Why does ERA Need to Flourish

Wohin führt uns die geplante „Vollendung des Europäischen Forschungsraums (ERA) 2014“?

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European Research Area (ERA)

- A unified research area open to the world
- Based on the Internal Market
- Free circulation of researchers, knowledge and technology

28 national research systems are the foundation of ERA

Not to be integrated or merged into a single system, but to be more open, inter-operable and inter-connected
Taking ERA to a new level

17 July 2012

- Commission Communication 'A Reinforced European Research Area Partnership for Excellence and Growth'

- Commission Communication ‘Towards better access to scientific information: Boosting the benefits of public investments in research’ and Commission Recommendation to Member States on access to and preservation of scientific information

- Action-oriented & responsibility based Reinforced Partnership between Member States, European Commission, Research Stakeholder Organisations (EARTO, EUA, LERU, NordForsk, Science Europe and CESAER)
The Five ERA Priorities

- More **effective** national research systems
- Optimal **transnational co-operation** and **competition**
- An **open labour market** for researchers
- **Gender equality** and gender mainstreaming in research
- Optimal Circulation and **Transfer of Knowledge** including via Digital ERA
Achievements in 2013: ERA is back on the political agenda

- EU Council of October 2013 calls for ERA structural reforms and a strong ERA monitoring process

- ERA is central to the six Research Stakeholder Organisations’ individual roadmaps

- Members of the European Parliament call for a Maastricht for Research (ERA Manifesto)
Achievements in 2013: the ERA partnership is a reality

- Member States actively contribute to ERA developments (through ERAC)

- The Commission runs the Stakeholders' Platform to follow up ERA implementation of the six Research Stakeholder Organisations and offers a forum for discussions on ERA policy developments

- Research Stakeholder Organisations renewed their political commitment to complete the ERA on 13 December 2013 (Joint Declaration)
Achievements in 2013: a mapping of ERA measures in MS and some AC is now available

- First ERA Progress Report on 20 September 2013

http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/progressreport2013_en.htm

- Research Stakeholders Organisations reports on progress on 13 December 2013
Some examples of success

- **EU Progress Report 2013**: ERA baseline in 28 MS and 3 AC

- **EURAXESS**: more than 250 EURAXESS Service Centres in 40 European countries – Industry User Interface for business under preparation - EURAXESS Jobs: constant and significant increase of jobs available daily

- **Open Access**: high on the agenda of all MS – legal and administrative support to OA to publications in place in almost all MS – H2020 leads by example - OA to data is a raising issue

- **Pan-EU Pension fund for researchers**: framework conditions are in place to set up the fund effectively as of 2014
Improvements are still needed

- **GBAORD**: declines in the EU since 2009, as well as public effort on research
- **Public funding for R&D**: allocation on competitive basis to be increased
- **Transnational cooperation**: level and collaboration means vary among EU countries; intra EU collaborations still too low
- **Researchers**: open recruitment is an issue, transferable skills are needed
- **Gender**: structural changes still insufficient to overcome gender gap
The goal for 2014: the conditions are in place for a fully functioning ERA

ERA is fully anchored in the Commission’s political agenda
- 2014 EU semester cycle: National Reform Plans
- 2014 Communication on R&I (ERA dimension included)

Actors of the reinforced partnership are fully engaged
- Member States: Possible Council Conclusions in February 2014 on ERA progress report and next steps
- Research Stakeholder Organisations: Stakeholders platform will continue and foster links between Research Stakeholder Organisations and Member States
- Commission: Identification of ERA priorities vs national priorities

ERA actions are monitored for full accountability on progress
Key Milestones in 2014

**Competitiveness Council**
February 2014
Possible Council Conclusions on ERA Progress Report

**EU Semester**
April 2014
NRPs – ERA structural reforms to be identified

**Commission Communication on R&I**
June 2014
Including ERA Dimension

**ERA Progress Report**
September 2014
Full assessment of progress
Thank you for your attention

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