member States in variable geometry, providing a flexible approach. Member States are recommended to involve their regions and national stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</b> Coordinated implementation should ensure the active and broad involvement of EU-level stakeholders across the entire spectrum, from research to innovation and market deployment. The categories of stakeholders in the ERA Forum should be reviewed to <del>achieve a greater</del> <b>explore the optimal</b> representation of the different interests, in particular <b>the private sector and the civil society.</b></p> <p>FR</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>It should be up to MS to decide who to involve in the implementation of the ERA. Implementation modalities are further detailed in the para below.</p> <p>EE</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p>4.5. <b>ERA actions will be implemented by the Member States in variable geometry, providing a flexible approach. Member States are recommended to involve their regions and national stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</b> Coordinated implementation should ensure the active and broad involvement of EU-level stakeholders across the entire spectrum, from research to innovation and market deployment. The categories of stakeholders in the ERA Forum should be reviewed to <del>achieve a greater</del> <b>explore the optimal</b> representation of the different interests, in particular <b>the private sector and the civil society.</b></p> <p>EE</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p>

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	<p>We do not see added value of adding “flexible approach” to this sentence. Variable geometry already provides sufficient flexibility. But, as long as 50% MS participation is respected, we can support keeping the “flexible approach” here.</p> <p>We do not understand why the national level is pointed out when referring to the stakeholders. Some of the stakeholders are international organisations and still relevant at national, as well as EU level.</p> <p>CZ</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p><b><u>4.5. ERA actions will be implemented by the Member States and the Commission on a voluntary basis in variable geometry, providing a flexible approach. Member States are recommended to involve their regions and national stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</u></b> Coordinated implementation should ensure the active and broad involvement of EU-level stakeholders across the entire spectrum, from research to innovation and market deployment. The categories of stakeholders in the ERA Forum should be reviewed to <del>achieve a greater</del> <b>explore the optimal</b> representation of the different interests, in particular <b>the private sector and the civil society.</b></p> <p>CZ</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>CZ requests to add the principle of voluntary involvement to the text. All initiatives of the ERA Policy Agenda stem from and operate on the principle of voluntary participation by EU Member States. The voluntary basis is therefore a core principle of the ERA Policy Agenda and should be explicitly mentioned in the text.</p> <p>BE</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p><b><u>4.5. ERA actions will be implemented by the Member States in variable geometry, with the commitment of at least 50% of the MS,</u></b></p>

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	<p><b><u>providing a flexible approach. Member States are recommended to involve their regions and national stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</u></b> Coordinated implementation should ensure the active and broad involvement of EU-level stakeholders across the entire spectrum, from research to innovation and market deployment. The categories of stakeholders in the ERA Forum should be reviewed to <del>achieve a greater</del> <b>explore the optimal</b> representation of the different interests, in particular <b><u>the private sector and the civil society.</u></b></p> <p>BE                      (Comments):                      For consistency reasons the 50% threshold should be repeated here.                      SI                      (Drafting Suggestions):  <b><u>4.5. ERA activities actions will be implemented by the Member States in variable geometry, providing a flexible approach. Member States are recommended to involve their regionals and national stakeholders to facilitate the implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</u></b> Coordinated implementation should ensure the active and broad involvement of EU-level stakeholders across the entire spectrum, from research to innovation and market deployment. The categories of stakeholders in the ERA Forum should be reviewed to <del>achieve a greater</del> <b>explore the optimal</b> representation of the different interests, in particular <b><u>the private sector and the civil society.</u></b></p>
	<p>IE                      (Drafting Suggestions):  <b><u>5a. The implementation modalities of the ERA Policy Agenda require further refinement to strengthen engagement, foster shared ownership and provide Member States, associated countries, the European Commission, and relevant stakeholders with the necessary</u></b></p>

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	<p><u>tools for effective and efficient implementation, while ensuring flexibility.</u></p> <p>IE</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>We support calls to refine the implementation modalities but favour a flexible approach depending on what is most appropriate for each SP and ERA action rather than a one size fits all approach.</p> <p>FR</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p><u>5a. The implementation modalities of the ERA Policy Agenda require further refinement to strengthen engagement, foster shared ownership, and provide Member States, the European Commission and where relevant associated countries and stakeholders with the necessary tools for effective and efficient implementation, while ensuring flexibility in participation. To support these goals and promote inclusive governance, the implementation modalities should enable active engagement in the co-leadership of ERA structural policies and actions. Member States should also have the flexibility to designate representatives per ERA structural policy and action who can best contribute to implementation from a European and national perspective, based on a whole-of-governement approach if needed. The ERA Forum should take up this refinement of the implementation modalities as soon as possible.</u></p> <p>DE</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p><u>5a. The implementation modalities of the ERA Policy Agenda require further refinement to strengthen engagement, foster shared ownership, and provide Member States, associated countries, the European Commission, and relevant stakeholders with the necessary tools for effective and efficient implementation, while ensuring flexibility in participation. To support these goals and promote inclusive governance, the implementation modalities should enable</u></p>

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	<p><a href="#"><u>active engagement in the co-leadership of ERA structural policies and actions. In this context, Member States should have the flexibility to designate representatives who can best contribute to implementation from a national perspective. The ERA Forum should take up this refinement of the implementation modalities as soon as possible.</u></a></p> <p>DE</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b> DE supports the draft suggestion [made by NL] on ‘implementation modalities’ with further details, such as the ERA Forum involvement. Nevertheless, DE reiterates the wish for lean and efficient structures.</p> <p>SI</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b> <i>5a. The implementation modalities of the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 require further refinement to strengthen engagement, foster shared ownership, and provide Member States, associated countries, the European Commission, and relevant EU level stakeholders with the necessary tools for effective and efficient implementation, while ensuring flexibility in participation. To support these goals and promote inclusive governance, the implementation modalities should enable active engagement in the co-leadership of ERA activities. Member States should also have the flexibility to designate representatives per ERA activity who can best contribute to implementation from a European and national perspective, based on a whole-of-government approach. The ERA Forum should take up this refinement of the implementation modalities as soon as possible.</i></p> <p>SI</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b> In line with the whole-of-government approach MS should have the possibility to designate representative who are best suited and positioned</p>

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	to support the implementation of the ERA activities from a EU and national perspectives.
<p>5.6. Member States and the European Commission should <b>remain supportive of</b> the full involvement of countries associated to the Horizon Europe programme and EU-level umbrella stakeholder organisations in implementing the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027.</p>	
<p>6.7. R&amp;I investment in the EU falls short of aspirations and remains below the level of investment in many of the EU's global competitors. Currently, the EU spends some 2.3% of its GDP on R&amp;D, far below the 3% R&amp;D target set in 2002 in the Barcelona Declaration. To meet the multifaceted challenge of reaching the 3% <b>GDP</b> target, <del>coordinated action</del> <b>renewed political commitment</b> is needed to boost public and private R&amp;D investment. Further reforms are also needed to improve national R&amp;I ecosystems and maximise the impact of an increase in investment in R&amp;I. In addition to the Pact for R&amp;I priority area 'Advancing concerted R&amp;I investments and reforms', Member States and the Commission should continue their efforts in this direction.</p>	<p>SE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Important to keep the 3% target in the text.                      NL  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      6.7. R&amp;I investment in the EU falls short of aspirations and remains below the level of investment in many of the EU's global competitors. Currently, the EU spends some 2.3% of its GDP on R&amp;D, far below the 3% R&amp;D target set in 2002 in the Barcelona Declaration. To meet the multifaceted challenge of reaching the 3% <b>GDP</b> target, <del>coordinated action</del> <b>renewed political commitment</b><del>coordinated action</del> is needed to boost public and private R&amp;D investment. Further reforms are also needed to improve national R&amp;I ecosystems and maximise the impact of an increase in investment in R&amp;I. In addition to the Pact for R&amp;I priority area 'Advancing concerted R&amp;I investments and reforms', Member States and the Commission should continue their efforts in this direction.                      NL  <b>(Comments):</b>  <a href="#">Please keep to the old wording. By bringing the political commitment in the text, one can also think that this was not there or we can also write that we stop the commitment. This all is not the case.</a>                      FR  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p>

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	<p>maximise the impact of an increase in investment in R&amp;I. In addition to the Pact for R&amp;I priority area ‘Advancing concerted R&amp;I investments and reforms’, Member States and the Commission should continue their efforts in this direction.</p> <p>DE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      DE reiterates that the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 applies to all budgetary aspects concerning the measures (structural policies, ERA actions) in the ERA Policy Agenda.</p> <p>BE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      6.7. R&amp;I investment in the EU falls short of aspirations and remains below the level of investment in many of the EU’s global competitors. Currently, the EU spends some 2.3% of its GDP on R&amp;D, far below the 3% R&amp;D target set in 2002 in the Barcelona Declaration. To meet the multifaceted challenge of reaching the 3% <b>GDP</b> target, <del>coordinated action</del> <b>renewed political commitment</b> is needed to boost public and private R&amp;D investment. Further reforms are also needed to improve national R&amp;I ecosystems and maximise the impact of an increase in investment in R&amp;I. In addition to the Pact for R&amp;I priority area ‘Advancing concerted R&amp;I investments and reforms’, Member States and the Commission should continue their efforts in this direction.</p> <p>BE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Typo</p>
<p><b>7.8.</b> The European Commission <del>and the Member States</del> should continue to implement the ERA monitoring mechanism outlined in the Pact for R&amp;I in Europe and detailed in the ‘Framework for the future ERA monitoring mechanism’ presented by the Commission to the</p>	

