Pre-event Campaign Invitation

26-27 October 2021, Brdo Congress Centre, Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia

Presidency ERA Conference: "New European Research Area – Towards a Responsible Knowledge-Driven Society of the 3rd Millennium"

Dear Stakeholder,

The Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union is pleased **invite you to save the date of 26 and 27 October 2021** for one of our Presidency flagship events in the field of research and innovation, **the Presidency Conference "New European Research Area – Towards a Responsible Knowledge-Driven Society of the 3rd Millennium"**.

The conference will put stakeholder needs at the heart of the new ERA, with workshop discussions on the second day focussing on key ERA Policy Agenda priorities and actions: *1) The role of research infrastructures*; *2) Evolving careers and the role of assessment; 3) Open science and data management; and 4) Research for the economy.*

Request for input and your opportunity to get involved early on

In order to co-design and inform the conference proceedings, **we are launching a pre-event campaign**, where we invite you, the ERA stakeholders to contribute **one-minute video submissions** relevant to the four breakout session topics of the Conference (listed above). Upon editing by our technical team, the video submissions will be published on the official conference web site in the run-up to the Conference. A number of videos will also be used during the event itself.

In this respect, dear stakeholder, we would be honoured if you **accept our invitation to prepare an up to one-minute video submission**[1], providing your **opinion on one of the**

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[1] Please refer to the example provided by the Director General at the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, dr. Tomaž Boh available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZNxsHQt7hA

questions listed in Annex I (we leave it to you to decide, which question you would like to address).

To participate and help us co-design the content and the discussions at the ERA Presidency Conference, please feel to contact our technical team at VideoLectures.net, where you can schedule the best date and time to record your video submissions with Mr. Matija Ovsenek (matija.ovsenek@videolectures.net). Alternatively, do not hesitate to contact us at era-pseu.mizs@gov.si, where we are also available for any further questions or comments.

The video testimonials will be available at the official conference website www.era-si.eu and social media where they will be used to promote the conference in the run-up to the event.

Dear stakeholder, of course, this also means that you are kindly invited to attend the Conference on October 26 and 27 in person. Our team remains at your disposal to clarify any further details through our dedicated email address era-pseu.mizs@gov.si.

We thank you in advance for your active participation and we look forward to meeting you at Brdo pri Kranju,

The Slovenian Presidency Team

Annex I - list of questions per breakout session topic

The general one:
1. The ERA we want – what is it, how does it look like?

Topic 1: ERA for research infrastructure
1. How can various funding sources, be it grants or loans, on regional, national and EU level, be used in synergy to support the sustainability of research infrastructures?

2. What are your key funding sources for providing / receiving access to RI services and resources? What specific challenges do you experience?

Topic 2: ERA for prospective scientific careers
1. With respect to human resources, MSCA has established high mobility standards with impact on national levels. **In what ways could the EU support national measures for a balanced brain circulation, which includes reintegration defined as a return to home country, as well as establishing strong cooperation with institutions in home country?** (e.g. through Horizon Europe especially with programmes MSCA and Widening participation and strengthening the ERA, European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST), EURAXESS or its successor ERA Talent Platform).

2. During the COVID-19 pandemic research was affected, with the mobility of researchers most severely impacted. On the other hand, it accelerated the professional use of digital tools and services. **How do you see the role of virtual mobility as means to widen the mobility processes and to make them more equally accessible making brain circulation a reality and at the same time offering family-friendly conditions when needed? And, how should it be recognised in the research assessment systems?**

3. The European Charter and Code for Researchers have played important roles in strengthening human resources strategies at research institutions, making research careers more attractive and inclusive, especially for early-stage researchers. **In what way should the revised Charter and Code be broadened to support a more balanced brain circulation, as well as addressing updated research assessment practices and other challenges of the new ERA?**

Topic 3: ERA for open science

1. *The coordinated action of research performers, funders, and research infrastructures at the regional, Member State, and EU levels is essential for the deployment of open science in the European Union. The European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) is part of the data opening process and one of the main infrastructures for the future web of FAIR data and services for science.* **How shall we establish adequate interlinkage between the respective EOSC and ERA governances and ensure they are part of a well operating, stakeholder-driven, policy implementation ecosystem?**

2. *The value of publicly funded research data and other research output is proportional to the intensity of sharing and reuse which itself depends on an accelerated shift towards a culture of openness.* **What could be the role of the ERA Policy Agenda in further supporting a coordinated action among stakeholders, to move forward with a reform of the research assessment system?**

3. *Open science cannot be implemented without adequate training for researchers and university staff, including on responsible and FAIR[2] management of data and other research digital objects, and on how to ensure reproducible results.* **What could be the role of the EOSC tripartite governance and federated infrastructure in helping to set up and implement incentives and rewards mechanisms for sharing and re-using research data, codes and workflows?**

4. *In what way can the new ERA Policy Agenda and the EOSC contribute to the capacity-building process to foster skills development in open science?*

Topic 4: ERA for economy

1. *On national and EU levels – where do you see the key mismatches that need to be addressed during forming the technology roadmaps in order to achieve the consistency of efforts for maximum impact?*

2. *How should we shape industry-academia collaboration for successful knowledge valorisation (e.g. in synergies with technology infrastructures)?*

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