The Re-Newed European Research Area

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Twoards A Re-Newed European Research Area

2020

Commission Communication **"A new ERA for Research and Innovation",** September

Council Conclusions **on the new ERA ,** December

January 2021

Establishment of the **ERA Forum for Transition**

- 13 meetings
- Three workshops and R&I Days side event with ERA stakeholder umbrella organisations
- Some covered topics: ERA governance framework, ERA policy agenda, four ERA pilot actions

16 July 2021

Commission adopts proposal for a **"Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe"**

1) Principles for R&I in Europe
2) Priority areas for ERA joint actions
3) Investments and reforms
4) Simplified policy coordination

26 November 2021

Council Recommendation on a "Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe"

Council conclusions **on the new ERA governance & the first ERA policy Agenda (2022-2024)**

Beginning of 2022

Establishment of the **new ERA Forum** to implement the actions of the **ERA Policy Agenda**

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A New Policy Framework

Pact for research and innovation in Europe

- **10 values and principles**
- **16 priority areas for joint action clustered in 4 broader priorities**
  - Deepening ERA
  - Broadening ERA and relevance
  - Amplifying access to excellence
  - Advancing R&I investments and reforms
- **Research and development targets**

ERA Policy Agenda

- Designed to contribute to the priority areas of the Pact for R&I, setting out the voluntary **ERA actions** which are defined and coordinated at Union level.

- **20 joint ERA actions for 2022-24**

ERA Governance

ERA Forum
Commission expert group (co-chaired by MS) for coordination and implementation of the ERA, together with EU MS, FP Associated Countries and stakeholders

ERAC
High-level strategic policy body, providing advice

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Decision making
"Owner" of Policy Agenda

ERA Monitoring

- Ensure a proper basis for evidence informed policy making
- Provide evidence and analysis in the context of the European Semester

A New Governance Body: The ERA Forum

Tasks

- coordination on the preparation of ERA Policy Agenda, ERA actions and their implementation
- co-design of all relevant actions and initiatives
- facilitation of MS-driven actions
- monitoring and evaluation of implementation

How it will be achieved?

- co-chairing between MS and COM
- structural engagement with stakeholders
- exchange of best practices
- ERA policy platform
- ERA Scoreboard/Dashboard
- sub-groups (time-limited and objectives-bound)
- ESFRI, Partnership Knowledge Hub and EOSC Steering Board to coordinate with and report to ERA Forum

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ERA Policy Agenda: 20 actions along four priority areas

DEEPENING A TRULY FUNCTIONING INTERNAL MARKET FOR KNOWLEDGE

1. Open sharing of knowledge, incl. EOSC
2. Data legislation fit for research
3. Reform of research assessment
4. Strengthen research careers
5. Gender equality and inclusiveness
6. Protect academic freedom
7. Better knowledge valorisation
8. Research infrastructures
9. International cooperation, reciprocity

TOGETHER FOR TWIN GREEN AND DIGITAL TRANSITION, AND INCREASING SOCIETY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ERA

10. R&I Missions and Partnerships for ERA
11. Green energy transformation
12. Transition of industrial ecosystems
13. Empower higher education institutions
14. Bring science closer to society

AMPLIFYING ACCESS TO RESEARCH AND INNOVATION EXCELLENCE ACROSS THE UNION

15. Regional and national R&I ecosystems
16. EU-wide access to excellence
17. Strategic capacity of public RPOs

ADVANCING CONCERTED R&I INVESTMENTS AND REFORMS

18. Coordination national support for ERA
19. ERA monitoring mechanism
20. Prioritisation and coordination of R&I investments and reforms

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European Research Area Policy Agenda

Overview of actions for the period 2022-2024

ERA Policy Agenda: Implementation

Establishment of the new ERA Forum: February 2022

- **Co-design and coordinate** the implementation of the ERA actions, **prepare future updates** of the ERA Policy Agenda and **analyse its implementation**

Implementation of ERA actions from 2nd half 2022 onwards

- Roadmaps/Milestones
- Implementation mode
- Monitoring

Commitment to ERA actions during the first half of 2022 (CC of Nov 2021)

- "MS and where applicable AC to **identify within the first semester 2022 the ERA actions in which they wish to participate**"
- An action to **"secure the commitment of at least half of Union Member States"** to be considered an "ERA action"