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Council on 10 June 2022 <sup>24</sup> . The ERA monitoring mechanism will assess progress towards the ERA priorities, as defined in the Pact for R&I. The ERA monitoring mechanism should consist of:	
(1) an ERA Scoreboard to monitor progress towards the ERA objectives both at EU and national levels, updated regularly;	
(2) a regular ERA monitoring report from the Commission to the Council to review implementation of the ERA policy agenda,	
(3) regular ERA country reports to review countries' progress in implementing the ERA Policy Agenda <b><u>ensuring no additional burden for Member States.</u></b>	<p>PT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      (3) <u>triennial</u> — <del>regular</del> ERA country reports to review countries' progress in implementing the ERA Policy Agenda ensuring no additional burden for Member States.</p> <p>PT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Based on ERA Forum recommendation a triennial ERA country report should be implemented to overcome administrative burden</p> <p>MT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Malta supports the addition of the reference on the ERA country reports not posing an additional burden for the Member States.</p> <p>BG  <b>(Comments):</b>                      BULGARIA supports the addition of “ensuring no additional burden for Member States”.</p> <p>BE</p>

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	<p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      (3) <a href="#">regular-3-yearly</a> ERA country reports to review countries' progress in implementing the ERA Policy Agenda <b><u>ensuring no additional burden for Member States.</u></b>                      BE</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b>                      BE asks that the annual country reports be made 3-yearly. This then parallels the ERA PA cycle and gives more scope to do this properly.</p>
<p>Member States will continue to exchange information on the ERA, in particular by providing data and information via the ERA Policy Platform. Member States will also promote implementation of the ERA actions and results <b><u>relevant</u></b> in their countries, drawing on the support available.</p>	<p>NL</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Member States will continue to exchange information on the ERA, in particular by providing data and information via the ERA Policy Platform. Member States will also promote implementation of the ERA <a href="#">structural policies and</a> actions and results <b><u>relevant</u></b> in their countries, drawing on the support available.                      FR</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Member States will continue to exchange information on the ERA, in particular by providing data and information via the ERA Policy Platform. Member States will also promote implementation of the ERA <a href="#">structural policies and</a> actions and results <b><u>relevant</u></b> in their countries, drawing on the support available.                      SI</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Member States will continue to exchange information on the ERA, in particular by providing data and information via the ERA Policy Platform. Member States will also promote implementation of the ERA <b><u>activities</u></b> actions and results <b><u>relevant</u></b> in their countries, drawing on the</p>

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	support available <i>and by using the tools offered by INSPIRING ERA project.</i>
Done at Brussels,	
For the Council	
The President	
	<b>MS general comments</b>
	<p>LT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Lithuania has no comments on the Annex.</p> <p>IE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Ireland welcomes the revised text from the Presidency and the significant amendments made to take on board the MS comments, particularly around the need to strengthen the text and ensure that we have a strong ERA Policy Agenda for 2025-2027.</p> <p>There remains scope to improve the text – particularly Recital #2a on the objectives of this ERA Policy Agenda and Recommendation #1 on the definitions of structural policies and ERA actions.</p> <p>HU  <b>(Comments):</b>  <u>Hungary supports gender equality and is not against the concept of intersectionality. As this is a sensitive issue careful consideration is required and inaccurate or unclear terms should be avoided when referring to phrases linked to gender equality. Therefore, we would like to stick to the agreed language in this respect.</u></p>

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	DK (Comments): DK can support the current text as long as the requirement for 50 percent commitment to actions from MS are part of the council recommendations and there is no substantial changes to the text.
	<b>End</b>

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<p>ANNEX</p>	<p>ES  <b>(Comments):</b>                      In the annex there the text proposes 19 actions with at least 7 platforms and 2 observatories. The Com has now clarified through and email some of the details of these platforms. Thus we will ask the Com to help the Presidency clarifying the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None of the platforms in the Annex are referring to the <a href="#">ERA Policy Platform</a>.</li> <li>• Where a platform is clearly identified use the name of such and the link if possible (as in the case of the EOSC observatory). Where a platform does not refer to an existing website or application mark clearly if they will be limited to meetings or related actions.</li> <li>• It is clear that the level of maturity of different actions can mark the level of development of this dimension, so it is better to use in a structured way the terms. We can imagine that experts in each action will understand rather well the meaning of “platform or observatory” in their context but for ministries, MS, policy makers it becomes very difficult.</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Detailed explanation of ERA structural policies and ERA actions</u></b></p>	
<p>The proposals for ERA structural policies and ERA actions are outlined in more detail in the following order. <del>They are based on a process of co-creation, carried out with Member States, Horizon Europe where appropriate associated countries and stakeholders between March 2023 and November 2024.</del></p>	<p>DE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      The proposals for ERA structural policies and ERA actions are outlined in more detail in the following order. <u>To the extent that such policies and actions lead to funding requirements from the EU budget, such funding is limited to available means under the current Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027.</u> <del>They are based on a process of co-creation, carried out with Member States, Horizon Europe where appropriate</del></p>

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	associated countries and stakeholders between March 2023 and November 2024: DE (Comments): DE reiterates that the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 applies to all measures set out in the ERA Policy Agenda. This should be emphasized in the proposal and in the annex.
<i>ERA structural policies</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enabling open science via sharing and re-use of data, including through the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening sustainability, accessibility and resilience of research infrastructures in the ERA</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening inclusive and intersectional gender equality in the ERA</li> </ul>	HU (Drafting Suggestions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening <del>inclusive and intersectional</del> gender equality <u>with an intersectional approach</u> in the ERA</li> </ul> HU (Comments): <u>It is not clear how gender equality, which already refers to equality between women and men in all areas, can be intersectional or inclusive. The term ‘intersectional gender equality’ seems to be a semantic error because ‘intersectional’ is not an adjective that directly qualifies gender equality. Intersectionality refers to how different forms of discrimination (gender, race, class) overlap, so it describes a framework, not a type of equality.</u>

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	<p><u>Therefore, we propose the already established agreed language at the Council level and use the phrase gender equality with “intersectional approach” or gender equality with “intersectional perspectives”. Gender equality with an intersectional approach appears in the COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION of 25 November 2024 on attractive and sustainable careers in higher education (C/2024/7282)/</u></p> <p><u>The Council Recommendations on research careers contains the phrase “Gender equality should be understood from an intersectional perspective” (C/2023/1640).</u></p> <p>- BG (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening <del>inclusive-inclusiveness</del> and <u>gender equality intersectional and addressing all forms of discrimination</u> <del>gender equality</del> in the ERA</li> </ul> <p>BG (Comments):</p> <p><u>BULGARIA has a RED LINE on “intersectional” (and “intersectionality” further down the text).</u></p> <p>BULGARIA welcomes and supports in principle the proposed Gender Equality related structural policy, and is open to further strengthen its “inclusiveness” dimension.</p> <p>We believe “gender equality” as a wide term encompasses gender-based discrimination by default.</p> <p>The Bulgarian Constitutional Court has adopted a decision, related to the notions of “gender” that are incompatible with main principles of the Bulgarian Constitution.</p>

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	We urge in strongest terms to make an effort and find a solution, acceptable for all Member States.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making research careers more attractive and sustainable</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reforming research assessment</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upscaling knowledge valorisation capacities and activities</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Approach to R&amp;I</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making the strategic energy technology (SET) plan a key thematic component of the ERA</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving the articulation between R&amp;I and higher education within the ERA and unleashing the full potential of European R&amp;I ecosystems</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing trust in science through citizen participation, engagement and science communication</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve EU access to excellence</li> </ul>	
<b><i>ERA actions</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equity in open science</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advancing the European Science for Policy (S4P) ecosystem</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitating and accelerating the responsible use of AI in science in the EU</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancing research security</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerating R&amp;I investments for Europe’s industrial transformation and competitive sustainability</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerating new approach methodologies (NAMs) to advance biomedical research and testing of medicinal products and medical devices</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Developing a A coherent</b> harmonised and coordinated framework for a European approach to integrity and ethics in R&amp;I in the face of emerging challenges.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empowering R&amp;I: A new era in research management</li> </ul>	
<b><i>ERA structural policies</i></b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enabling open science via sharing and re-use of data, including through the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)</li> </ol>	<p>DE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      1. Enabling open science <u>and open access</u> via sharing and re-use of data, including through the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)                      DE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      DE proposes a broad approach in this ERA structural policy that should focus on open science and open access, which is also generally mentioned under the ‘Objectives’.</p>

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	Our stakeholders support an open and broad approach but also call for an approach that is ‘as open as possible, as closed as necessary’, taking into account the current (geo-)political setting and challenges.
<b>Objectives</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open science practices and skills are rewarded and taught, becoming the ‘new normal’;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>standards, tools and services allow researchers to find, access, reuse and combine results;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a federated community-driven infrastructure enabling open sharing of scientific results is deployed and maintained; -</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Europe is in the driving seat towards a web of FAIR<sup>1</sup> research data with established links to other data spaces;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>researchers are provided with better legal conditions and resources to access and reuse publicly funded research results and use publications and data for scientific purposes.</li> </ul>	
<b>Description</b>	
<p><i>This structural policy aims to achieve a step change across research communities and research infrastructures in Europe. It will seek to create a better EU legal framework for open sharing, seamless access and</i></p>	

<sup>1</sup> Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable

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<i>reliable re-use of research data and other digital research objects used and produced along the research life cycle. Example activities are:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting the uptake of the EOSC EU Node by the European research community;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the enlargement of the EOSC Federation with several nodes, and ensure its scalability through common EOSC Federation standards and use policies, as of 2025;</li> </ul>	<p>MT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the enlargement of the EOSC Federation with several nodes, <b><u>including providing proportionate assistance to create national nodes or access points in smaller and less-R&amp;I-intensive EU Member States,</u></b> and ensure its scalability through common EOSC Federation standards and use policies, as of 2025;</li> </ul> <p>MT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Malta highlights the need to ensure that excellent knowledge and publications from across the Union are stored, accessible and utilised throughout the EOSC Federation and broad European Research Area.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conducting further stakeholder consultations and collecting more evidence on identified policy options to make the EU copyright and data legislative and regulatory framework fit for research;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>expanding the EOSC monitoring framework with state-of-the-art methodologies to assess the impact of related policies and practices.</li> </ul>	
<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a high-value EOSC federation and increase its uptake;</li> </ul>	<p>MT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a high-value EOSC federation, <b>comprised of nodes and access points located across the Union</b>, and increase its uptake;</li> </ul> <p>MT (Comments): Malta highlights the need to ensure that excellent knowledge and publications from across the Union are stored, accessible and utilised throughout the EOSC Federation and broad European Research Area.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increase the amount and productivity of FAIR research data in Europe;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify areas for <del>legislative and non-legislative</del> measures <b>and initiatives</b> to ensure <b>enable</b> an EU copyright and data <del>legislative and regulatory</del> framework fit for research;</li> </ul>	<p>SI (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify areas for <del>legislative and non-legislative</del> <b>legislative and non-legislative</b> measures <b>and initiatives</b> to ensure <b>enable</b> an EU copyright and data <del>legislative and regulatory</del> framework fit for research;</li> </ul> <p>SI (Comments): We do not agree with the proposed deletion.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>assess the impact of open science policies and practices based on an open science policy intelligence platform.</li> </ul>	<p>ES (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>assess the impact of open science policies and practices based on <del>an open science policy intelligence platform</del> <a href="#">the EOSC Observatory</a>.</li> </ul>
<p>2. Strengthening sustainability, accessibility and resilience of research infrastructures in the ERA</p>	
<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthened research infrastructure (RI) services, better adapted to user needs, in the context of contemporary and emerging scientific, technological and innovation challenges and EU policy priorities;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strengthened European RI ecosystem including through consolidation of existing RI and identification of new RI projects filling gaps;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>create more integrated and sustainable schemes <del>for</del> <b>to strengthen access to RI and their services, notably for researchers and innovators from across the ERA;</b></li> </ul>	<p>MT (Comments): Malta appreciates that its amendment regarding the strengthening of access to Research Infrastructures and their services for researchers and innovators from across the Union was taken on board and asks for it to be retained in the text.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>enhanced impact on research and society and strengthened engagement with industry;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>create better links <b>and, where appropriate, interoperability</b> between different kinds of infrastructures (RIs, technology infrastructures, e-infrastructures, data infrastructures);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>encourage</b> <del>achieve</del> a greater involvement of stakeholders in RI activities.</li> </ul>	<p>MT (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>encourage</b> <del>achieve</del> a greater involvement of stakeholders, <b>particularly from countries with lower research intensity levels,</b> in RI activities.</li> </ul> <p>MT (Comments):</p>

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	In light of the very low success rate of the widening countries in the Research Infrastructures instrument of Horizon Europe, Malta calls for the introduction of tailored-made measures to increase participation in RIs of researchers and innovators from the countries of lower R&I intensity levels.
<b>Description</b>	
<p><i>This structural policy ensures the openness, accessibility and security of world-class sustainable RI for researchers and innovators <del>in Europe</del> <b>across the ERA</b>, develops further and consolidate RI, their integrative function in the R&amp;I ecosystem and their potential to tackle EU priorities. A long-term strategy will streamline the RI landscape and identify and prioritise the RI services and technologies needed to boost the EU's S&amp;T competitiveness and strategic autonomy and its capacity to solve societal challenges.</i></p>	<p>MT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Malta appreciates that its amendment regarding the strengthening of access to Research Infrastructures and their services for researchers and innovators from across the Union was taken on board and asks for it to be retained in the text.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing of a long-term strategy on RIs <b><u>as part of the EU Strategy on RIs and TIs</u></b>;</li> </ul>	<p>SI  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Developing of a long-term strategy on RIs <b><u>as part of the EU Strategy on RIs and TIs</u></b>;</p> <p>SI  <b>(Comments):</b>                      The matter is still being discussed within ERAC and we do not support prejudging the report and position of ERAC on this matter.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>carrying out clear monitoring of the performance of the different RIs;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>conducting a clear analysis of the financial support to the RIs;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>carrying out a strategic landscape analysis for RIs in Europe.</li> </ul>	
<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>From long-term and recurrent activities: (1)</b> A long-term EU strategy for research infrastructures including a new, strategic approach for EU support to research infrastructures; (2) an ESFRI roadmap 2026 and key elements for the 2028 landscape analysis, (3) monitoring of ESFRI landmarks; (4) stakeholder engagement (event/activity reports).</li> </ul>	<p>MT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>From long-term and recurrent activities: (1)</b> A long-term EU strategy for research infrastructures including a new, strategic approach for EU support to research infrastructures, <b><u>including tailor-made measures to increase participation of countries with lower R&amp;I intensity levels</u></b>; (2) an ESFRI roadmap 2026 and key elements for the 2028 landscape analysis, (3) monitoring of ESFRI landmarks; (4) stakeholder engagement (event/activity reports).</li> </ul> <p>MT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      In light of the very low success rate of the widening countries in the Research Infrastructures instrument of Horizon Europe, Malta calls for the introduction of tailored-made measures to increase participation in RIs of researchers and innovators from the countries of lower R&amp;I intensity levels.</p> <p>DE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>From long-term and recurrent activities: (1)</b> A long-term EU strategy for research infrastructures including a new, strategic approach for EU support to research infrastructures, <b><u>involving the design and implementation of technology roadmaps</u></b>; (2) an ESFRI roadmap 2026 and key elements for the 2028 landscape analysis, (3) monitoring of ESFRI landmarks; (4) stakeholder engagement (event/activity reports).</li> </ul> <p>DE  <b>(Comments):</b></p>

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	DE: Our stakeholders point out that the strategic approach for EU support to research infrastructures should comprise the design and implementation of technology roadmaps. There should be a clear reference to it in the text.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>From short-term activities, reports with recommendations on:</b> (1) financing, including synergies with national and regional funding, EU and other sources, (2) international cooperation, taking research security considerations into account; (3) an impact assessment of ESFRI; (4) resilience and greening of European research infrastructures; (5) further strengthening of ERICs as part of the RI ecosystem.</li> </ul>	
<p>3. Strengthening inclusive and intersectional gender equality in the ERA</p>	<p>HU  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      3. Strengthening <del>inclusive and intersectional</del> gender equality <u>with an intersectional approach</u> in the ERA</p> <p>HU  <b>(Comments):</b>  <a href="#">See our comments above</a></p> <p>ES  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Please include the reference to the Council Recommendation on a European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe</p> <p>BG  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      3. Strengthening <del>inclusiveness inclusive</del> and <del>intersectional</del> gender equality <u>and addressing all forms of discrimination</u> in the ERA</p> <p>BG  <b>(Comments):</b></p>

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	<p>BULGARIA has a <b>RED LINE</b> on “<i>intersectional gender equality</i>” (and “<i>intersectionality</i>” further down the text).</p> <p>BULGARIA welcomes in principle the proposed Gender Equality related structural policy.</p> <p>We believe “gender equality” as a wide term encompasses gender-based discrimination by default.</p> <p>The issues stem from a decision of the Bulgarian Constitutional Court from 2018, related to the notions of “gender” that are incompatible with main principles of the Bulgarian Constitution.</p> <p>We urge in strongest terms to make an effort and find a solution, acceptable for all Member States.</p>
<b>Objectives</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deepen policy dialogue and the coordination of policies and <b><u>actions among Member States, and, where appropriate, associated countries and stakeholders</u></b> on inclusive and intersectional gender equality in R&amp;I, including institutional/structural changes through inclusive gender equality plans (GEP), intersectionality, integrating the gender dimension in R&amp;I content, ending gender-based violence, and developing gender budgeting;</li> </ul>	<p>MT <b>(Comments):</b> Malta would like to ask for clarification and more detailed information on gender budgeting in the context of the document.</p> <p>HU <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deepen policy dialogue and the coordination of policies and <b><u>actions among Member States, and, where appropriate, associated countries and stakeholders</u></b> on <del>inclusive and intersectional</del> gender equality in R&amp;I <b><u>with an intersectional approach</u></b>, including</li> </ul>

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	<p>institutional/structural changes through inclusive gender equality plans (GEP), intersectionality, integrating the gender dimension in R&amp;I content, ending gender-based violence, and developing gender budgeting;</p> <p>HU  <b>(Comments):</b>  <a href="#">See our comments above</a></p> <p>ES  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deepen policy dialogue and the coordination of policies and <b><u>actions among Member States, and, where appropriate, associated countries and stakeholders</u></b> on inclusive and intersectional gender equality-in R&amp;I, including <i>instruments of institutional and structural change</i> <del>institutional/structural changes- such as</del>through inclusive gender equality plans (GEP) <u>open to intersections between genders and other social categories</u>, intersectionality, integrating the gender dimension in R&amp;I content, ending gender-based violence, and developing gender budgeting;</li> </ul> <p>ES  <b>(Comments):</b>                      established in the Recommendation for talent 15135/1/23 REV1: inclusive gender equality plans open to intersections between genders and other social categories, in line with the new European Research Area framework and the European Strategy for Universities;</p> <p>BG  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deepen policy dialogue and the coordination of policies and <b><u>actions among Member States, and, where appropriate, associated countries and stakeholders</u></b> on inclusive<del>ness</del> and <del>intersectional</del> gender equality in R&amp;I, including institutional/structural changes through <del>inclusive</del>gender equality plans (GEP), <del>intersectionality</del>, integrating the gender dimension in R&amp;I content, <u>and</u> ending gender-based violence, <del>and developing gender budgeting;</del></li> </ul>

