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European Research Area: Fostering Greater Integration. Advancing Competitiveness.

Conference at the BluePoint, Brussels

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DAY 1: Wednesday, 18 September 2024

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch, including registration

13:30 – 14:00 Conference opening

Panel discussions:

14:00 – 14:45 **ERA revamped: four years later**

Giving the broader context by outlining achievements and future challenges

14:45 – 15:15 **Inclusive gender equality: shaping the future**

Presenting the progress made on strengthening inclusive gender equality

15:15 – 16:00 **Scientific freedom & research security**

Examining insights and strategies to enhance research security and safeguard scientific freedom

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break and networking

16:30 – 18:00 Parallel thematic sessions:

Challenges and opportunities with the reforms of research assessment

The objective of the workshop is to identify the current challenges faced by the reforms of research assessment and discuss how to facilitate changes.

Why now an ERA action on non-animal approaches in biomedical research and testing of pharmaceuticals?

The session aims to reflect on why and how Member States, industry, research community and all stakeholders should coordinate their efforts to progress innovation in basic and clinical research with new non-animal methodologies.

Enhancing trust in science via citizen engagement

This session explores how public engagement activities can help inform national R&I policies and reflects on key opportunities and challenges for implementing public engagement across the ERA.

An ERA for energy: hydrogen and solar

The purpose of this session is to present the whole of government approach in action through the examples of the work done under the ERA action for a Green Transformation.

A global policy perspective: AI in science in the world

This session aims to showcase and learn from what other countries, such as the USA, China, Japan, and UK, are doing in AI in Science and what new activities this could inspire in the ERA.

Improving visibility of intergovernmental and national funding opportunities

This session explores how to present funding opportunities of national or intergovernmental R&I programmes on the Commission's Funding & Tenders Portal' - thus coming closer to a comprehensive 'one-stop' shop for stakeholders searching for R&I funding.

18:00 – 21:00 Reception and dinner



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DAY 2: Thursday, 19 September 2024

9:00 – 9:30	Welcome coffee
9:30 – 9:45	Conference opening: Introduction and summary of the parallel sessions from the previous day
	Panel discussion:
9:45 – 10:45	Boosting R&I investments and reforms to secure Europe's long-term competitiveness <i>Bridging the R&I investment gap, implementing R&I reforms and taking action to secure the 3% R&D target by 2030</i>
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break and networking
11:00 – 12:00	Parallel thematic sessions:
	Breaking boundaries: how EIC is supporting startups and scaleups to secure long-term competitiveness and growth from ERA <i>The focus of this session will be on how the European Innovation Council supports the process to translate excellent R&I results into the economy and to facilitate the transition from research to innovation.</i>
	Empowering research infrastructures and technology infrastructures as strategic assets and knowledge hubs in Europe <i>This session will present a strategy aimed at strengthening the pan-European ecosystem of research and technology infrastructures. The goal is to ensure that researchers and innovators in Europe have transnational access to cutting-edge facilities and services.</i>
	Climate and circular economy <i>The aim of this session is to review the last evolutions of the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan following its inclusion in the ERA Policy Agenda in 2021 and the most recent political and policy updates.</i>
	R&I policy to leverage industrial transformation and competitiveness <i>The session will take stock of existing policy tools supporting industrial transformation and competitiveness, how they work in practice, how they could be improved and how to make use of them in a consistent and synergetic way in view of the next Multiannual Financial Framework.</i>
	Develop skilled researchers and innovators and attract talents in Europe <i>This workshop will look at the importance of researchers' skills for the labour market needs, and on translating the new European framework for research careers into reality, so as to make the European R&I system more attractive.</i>
	Driving competitive sustainability through bioeconomy solutions <i>The session will discuss emerging bioeconomy solutions that promise to play a significant role in achieving sustainable competitiveness, stimulating the technology transfer for an easy access to the market and supporting a new industrial green deal.</i>
12:00 – 12:45	Closing session
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch

