



## Save the Date

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

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

Dear Stakeholders,

The Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union is pleased to 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 focus on discussing the process of redesigning the European Research Area (ERA) policy framework, informing future European Commission policy initiatives, as well as feeding into policy-making work of the Council of the EU, the Member States and countries associated to Horizon Europe.

The first working session of the Conference will be the **Ministerial policy roundtable, taking place on 26 October**. With the valuable participation of stakeholders, we intend to discuss the context of the new ERA, translation of ERA priorities into national actions and policy reforms, as well as the external dimensions of ERA, with the **Ministers of the current (DE, PT, SI) and the upcoming (FR, CZ, SE) Trio Presidencies and Commissioner Gabriel**. The Ministerial roundtable will be followed by a **Journey to the new ERA panel, to discuss the Pact for R&I in Europe, the ERA Policy Agenda and the future governance framework**, with respected panellist and stakeholders' interactive participation. The second day, **27 October**, will be **fully dedicated to stakeholder discussions** where **four breakout sessions** are foreseen, based on the three main ERA pillars – **people, infrastructure, and economy** - and an additional horizontal one on **open science**

Currently we remain optimistic that the event will take place in person. However, in order to ensure accessibility and in turn the widest possible participation of all the relevant ERA stakeholders, we intend to **provide the possibility of virtual participation** at all parts of the conference through web streaming and interactive social media tools.

Practical information, a detailed agenda, supporting background documents and the registration link for the Conference will be available in due course at the official



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We look forward to meeting you at Brdo pri Kranju,

The Slovenian Presidency Team



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