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	<p>BG                      (Comments):  <u>BULGARIA has a RED LINE on “intersectional gender equality” (and “intersectionality” further down the text).</u></p> <p>It is unclear what is meant by “gender budgeting”. We are open to use “budget allocation” as the proper term.</p> <p>It is unclear what is meant by “inclusive GEPs”</p> <p>BE                      (Comments):                      BE would prefer to keep the text as is.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>advance inclusive and intersectional gender equality in R&amp;I through the uptake of existing recommendations and tools;</li> </ul>	<p>MT                      (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>advance inclusive and intersectional gender equality in R&amp;I through the uptake <b>and refining</b> of existing recommendations and tools;</li> </ul> <p>MT                      (Comments):                      Malta highlights that recommendations and tools are likely to require fine-tuning over time due to changes in circumstance and policy learning.</p> <p>HU                      (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>advance <del>inclusive and intersectional</del> gender equality in R&amp;I <u>with an intersectional approach</u> through the uptake of existing recommendations and tools;</li> </ul> <p>BG                      (Drafting Suggestions):</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>advance inclusive<del>ness</del> and <del>intersectional</del> gender equality in R&amp;I <del>through the uptake of existing recommendations and tools</del>;</li> </ul> <p>BG (Comments): BULGARIA has a <b>RED LINE</b> on “intersectional gender equality” (and “intersectionality” further down the text).</p> <p>Additionally, it is not clear which “recommendations and tools” are referred here.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improve data collection, monitoring and evaluation on inclusive and intersectional gender equality in R&amp;I to identify successful practices and challenges and any gaps to be addressed by future policies and measures;</li> </ul>	<p>HU (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improve data collection, monitoring and evaluation on <del>inclusive and intersectional</del> gender equality in R&amp;I <u>with an intersectional approach</u> to identify successful practices and challenges and any gaps to be addressed by future policies and measures;</li> </ul> <p>HU (Comments): <u>There are no data available on ‘inclusive and intersectoral gender equality’. It could be, however, possible to recommend to start the collection of such data.</u></p> <p>BG (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improve data collection, monitoring and evaluation on inclusive<del>ness</del> and <del>intersectional</del> gender equality in R&amp;I to identify successful practices and challenges and any gaps to be addressed by future policies and measures;</li> </ul> <p>BG</p>

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	<p><b>(Comments):</b>  <u>BULGARIA has a RED LINE on “intersectional gender equality” (and “intersectionality” further down the text).</u></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reduce geographical differences in addressing inclusive and intersectional gender equality among Member States and, <b><u>where appropriate</u></b>, associated countries.</li> </ul>	<p>MT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reduce geographical differences in addressing inclusive and intersectional gender equality among Member States and, <b><u>where appropriate</u></b>, associated countries, <b><u>by providing targeted support</u></b>.</li> </ul> </p> <p>MT  <b>(Comments):</b>            Malta underlines the need for EU-level support in accomplishing gender equality in all Member States.</p> <p>HU  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reduce geographical differences in addressing <del>inclusiveness and inclusive and intersectional</del> gender equality among Member States and, <b><u>where appropriate</u></b>, associated countries, <del>while taking into account an intersectional perspective</del>.</li> </ul> </p> <p>BG  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reduce geographical differences in addressing inclusive<del>ness</del> and <del>intersectional</del> gender equality among Member States and, <b><u>where appropriate</u></b>, associated countries.</li> </ul> </p> <p>BG  <b>(Comments):</b>  <u>BULGARIA has a RED LINE on “intersectional gender equality” (and “intersectionality” further down the text).</u></p>

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	<p>BE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reduce geographical differences in addressing inclusive and intersectional gender equality among Member States and <del>where</del> <b>appropriate</b>, associated countries.</li> </ul> <p>BE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Why was ‘where appropriate’ added?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve a higher rate of participation of women and under-represented researchers in all aspects of diversity, improve the quality of working (and studying) conditions including fairer recruitment, promotion and budget allocation, availability of work-life balance measures, safer gender-violence-free environments, better gender balance in decision-making positions, and unbiased and higher quality R&amp;I outputs.</li> </ul>	<p>HU  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve a higher rate of participation of women and under-represented researchers <del>in all aspects of diversity</del> <u>from all backgrounds</u>, improve the quality of working (and studying) conditions including fairer recruitment, promotion and budget allocation, availability of work-life balance measures, safer gender-violence-free environments, better gender balance in decision-making positions, and unbiased and higher quality R&amp;I outputs.</li> </ul> <p>HU  <b>(Comments):</b>  <u>With this wording, we can cover multiple types of discrimination. This wording also appears in the COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION of 25 November 2024 on attractive and sustainable careers in higher education (C/2024/7282)/</u></p> <p>ES  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve a higher rate of participation of women and under-represented researchers in all aspects of diversity, improve the quality of working (and studying) conditions <del>including</del> <u>ensuring gender equality</u>.</li> </ul>

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	<p><u>gender balance, equal opportunities and inclusiveness for researchers from all backgrounds including under-represented and marginalised groups</u> fairer recruitment, promotion and budget allocation, availability of work-life balance measures, safer gender-violence-free environments, better gender balance in decision-making positions, and unbiased and higher quality R&amp;I outputs.</p> <p>ES</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b> Support actions which could be included for better working conditions are established in the Recommendation for talent 15135/1/23 REV1: <i>ensuring gender equality, gender balance, equal opportunities and inclusiveness for researchers from all backgrounds including under-represented and marginalised groups, and promoting among research performing and funding organisations the use, implementation and monitoring of instruments of institutional change, such as inclusive gender equality plans open to intersections between genders and other social categories, in line with the new European Research Area framework and the European Strategy for Universities;</i></p> <p>BG</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieve a higher rate of participation of women and under-represented researchers <del>in all aspects of diversity</del>, improve the quality of working (and studying) conditions including fairer recruitment, promotion and budget allocation, availability of work-life balance measures, safer gender-violence-free environments, better gender balance in decision-making positions, and unbiased and higher quality R&amp;I outputs.</li> </ul> <p>BG</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b> <u>BULGARIA has a RED LINE on “all aspects of diversity”</u>. It is unclear what is meant by “<i>all aspects of diversity</i>” in this sentence.</p> <p>BE</p>

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	<p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve a higher rate of participation of women and <u>other</u> under-represented <u>researchers and marginalised groups</u> in all aspects of diversity, improve the quality of working (and studying) conditions including fairer recruitment, promotion and budget allocation, availability of work-life balance measures, safer gender-violence-free environments, better gender balance in decision-making positions, and unbiased and higher quality R&amp;I outputs.</li> </ul> <p>BE</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>One researcher cannot be underrepresented, grammatcially weird.</p>
<b>Description</b>	
<p><i>This structural policy will improve the quality and societal relevance of R&amp;I, help attracting and retaining more diverse talent into Europe’s R&amp;I system, and help to ensure that everyone can maximise their potential, demonstrating that the EU remains committed leading at international level in ensuring inclusive and intersectional gender equality in R&amp;I.</i></p>	<p>HU</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p><i>This structural policy will improve the quality and societal relevance of R&amp;I, help attracting and retaining more diverse talent into Europe’s R&amp;I system, and help to ensure that everyone can maximise their potential, demonstrating that the EU remains committed leading at international level in ensuring <del>inclusive and intersectional</del> gender equality in R&amp;I <u>with an intersectional approach</u>.</i></p> <p>BG</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <p><i>This structural policy will improve the quality and societal relevance of R&amp;I, help attracting and retaining more diverse talent into Europe’s R&amp;I system, and help to ensure that everyone can maximise their potential, demonstrating that the EU remains committed leading at international level in ensuring inclusiveness and <del>intersectional</del> gender equality in R&amp;I.</i></p> <p>BG</p>

