



# European Research Area

An open space  
for knowledge and growth

***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](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)

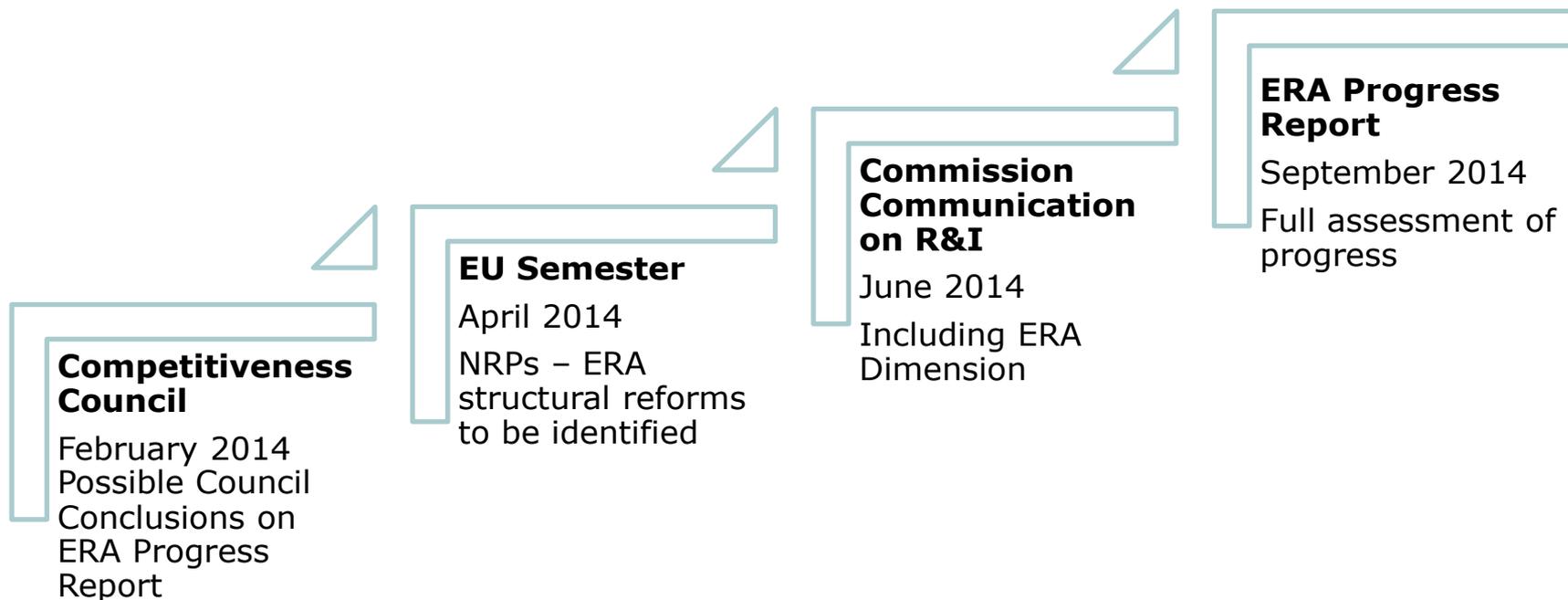
## **Actors of the reinforced partnership are fully engaged**

- 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**

- ERA Progress Report 2014 : full assessment in September 2014

# Key Milestones in 2014



Thank you for your attention

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