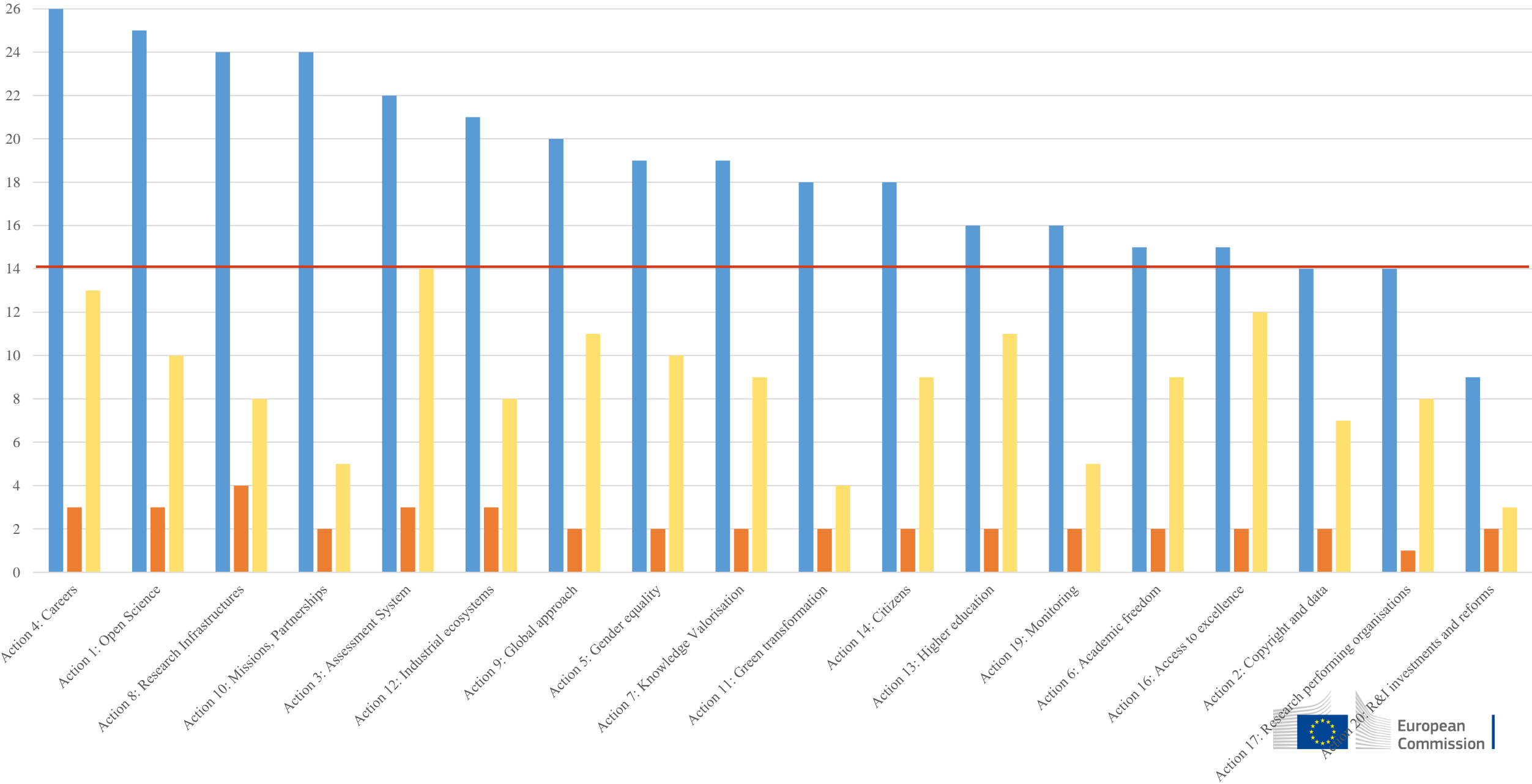## Setting-up of the new ERA monitoring from 2nd half 2022 onwards

- Including the **online ERA policy platform, a scoreboard, a dashboard, and regular reporting**

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Commitments by Member States, associated countries and stakeholders, 19.01.2023

Towards a new ERA monitoring mechanism

The Council's monitoring provisions:

Pact for R&I (Nov 2021) → "*the Member States and the Commission should implement an enhanced monitoring mechanism, to ensure a proper basis for evidence informed policy making in the ERA and to provide evidence and analysis in the context of the European Semester*"

Council conclusions → ...invited the Commission "*to present to the Council by mid-2022 a monitoring and evaluation framework for the implementation of the ERA*"

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Framework for the future ERA monitoring mechanism – General considerations

✓ Progress should be monitored along the 16 priority areas for joint action (ERA priorities) as set out in the Pact for R&I.

✓ The ERA monitoring mechanism should collect and analyse both quantitative and qualitative information regarding the progress in realising the ERA priority areas and in implementing the actions of the ERA Policy Agenda.

✓ The ERA monitoring mechanism will be set up in such a way as to avoid additional administrative burden, and therefore will use existing indicators and available data (e.g. Eurostat, OECD) to the largest possible extent, including through linking the monitoring mechanism to other relevant information sources (e.g. EC-OECD STIP Survey)

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Framework for the future ERA monitoring mechanism – The elements

Online ERA Policy Platform

Should serve as an umbrella tool for sharing information on the implementation of actions and allowing exchanges between all actors

Scoreboard

Will show the overall progress at EU level for a limited number of indicators in view of realising the ERA priority areas (as defined in the Pact for R&I)

Dashboard

Will provide a more detailed monitoring of the joint ERA actions, also at the national level.

Regular reporting

(i) A report on the state of play of the implementation of the ERA policy agenda every 18 months

(ii) Annual reports on each Member State's progress in the implementation of the ERA

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Schedule for ERA monitoring in 2023

First half of 2023

Setting up of the online **ERA policy platform**, incorporating the different elements of the **ERA monitoring mechanism**

Mid-2023

First **EU-level report** from the Commission on the state of play of the implementation of the ERA policy agenda

End 2023

- First **country reports** (for MS & most of the AC)

- First **ERA scoreboard & ERA dashboard**

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What next?

- Launch of three **new ERA Forum sub-groups** on:

  - *'INCLUSIVE GENDER EQUALITY' / Action 5 « Promote gender equality and foster inclusiveness »*

  - *'UNIVERSITIES FOR ERA' / Action 13 « Empower Higher Education Institutions »*

  - *'ACCESS TO EXCELLENCE' / Action 16 « Improve EU-wide access to excellence »*

- Continuing the **examination of progress in the implementation of the actions**, incl. at national level

- Start of the discussions on the **revision of the ERA policy agenda** (for 2025-2027)

YOU ARE INVITED TO ENGAGE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ERA BY

… PARTICIPATING IN THE ERA FORUM

… COMMITING TO (SOME OF) THE ERA ACTIONS!

Thank you!

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