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	<p>(Comments):</p> <p><u>BULGARIA has a RED LINE on “intersectional gender equality” (and “intersectionality” further down the text).</u></p>
<p><b>Expected outcomes</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devise a monitoring and evaluation approach for effective implementation of inclusive GEPs;</li> </ul>	<p>MT</p> <p>(Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devise <b>Co-design with Member States</b> a monitoring and evaluation approach <b>with clear guidelines and guidance</b> for effective implementation of inclusive GEPs;</li> </ul> <p>MT</p> <p>(Comments):</p> <p>Malta would like to point out the importance of including the Member States in the co-design of the approach and the need for a clear communication from the Commission on the expected implementation measures, goals, outcomes, and monitoring.</p> <p>BG</p> <p>(Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devise a monitoring and evaluation approach for effective implementation of <del>inclusive</del>-GEPs;</li> </ul> <p>BG</p> <p>(Comments):</p> <p>We believe all Gender Equality Plans are inclusive by default. There cannot be “exclusive” gender equality plans.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develop guidelines for implementing intersectionality in R&amp;I policy, including indicators;</li> </ul>	<p>HU</p> <p>(Drafting Suggestions):</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develop guidelines for implementing intersectional <u>perspectivenessity</u> in R&amp;I policy, including indicators; BG <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></li> <li>develop guidelines for implementing <u>intersectionality-gender equality</u> in R&amp;I policy, including indicators; BG <b>(Comments):</b> <u>BULGARIA has a RED LINE on “intersectional gender equality” (and “intersectionality” further down the text).</u></li> </ul> BE <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develop guidelines for implementing intersectionality in R&amp;I policy, including <u>in the collection, selection and analysis of</u> indicators; BE <b>(Comments):</b> The current sentence is not clear.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>design a monitoring and evaluation approach increasing the uptake of the integration of the gender dimension in R&amp;I content;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>enhanced gender mainstreaming mechanism for synergies with other ERA actions at the EU and national level;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>implement the Code of Conduct on gender-based violence in R&amp;I developed by Action 5 of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>principles developed for gender budgeting and expenditures tracking in R&amp;I.</li> </ul>	BG <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>principles developed for <del>gender budgeting</del> and expenditures tracking in R&amp;I.</li> </ul> BG (Comments): It is unclear what is meant by “gender budgeting”. We are open to use “budget allocation”, used in the Annex below, as the proper term.
4. Making research careers more attractive and sustainable	
<b>Objectives</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foster recognition of the research professions, and the interoperability and comparability of research careers across sectors and Member States, <b><u>in line with the Council Recommendation on a European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe;</u></b></li> </ul>	ES (Comments): Maybe it should also be included as a foot note (similar to the case of the security recommendaiton)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improve recruitment and working conditions, including aspects related to open, transparent and merit-based recruitment (OTM-R);</li> </ul>	ES (Drafting Suggestions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improve recruitment and working <b>and gender balance,</b> conditions, including aspects related to open, transparent and merit-based recruitment (OTM-R);</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strengthen researchers’ skills to foster inter-sectoral and inter-disciplinary careers;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>support better career development and progression and shape new investment pathways to reduce precarity and broaden the spectrum of career opportunities;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>work towards a more balanced circulation of talents, including intersectoral flows;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure effective and reliable data from the R&amp;I Careers Observatory;</li> </ul>	ES (Drafting Suggestions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure effective and reliable data from the <a href="#">Research and Innovation Careers Observatory (ReICO)</a><del>R&amp;I Careers Observatory</del>;</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>create synergies with other related ERA policy actions and related current and future EU initiatives, <b>particularly those supporting the mobility of researchers within Europe</b>, such as the Commission’s skills and talent mobility package.</li> </ul>	MT (Comments): Malta supports the addition of the reference to supporting synergies with other EU initiatives and policies supporting mobility of researchers within the EU and would like to see it retained in the text.
<b>Description</b>	
<p><i>The structural policy aims to make research careers in Europe more attractive and sustainable, by supporting joint implementation by the EU, Member States, <b>and, where appropriate</b>, associated countries, and stakeholders of all actions stemming from action 4 of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024, and by monitoring the outcomes of implementing these initiatives and reforms on the ground. The action will include exchanges of good practices, the development of guidelines and recommendations, and the contribution to the consolidation of the R&amp;I careers observatory (ReICO).</i></p>	ES (Drafting Suggestions): <p><i>The structural policy aims to make research careers in Europe more attractive and sustainable, by supporting joint implementation by the EU, Member States, <b>and, where appropriate</b>, associated countries, and stakeholders of all actions stemming from action 4 of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024, and by monitoring the outcomes of implementing these initiatives and reforms on the ground. The action will include exchanges of good practices, the development of guidelines and recommendations, and the contribution to the consolidation of the <a href="#">R&amp;I careers observatory (ReICO)</a>.</i></p>
<b>Expected outcomes</b>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-created guidelines for the implementation of the Council Recommendation on research careers, for better quality jobs and a better functioning research labour market;</li> </ul>	<p>ES  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-created guidelines for the implementation of the Council Recommendation on <a href="#">a European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe</a><del>research careers</del>, for better quality jobs and a better functioning research labour market;</li> </ul> </p> <p>ES  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Council Recommendation on a European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe 15135/1/23 REV 1</p> <p>DE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-created guidelines for the implementation of the Council Recommendation on research careers, for better quality jobs and a better functioning research labour market, <u>including the aspect of intersectoral brain circulation between academia and industry and non-academic sectors</u>;</li> </ul> </p> <p>DE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      DE would like to stress that intersectoral mobility and especially intersectoral brain circulation of researchers is an important driver of European competitiveness.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a community of practice to share experiences and strengthen research careers at European, national, regional, and organizational level;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a consolidated ReICO with the involvement of relevant actors outside the R&amp;I community, and jointly eliminating gaps;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>recommendations for better career development and career progression, including European tenure-track like models and related assessment and funding mechanisms;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>co-created investment pathways, joining and coordinating forces and co-designing initiatives to reduce precarity and ease career paths to non-academic research careers.</li> </ul>	
<p>5. Reforming research assessment</p>	
<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make institutional changes to improve research assessment;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>measure the level of progress made with reforms to research assessment;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increase knowledge and raise awareness of reforms;</li> </ul>	
	<p>ES  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">include cross-cutting aspects like gender balance and inclusive gender analysis in R&amp;I content;</a></li> </ul> <p>ES  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Consider previous joint work between COARA and GENDERACTIONplus and policy advice to strengthen a gender perspective in research assessment reforms, both at the level of research careers and gender analysis as part of quality research</p> </p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify gaps in reforms, any limiting or blocking factors, and further measures needed;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ultimately, help raise quality, performance and impact of research and therefore to make research careers more attractive.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Description</b></p>	
<p><i>The way research projects, researchers, research units and research institutions are currently assessed is still very much based on a limited set of research outputs and activities, mainly publications, and dominated by some inappropriate uses of several indicators and methods gauging the quality, performance and impact of research.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying and widely-sharing good practices, toolboxes and recommendations, for research assessment;</li> </ul>	<p>DE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying and widely-sharing good practices, toolboxes and recommendations, for research assessment, <u>developing new assessment practices and accompanying evaluation studies on the outcome of new practices</u>;</li> </ul> <p>DE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      DE proposes to add further activities in the description to address the evolutionary development in the field that should also be based on e.g. studies that identify good practices.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• organising international dialogues, dissemination and mutual learning events by the Commission, Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) and Member States;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• implementing research assessment reforms in research institutions;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>carrying out a study to identify the changes made to national frameworks, changes implemented by research institutions, and changes expected from the action plans of the signatories of the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>continued national dialogues between national authorities and research organisations.</li> </ul>	
<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge, awareness, and engagement to research assessment practices and reforms raised by CoARA, research organisations (including research performing, research funding and research assessment organisations), national authorities and EU institutions;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>support, mapping and an analysis of the changes made to in national frameworks and in individual research institutions;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the identification of any remaining gaps in reforms and of any measures still needed at all levels (institutional, national, and European).</li> </ul>	
6. Upscaling knowledge valorisation capacities and activities	
<b>Objectives</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen knowledge valorisation and deployment, skills and professional support;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improve the access and use of intellectual assets and data derived from research and innovation;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consolidate the culture of knowledge valorisation.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Description</b></p>	
<p><i>The EU faces challenges in translating research and innovation results into societal use and economic value and in retaining value within the EU, which is vital for the functioning of the internal market. This structural policy will seek to close in the European knowledge landscape by</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building the capacity of intermediaries to strengthen links between academia, industry and public authorities;</li> </ul>	<p>MT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building the capacity of intermediaries to strengthen links between academia, industry and public authorities <b><u>and encouraging inter-sector mobility between these entities to foster broader perspective that enhances knowledge valorisation;</u></b></li> </ul> <p>MT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Malta would like to highlight that encouraging gaining experience in different sectors allows professionals to develop a more comprehensive understanding of innovation pathways, market needs and regulatory landscapes, all of which are essential for effectively translating research into impact.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improving access to and safeguarding of intellectual assets notably through responsible licensing and shared data governance approach;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strengthening the valorisation capacities and skills of R&amp;I actors including research institutes and funding organisations;</li> </ul>	<p>MT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strengthening the valorisation capacities and skills of R&amp;I actors including research institutes and funding organisations <b><u>and recognising knowledge valorisation as a profession in its own right with a clear career path and dedicated support structures</u></b>;</li> </ul> <p>MT (Comments): Malta argues that knowledge valorisation is a profession on its own and requires establishing a structured framework for professionalisation. Such framework may include formal training programs and certification pathways to ensure that knowledge transfer professionals have the expertise and recognition they need. Aligning these efforts with the ERA Talent Platform and other relevant initiatives could help create a more defined career trajectory for those working in knowledge valorisation in the EU.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increasing the uptake of results from multidisciplinary research including social sciences, arts and humanities;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improving the measurement framework for capturing wider societal value created.</li> </ul>	
	<p>MT (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>increase awareness of deep-tech university spinouts' unique commercialisation pathways, educating around profit-making versus value creation and increase support for research-intensive ventures transitioning from academic to commercial environments.</u></b></li> </ul> <p>MT (Comments): Malta would like to see the reference to deep-tech university spinouts and its challenges being added to the text. They face commercialisation issues</p>

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	due to longer development cycles and the need for capital-intensive funding. Further awareness of these obstacles may further help such spinouts in obtaining external investments.
<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>European scheme on responsible licensing principles and shared data-governance approach to facilitate greater cross-sectoral collaboration and benefit for both businesses and society, taking research security considerations into account;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‘learning labs for value creation’ to develop skills on knowledge valorisation and entrepreneurship through targeted trainings, peer-learning and contact with role models;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>policy guidance on increasing and accelerating the uptake of R&amp;I results of a multidisciplinary nature in the European Research Area, based on a Commission background study and on work to create a dedicated community of practice;</li> </ul>	<p>MT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>policy guidance on increasing and accelerating the uptake of R&amp;I results of a multidisciplinary nature in the European Research Area, based on a Commission background study and on work to create a dedicated community of practice <b><u>and greater synergies with other EU Programmes</u></b>;</li> </ul> <p>MT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Malta argues that a greater integration with other EU Programmes would be beneficial to strengthen synergies, ensure alignment with broader EU innovation goals and enhance the deployment of research-driven solutions at scale.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a comprehensive measurement framework capturing the broad spectrum of knowledge valorisation activities to monitor the performance of the ERA in this field.</li> </ul>	<p>MT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a comprehensive measurement framework capturing the broad spectrum of knowledge valorisation activities to monitor the performance of the ERA in this field <b><u>and monitor the impact of knowledge valorisation on the improvement of the local innovation ecosystems.</u></b></li> </ul> <p>MT (Comments): Malta would like to highlight that monitoring of the impact of knowledge valorisation can provide a clearer picture of how valorisation activities contribute to elevating the base level of innovation capacity that indirectly leads to economic growth, competitiveness and the advancement of European innovation ecosystems. These monitoring activities should not only focus on the usual metric methods, such as university spinouts, licensing revenues, industry co-development, but also on qualitative analysis.</p>
7. Global Approach to R&I	
<b>Objectives</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To guarantee that the ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 includes the international dimension, as a cross-cutting, long-term and fundamental characteristic of the R&amp;I ecosystem.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>enhancing the science-policy-diplomacy interface;</li> </ul>	<p>MT (Drafting Suggestions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>enhancing To enhance</u></b> the science-policy-diplomacy interface <b><u>through targeted actions;</u></b></li> </ul> <p>MT (Comments): Enhancing science-policy-diplomacy interface requires selection of targeted actions for the effective implementation of the recommendation.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tackling global challenges while protecting the strategic interests, values and principles of the Union, its Member States and, <b><u>where appropriate</u></b>, associated countries;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>promoting a level-playing field at EU level in international cooperation in R&amp;I;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deepen knowledge on bilateral cooperation led by MS and, <b><u>where appropriate</u></b>, associated countries with non-EU countries.</li> </ul>	
<b>Description</b>	
<p><i>Against the background of fundamental changes to geopolitical, scientific and technological environment, the EU <del>must</del> <b><u>should</u></b> become more strategic in using the power of international cooperation in research and innovation, <b><u>also in promoting common EU principles and values.</u></b></i></p>	
<p><i>This structural policy will be pursued by running activities and discussions of the ERA Forum Standing Subgroup on the Global Approach to R&amp;I:</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>recurrent mapping of bi- and multilateral scientific cooperation of Member States, <b><u>and, where appropriate</u></b>, associated countries and stakeholders;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>fostering synergies with other EU programmes and initiatives such as Global Gateway;</li> </ul>	<p>MT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Tackling global challenges by, among others,</u></b> fostering synergies with other EU programmes and initiatives such as Global Gateway;</li> </ul>

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	MT (Comments): Malta would like to propose to introduce in the text a clear alignment between tackling global challenges and fostering synergies with other EU initiatives and programmes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>coordinating and aligning with the other ERA actions such as the proposed one on research security;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>providing input and guidance on how to strengthen the international dimension of the next framework programme.</li> </ul>	
<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>European framework for science diplomacy (2025);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>roadmap for multilateral dialogue on values and principles for international cooperation in research and innovation (2025);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>new pilot initiatives of the Team Europe approach, including Latin America and Caribbean in 2025 and India in 2026; and expanding current Team Europe approaches to Africa and China;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an opinion on how to organise international R&amp;I cooperation activities with third countries under the next framework programme.</li> </ul>	
8. Making the strategic energy technology (SET) plan a key thematic component of the ERA	
<b>Objectives</b>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deeper connections between the R&amp;I community and industry to support to deployment of clean energy innovations, without adding administrative burden;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Form joint approaches to cross-cutting issues, including <del>sustainability by design</del>, skills development, research and innovation tailored to societal needs, digitalisation, and market uptake and market accessibility;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• review the current technology scope to <del>include</del> <b>propose</b> new relevant clean energy technologies, <b>if needed</b>;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new cooperation between the European Technology and Innovation Platforms and the European industrial alliances.</li> </ul>	<p>ES  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>new-improve the</b> cooperation between the European Technology and Innovation Platforms and the European industrial alliances.</li> </ul> <p>ES  <b>(Comments):</b></p> <p>According to the COM this is the situation:  A European Technology and Innovation Platform (ETIP) is a stakeholder forum recognized by the European Commission that aims to define research and innovation priorities and roadmaps for a specific technology sector. There are currently 11 active ETIPs in the context of the SET Plan. The members of an ETIP vary depending on the technology area, but typically include industry representatives, research organizations and scientific communities.  Currently, ETIPs interact with Industrial Alliances by aligning their strategic objectives. <b>The aim of the action is to improve the cooperation both between ETIPs &amp; industrial associations, and between areas.</b></p>

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<p><i>This structural policy will contribute to overall ERA targets by deepening coordination between clean energy R&amp;I programmes and initiatives at EU, national and institutional level and by increasing the cooperation between actors across Europe, in view of contributing to the overall climate and environment targets. Furthermore, making the revamped SET plan a structural policy of the new ERA Policy Agenda will be a driver for launching and unfolding new key initiatives and better connecting clean energy R&amp;I goal to the broader R&amp;I perspective. For instance, the EU Solar Energy Strategy set out among its actions the preparation of a joint strategic solar energy R&amp;I agenda with the Member States. Additional foreseen activities include:</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• setting up of five cross-cutting task forces to issue tools and drafting recommendations on cross cutting issues across the SET plan;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• creating a workstream on hydrogen to implement the ‘ERA pilot on Green Hydrogen’;-</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• alignment of R&amp;I priorities between Member States and EU, while fostering cross-border European research centres, universities and industries joint actions.</li> </ul>	
<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment of all domain/technology-specific Strategic Research &amp; Innovation Agendas and implementation plans to the new EU priorities and development of Common Implementation &amp; Investment Plans<sup>2</sup>;</li> </ul>	<p>ES (Drafting Suggestions):</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment of all domain/technology-specific Strategic Research &amp; Innovation Agendas and implementation plans to the new EU priorities and development of <del>Common</del>-Implementation &amp; <del>Investment</del> Plans<sup>2</sup>;</li> </ul> <p>ES (Comments): Our experts requests that the pcy/COM explains the sentence “<b>Common Implementation &amp; Investment Plans</b>”. We believe it should be named <b>Implementation Plans</b> only which is the agreed terminology established so far by Com and MS.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>policy recommendations to better include the following areas in the energy R&amp;I framework of SET plan: circularity and materials substitution; R&amp;I for societal needs; digitalisation; skills; market uptake;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved monitoring of progress, through the SET plan information system.</li> </ul>	
<p>9. Improving the articulation between R&amp;I and higher education within the ERA and unleashing the full potential of European R&amp;I ecosystems</p>	
<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve better coherence between strategies, policies, programmes and funding for R&amp;I and higher education. Closer cooperation and dialogue between those two areas at EU, national, regional and institutional levels;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>achieve stronger and more connected regional R&amp;I systems and reduction of European innovation divide;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improve knowledge, indicators and tools for implementing comprehensive cross-sectoral strategies, aligning innovation with broader societal goals;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>higher level of awareness on and improved complementarity between research and education;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reduce fragmentation and regional divide within Europe’s R&amp;I landscape;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strengthen cooperation between academic, public and private entities.</li> </ul>	
<b>Description</b>	
<p><i>This structural policy aims to create a structured and focused exchange platform to promote a more systematic approach, including in terms of governance and support, and involving both research and higher education representatives. For establishing robust partnerships between education and research &amp; innovation actors, working together to set up new mechanisms and incentives to reduce fragmentation and bridge the regional divide.</i></p>	<p>ES  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <i>This structural policy aims to create a structured and focused exchange <del>platform</del> <u>within the community</u> to promote a more systematic approach, including in terms of governance and support, and involving both research and higher education representatives. For establishing robust partnerships between education and research &amp; innovation actors, working together to set up new mechanisms and incentives to reduce fragmentation and bridge the regional divide.</i></p> <p>ES  <b>(Comments):</b>  <i>According to the Com in their wirtten responses:  <u>The platform does not refer to an application or a website but to exchanges between the community, likely in the form of meetings or workshops.</u></i></p>

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<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of recommendations drawn up to design and implement strategies at institutional, regional, national and European level;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The identification of current legal obstacles at regional, national, and European levels; of principles and main components necessary for the development of the legal framework for establishing the fifth freedom; recommendations for consolidating European HEIs at the forefront of global R&amp;I;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The identification of policies, mechanisms and incentives to foster more robust <b>cooperation</b> partnerships between HEIs and the other R&amp;I actors;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambitions roadmap adopted for ERA/EEA (higher education-related) strategic alignment.</li> </ul>	
<p>10. Enhancing trust in science through citizen participation, engagement and science communication</p>	
<b>Objective</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boost public engagement in R&amp;I, citizen science and science communication through commonly developed guidelines;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develop more effective mechanisms for substantial, inclusive public engagement in R&amp;I;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strengthen science-society links at national/ regional/ local level;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increase scientific literacy and science capital through closer links between the scientific community and young people and with people not habitually involved in science.</li> </ul>	
<b>Description</b>	
<p><i>This structural policy presents a multifaceted approach with a view to enhancing trust in science and by extension democratic governance - building on the achievements of Action 14 'Bringing Science Closer to Citizens' of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024.</i></p>	
<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inclusive engagement guiding principles: develop common approaches for public engagement in R&amp;I and science communication;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>activities connecting researchers and young people: innovative ways of effectively and inclusively engaging and involving young people with science, by inviting practitioners to provide best national practices and build on the work to develop handbooks and guidelines under EU funded projects;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>connect science and citizens, organise activities connecting and strengthening local R&amp;I communities with different stakeholders and citizens around the topic of science and its role in society;</li> </ul>	<p>DE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>connect science and citizens, organise activities connecting and strengthening local R&amp;I communities with different stakeholders and citizens around the topic of science and its role in society; <u>activities should aim to focus on concrete topics with special relevance to citizens;</u></li> </ul> <p>DE</p> </p>

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	<p><b>(Comments):</b>                      DE would like to underline that personal engagement and active cooperation are crucial for ‘Trust in Science’.                      The MLE could identify and prioritise concrete topics for action that have special relevance for citizens’ everyday life and may be part of the EU missions, e.g. with regard to life in climate neutral cities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mutual learning exercise on trust in science, consolidating and sharing knowledge on how to build, measure and enhance trust through public engagement;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a mechanism and funding scheme designed to scale up of best practices of national citizen participation and engagement initiatives to EU level.</li> </ul>	
<p>11. Improve EU access to excellence</p>	
<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve access to excellence throughout the EU;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• contribute to a coherent and synergetic design and implementation of EU investment in R&amp;I from cohesion policy programmes and the 10<sup>th</sup> framework programme for R&amp;I;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• forge closer links between regional authorities to initiatives under the R&amp;I programmes, and to provide incentives to launch national initiatives that complement those at EU level.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Description</b></p>	

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<p><i>There are persistent bottlenecks to improving <u>access</u> to excellence and to building stronger synergies between cohesion policy, <u><b>national and regional programmes</b></u>, and Horizon Europe. The structural policy tackles these bottlenecks by strengthening cooperation between the bodies involved <u><b>in</b></u> managing the European Regional Development Fund and Horizon Europe at national and EU-level.</i></p>	<p>MT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>  <i>There are persistent bottlenecks to improving <u>access</u> to excellence <u><b>across the Union</b></u> and to building stronger synergies between cohesion policy, <u><b>national and regional programmes</b></u>, and Horizon Europe. The structural policy tackles these bottlenecks by strengthening cooperation between the bodies involved <u><b>in</b></u> managing the European Regional Development Fund and Horizon Europe at national and EU-level.</i></p> <p>MT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Malta places a scrutiny reserve on this Structural Policy, while reiterating that excellence exists in all Member States across the European Union, but without greater support to uncover and valorise it and bridge the internal innovation divide, the EU cannot significantly increase its global competitiveness. In this regard, Malta calls for the expansion of tailor-made actions for the less-R&amp;I-intensive countries (‘the widening measures’) to ensure that their needs and challenges are appropriately addressed within the ERA.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing the work of ‘RIMA’ subgroup under the ERA Forum, to bring together national R&amp;I authorities and managing authorities of cohesion policy programmes to facilitate the sharing of information on outcomes and practices from EU initiatives.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Expected outcomes</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendations drafted on improving access to excellence and securing coherence and synergies between programmes;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• progress report on implementing of the recommendations from the RIMA phase 1 survey under the current legal framework (e.g., communication, capacity building, long-term planning, data accessibility and data-driven approach, implementation rules, and coordination models between the two communities);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advice on building stronger synergies in the future between Cohesion Policy, in particular on smart specialisation while using synergies with actions funded under the ‘Widening’ part of the programme, and the framework programme;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• exchanges of best practices to improve access to excellence, in particular national policies, actions and instruments that facilitate access to scientific and innovation networks, and policy suggestions, especially for collaboration across Member States.</li> </ul>	
<b><i>ERA actions</i></b>	
12. Equity in open science	
<b>Objectives</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify barriers and challenges regarding equity in practicing open science and propose ways forward for policy responses;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• expansion of not-for-profit, open access scholarly publishing models with broad uptake and recognition across disciplines, including in research assessment;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• build capacities in terms of open science skills and equitable access to open science infrastructures for the ERA research community;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• develop EU policy approaches to identify pathways for greater equity in Open Science practices and infrastructures.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Description</b></p>	
<p><i>Implementing open science requires strong policy support and a significant investment in resources, notably in infrastructures (and access to them), coordination, technological readiness, open science and digital skills, and creating effective incentives and recognition and award systems for researchers. These differ widely among European countries and organisations - but also globally - and create an overall need for more equitable approaches in the ERA.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examination of national experiences and policy frameworks in relation to access, coverage and design of infrastructures for open science, scholarly publishing policies and researchers’ open science capacities;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• launching a mutual learning exercise on equity in open science in 2025/2026;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote skills dissemination and training to tackle inequities in practicing open science;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Running workshops for public authorities to identify recommendations for institutions and policy makers – and to issue a report in 2027.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stocktaking of equity challenges in open science across ERA countries (reflecting existing diversity in terms of frameworks, capacities, funding etc.);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policy and funding support to operate high-quality not-for-profit open access scholarly publishing services across the ERA;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• development and dissemination of shared tools, training methods and services to boost capacity in terms of open science skills; in collaboration with stakeholders;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recommendations for developing an EU policy approach to equity in open science in its different practices.</li> </ul>	
13. Advancing the European Science for Policy (S4P) ecosystem	
<b>Objectives</b>	
This action has three interlocking objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• further developing ‘Science for Policy’ and improving the cross-cutting integration of knowledge in public policies;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• furthering and strengthening the European S4P ecosystem across all approaches, sectors, and levels of governance;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>promoting collaboration among networks of relevant actors and fostering the identification and exchange of best practices and mutual learning.</li> </ul>	DE (Comments): This objective is particularly important.
<p><b>Description</b></p>	
<p><i>In order to support science-policy interfaces across Europe and to tackle the fragmentation in S4P ecosystems, two main milestones will be achieved:</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a network of <b>national science for policy correspondents coordinators</b>, bringing together officials working on S4P in national R&amp;I <b>administrations and</b> policy institutions across Europe with the aim to coordinate efforts to mainstream S4P approaches in their administrations at all levels of governance and foster mutual learning across countries;</li> </ul>	DE (Comments): Supportive to the addition of “administrations”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A S4P community of practice with the objective to foster strong pan-European and international connections and greater interactions, mutual learning, and collaboration of S4P networks and actors.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Expected outcomes</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular dialogue between the network, the community of practice, and other interested stakeholders to explore how to create the necessary conditions to enable effective engagement between research and policy;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>peer learning is fostered, strengthening skills and competences and enabling collaboration on S4P across different sectors and levels of governance;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an observatory of the European S4P landscape and its practices is created, compiling success factors and common challenges of operating at the science-policy interface.</li> </ul>	
14. Facilitating and accelerating the responsible use of AI in science in the EU	
<b>Objectives</b>	
To design, support, align and coordinate policy measures to accelerate and facilitate the responsible uptake of AI in European science and research, resulting in:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>aligned policies on AI in Science, including common identification of priority areas;</li> </ul>	ES (Drafting Suggestions): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>aligned policies on AI in Science, including common identification of priority areas; <b>and potential biases and risks;</b></li> </ul> ES (Comments): This is important from the political perspective and it is included in the risk-based approach of the AI Act
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>greater expertise and resource sharing across countries;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a foundation for collaboration and future involvement, for sharing best practices, and for attracting more like-minded partners;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>closer collaboration and engagement with stakeholders, setting up networks, and building a community.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Description</b>	
The action will focus on three key topics stemming from the political priorities of the new Commission:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• strategy for AI in science;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The set up of a European AI Research Council;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An agreement on a funding focus for AI in science.</li> </ul>	
These topics will be discussed and developed in the form of regular meetings, capacity building workshops presenting evidence and policy developments, as well as hands-on workshops to work together on policy alignment, guidelines, and funding agendas.	
<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update, promote and disseminate the ERA living guidelines on the use of generative AI in research (at least yearly in 2025, 2026, 2027);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a joint roadmap on AI in science (2025);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an agreed strategic funding agenda with Member States and possibly also with European funders (2026);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• joint projects if considered feasible/useful by participants (2026-2027);</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an agreed plan for ongoing collaboration and policy development (2027).</li> </ul>	
15. Enhancing research security	
<b>Objective</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve research security in the EU to maintain a strong and open academic environment, taking the Council Recommendation on research security as a basis;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provide a platform for policy makers to share experiences and implement and develop a national approach to mitigate risks, while respecting academic freedom and institutional autonomy;</li> </ul>	<p>ES  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>provide a <a href="#">platform-cooperation space</a> for policy makers to share experiences and implement and develop a national approach to mitigate risks, while respecting academic freedom and institutional autonomy;</li> </ul> <p>ES  <b>(Comments):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>According to the COM’s written responses: platform Meant as a cooperation space, it is further defined in the first outcome bullet as on the one hand meetings and on the other hand the European Centre of Expertise on Research Security.</li> </ul> <p>In this instance, it is an example of a tool to be used.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>empower the European R&amp;I sector to optimise the opportunities and mitigate the risks of international collaboration and to keep international cooperation open and safe.</li> </ul>	
<b>Description</b>	

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<p><i>Given how knowledge flows across the ERA and the strong international connections in the R&amp;I sector, it is not possible to tackle research security through national efforts alone. Coordinated national and EU-efforts will provide a framework to share best practices and ensuring consistency. In the first year, Member States will be able to assess their state of play and plan next steps to help each other achieve a base level of research security.</i></p>	
<p><b>Expected outcomes</b></p>	
<p>The action will implement the framework of the Council Recommendation on research security<sup>2</sup> in the following way:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>work towards a European cooperation space on research security by structural cooperation among Member State experts, research funders and EU-level research and innovation stakeholder organisations as well as through setting up a European Centre of Expertise on Research Security <b><u>explore and assess options for more structural support in this respect, such as through a European centre of expertise on research security, taking into account existing structures and linking it to the one-stop-shop platform;</u></b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>convene policymakers, experts and practitioners around the theme of research security in a biennial European Flagship Conference on Research Security (2025, 2027);</li> </ul>	

<sup>2</sup> ~~COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION (EU) 9097/1/24.~~ **Council Recommendation of 23 May 2024 on enhancing research security, OJ C, C/2024/3510, 30.5.2024.**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>map, monitor and analyse national and EU level research security measures and initiatives, including through a biennial Research Security Monitor (2025, 2027);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>support information sharing, peer learning and capacity building, notably for the development of national approaches to research security.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develop guidance and tools for safeguards in national and EU level research funding programmes as well as for risk management and due diligence processes in research performing organisations (i.e: One-stop-shop platform on tackling foreign interference in R&amp;I)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>closer cooperation with international partners on research security approaches and measures</li> </ul>	
<p><i>Given the sensitive nature of the topic, which often involves sensitive or classified information, participation in will generally be restricted to Member States experts.</i></p>	
<p>16. Accelerating R&amp;I investments for Europe’s industrial transformation and competitive sustainability</p>	
<p><b>Objective</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve a greater understanding of industrial needs for R&amp;I results and investments, enabling policy makers and funding agencies to design and implement targeted tools to mobilise R&amp;I investments;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increase synergies in funding of R&amp;I, notably by industry, for technology transfer, demonstrators, scale-up, validation and technology infrastructures;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>facilitate the path to deployment and use of advanced technologies in industry with a focus on sustainability and societal benefit.</li> </ul>	
<b>Description</b>	
<p><i>Accelerating R&amp;I investments requires a systematic approach to informing and shaping the R&amp;I agenda by industrial needs and a comprehensive, operational framework for effective transfer of R&amp;I results into industrial applications.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrating current tools at European, national and regional levels, showcasing good practices in their application, facilitating exchange of experience and providing opportunities for Member States and regions to share good practices, and to bring new knowledge;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement the envisaged European approach on technology infrastructures, including <del>the selected</del> pilot actions, governance framework and possible funding schemes;</li> </ul>	<p>IE  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Implement <del>the envisaged</del> <u>a demand-driven</u> European approach <del>on to</del> technology infrastructures, including <del>the selected</del> pilot actions, <del>governance framework</del> and possible funding schemes <u>as part of the upcoming European Strategy on Research and Technology Infrastructures</u>;</p> <p>IE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      We should not pre-empt the upcoming strategy on RIs and TIs.</p> <p>AT</p>

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	<p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      Implement <del>the envisaged</del> <b>a demand driven</b> European approach on technology infrastructures, including pilot actions, <del>governance framework</del> and possible funding schemes;                      AT</p> <p><b>(Comments):</b>                      For us it is important to not pre-empt at this stage the outcome of the discussions on a common strategy for Research and Technology infrastructures. Therefore, we cannot accept text on a separate governance framework for TIs. Considering that the strategy is under preparation, we cannot speak of an “envisaged” approach.                      SI</p> <p><b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      • Implement <b>a demand-driven</b> <del>the envisaged</del> European approach <del>to</del> on technology infrastructures, including <del>the selected</del> pilot actions, <del>governance framework</del> and possible funding schemes <b>as part of the current work on Research and Technology Infrastructures;</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>developing, testing and implementing the policy toolbox approach for accelerating decarbonisation of energy-intensive industries and advancing circular economy, ensuring the contribution from the SET plan community.</li> </ul>	
<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mapping of the policy tools supporting industrial R&amp;I;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>contribution to the</b> European policy on Technology Infrastructures <del>and implementation of its</del> <b>including</b> actions leading to increased availability and use of such infrastructures by industry, including SMEs, start-ups and scale-ups.</li> </ul>	IE <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b> <b>contribution to the implementation of the</b> European <del>policy Strategy</del> on <b>Research and</b> Technology Infrastructures <del>and implementation of its</del>

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	<p><b>including</b> actions leading to increased availability and use of such infrastructures by industry, including SMEs, start-ups and scale-ups.</p> <p>IE  <b>(Comments):</b>                      The work on TIs needs to be aligned with the upcoming strategy on RIs and TIs.</p> <p>FI  <b>(Comments):</b>                      FI supports the current wording and finds it clear towards the future ourcomes.</p> <p>SI  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>contribution to the</b> European policy on <i>Research and Technology Infrastructures</i> and implementation of its <b>including</b> actions leading to increased <i>demand-driven</i> availability and use of such infrastructures by industry, <b>including in particular</b> SMEs, start-ups and scale-ups.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• building and exchanging knowledge and expertise in national industrial technology roadmapping to decarbonise energy-intensive industries;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• contributing to a European monitoring platform for technologies and industrial demonstrators (INCITE),</li> </ul>	<p>ES  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• contributing to a European monitoring platform for technologies and industrial demonstrators (<a href="#">European Innovation Centre for Industrial Transformation and Emissions (INCITE)</a>),</li> </ul> <p>ES  <b>(Comments):</b>                      Based on COM's responses:</p>

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	<p>The JRC–Seville operates INCITE in close cooperation with DG ENV, but also with support from other Commission DGs (e.g. RTD, CLIMA, ENER, GROW): <a href="https://innovation-centre-for-industrial-transformation.ec.europa.eu/#">https://innovation-centre-for-industrial-transformation.ec.europa.eu/#</a></p>
<p>17. Accelerating new approach methodologies (NAMs) to advance biomedical research and testing of medicinal products and medical devices.</p>	
<p><b>Objective</b></p>	
<p>The action aims to accelerate, through an aligned and coordinated approach across Member States and, <b>where appropriate</b>, associated countries, the development, validation/qualification, acceptance, and uptake of new approach methodologies (NAMs) in biomedical research and regulatory testing of medicinal products and medical devices.</p>	
<p><b>Description</b></p>	
<p><b>Although Member States are bound by Directive 2010/63/EU that calls for the replacement of animal procedures in research, education, and regulatory testing as soon as valid alternative approaches become available, there is no coordination mechanism to ensure the development and validation of NAMs. The ERA action will actively involve all actors by setting-up an EU-wide coordination, consisting of relevant ministries, regulatory agencies, research funding organisations, academia, pharmaceutical and medical technology industry, contract research organisations (CROs), small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), and startups, to align national and regional policies for speeding up the development, validation, acceptance, and uptake of NAMs.</b></p>	

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<p>This action will be supported by four working groups with the themes:(1) development of NAMs and common European infrastructures, (2) validation/qualification, acceptance, and uptake of NAMs, (3) education and training, (4) openness &amp; awareness.</p>	
<p><b>Expected outcomes</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAM development and infrastructure agenda identifying where NAMs are most needed and expected to have the highest short- to medium-term impact (Q4 2027);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member States and stakeholders identify actions they could jointly support to develop new NAMs and related infrastructures (Q1 2028);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAM acceptance and uptake strategy which identifies criteria for using NAMs (Q3 2027);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member States and stakeholders jointly supporting the validation and qualification of a limited set of NAMs designed to be accepted and implemented in regulatory testing of medicinal products and medical devices (Q4 2027-Q3 2028);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAM education and training plan (Q1 2027) and joint education and training programmes (Q2 2027- Q2 2028);</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harmonised NAM openness and awareness programme that improves open access to NAMs protocols and results of animal experiments. The programme will provides guidance for ethical</li> </ul>	

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<p>committee members, reviewers, and regulators, based on best practices in participating Member States. It proposes concrete actions to increase the confidence of regulators in NAMs including a better understanding of the potential and limitations of NAMs (Q2 2028).</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least one major conference to raise awareness of civil society and patients on biomedical research, drug discovery and development process (Q3 2028).</li> </ul>	
<p>18. A harmonised and coordinated framework for a European approach to integrity and ethics in R&amp;I in the face of emerging challenges</p>	
<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creation of a platform to facilitate the discussions on a new approach to ethics and integrity in research that is technology-neutral and will facilitate innovation and support excellence, respecting simplification and the ethics by design approach;</li> </ul>	<p>ES  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                  ☑ Creation of a <del>platform</del> <a href="#">community of exchanges</a> to facilitate the discussions on a new approach to ethics and integrity in research that is technology-neutral and will facilitate innovation and support excellence, respecting simplification and the ethics by design approach;</p> <p>ES  <b>(Comments):</b>                  According to COM’s responses:                  The platform does not refer to an application or a website but to exchanges between the community, likely in the form of meetings or workshops.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>coordination of actions to enhance ethics and integrity, prevent breaches, and address barriers to implementing existing ethical guidelines;</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>gradually develop a European network to establish a framework for research integrity and ethics, including a roadmap of actions and performance indicators;</li> </ul>	<p>AT  <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>                      gradually develop a European network to establish a framework for research integrity and ethics, including a roadmap of actions and performance indicators, <b><u>taking into account already existing networks and structures</u></b>;</p> <p>AT  <b>(Comments):</b>                      It is important to avoid duplicating existing structures.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>create a vision for an ecosystem of ethics advice and support based on trust, enabling science and research to drive responsible innovation aligned with societal interests.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Description</b></p>	
<p><i>This action aims to anticipate, prevent, tackle, and mitigate emerging challenges and safeguard research integrity in critical technology areas in light of the recent update of the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity and the Commission’s Recommendation on critical technology areas for the EU’s economic security.</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taking a concerted approach to integrity and ethics to facilitate the sector's response to this and other emerging challenges;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>providing a wide range of tools to foresee, prevent, manage, and mitigate novel disruptive challenges to research integrity;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develop a truly operational, coherent and sustainable European approach to support researchers to address ethical challenges.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of a coordination structure (in the form of a European platform) that will bring together the existing European networks on research ethics and integrity;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a detailed roadmap of actions and performance indicators;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>practical guidelines, operational toolboxes, and standard operating procedures;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an approach to joint training actions approach on a pilot basis.</li> </ul>	
19. Empowering R&I: A new era in research management	
<b>Objective</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieve better recognition of the research manager profession as well as attractive and clearer career paths for research managers;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ensure broad and easy access to educational material and upskilling activities/tools of research managers, including early careers research managers, including guidance on AI tools;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>create a recognised Europe-wide learning and skills development scheme for Research Managers with peer-to-peer learning and mobility components ensuring the integration of ERA priorities and values, e.g., ethics and research integrity, open science and inclusive gender equality;</li> </ul>	BG <b>(Drafting Suggestions):</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>create a recognised Europe-wide learning and skills development scheme for Research Managers with peer-to-peer learning and mobility</li> </ul>

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	components ensuring the integration of ERA priorities and values, e.g., ethics and research integrity, open science and <del>inclusive</del> gender equality;
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improve networking with research managers <del>in</del> <b>from the public</b> <b>and</b> the private sector for a triangle approach (public research performing organisations — research funding organisations and industry) resulting in better awareness of schemes for professional development, career path and available training opportunities.</li> </ul>	
<b>Description</b>	
<p><i>As research processes intensify and the expectations on generating a societal impact grow, specialized support from research managers becomes crucial. This initiative seeks to strengthen the research management profession, still undervalued in the ERA, and provides support for its strategic development. It emphasizes the need for coordinated EU and national policy support to create skilled professionals, better career prospects, improved working conditions, gender equality, training, and mobility.</i></p>	
<b>Expected outcomes</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launching in 2025 and implementing an overarching and flexible careers and competence framework for research managers; implementing an evidence-based awareness campaign in Member States, the results of which will be published in 2026;</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-creating in 2026 a European Charter for research managers, creating a triangle approach of research performing organisations, research funding organisations, and European industry, ensuring recognition across sectors; designing approaches for capacity building;</li> </ul>	

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and analysing the role of research management in selected actions funded under the “widening” part to the Horizon Europe to monitor the impact on the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the R&I system;	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launching in 2027 a centralised online hub, preferably under the upcoming ERA Talent Platform, that collates current and new curricula, educational materials, alongside upskilling tools for research managers, and access to vital training and certification programmes for both current and aspiring professionals.</li> </ul>	
	<b><u>MS general comments</u></b>
	HU (Comments): <u>Hungary supports gender equality and is not against the concept of intersectionality. As this is a sensitive issue careful consideration is required and inaccurate or unclear terms should be avoided when referring to phrases linked to gender equality. Therefore, we would like to stick to the agreed language in this respect.</u>
	<b>End</b>