European Research Area

An open space for knowledge and growth

European Research Area Roadmap 2015-2020
ERA Roadmap: origins & process

- **Greek Presidency**: February Council conclusions on ERA Progress Report
  - Recognises the crucial role of the Member States in further strengthening the ERA
  - Invites the Member States to develop by mid-2015 an ERA roadmap at European level
  - The Roadmap has the objective to provide a shared understanding of the strategic objectives over the next few years and a set of tools and best practices to support the Member States in implementing ERA

- **ERAC**: responsible for preparing the ERA Roadmap, in consultation with national administrations, stakeholders and support from the Commission. Adoption of the ERA Roadmap: 16/04/2015

- **Latvian Presidency**: May Council conclusions: endorsement of the ERA Roadmap and need for further implementation at national level via national action plans
ERA Roadmap : Content

- Covers all the 5 ERA Priorities and subgroups + international cooperation
  - 1. Effective national research systems
  - 2(a) Jointly Addressing Grand Challenges
  - 2(b) Make optimal use of public investments in Research Infrastructures
  - 3. An Open Labour Market for Researchers
  - 4. Gender Equality and Gender Mainstreaming in Research
  - 5. Optimal Circulation and Transfer of Scientific Knowledge, divided in (a) Knowledge Transfer and (b) Open access to scientific publications
  - 6. International Cooperation

- Annexes :
  - Key documents on ERA
  - Good practices examples
ERA Roadmap: Example "Open labour market for researchers"

- High level objective
  - open and excellence-driven ERA where highly skilled and qualified people can move seamlessly across borders, sectors and disciplines and which provides attractive research career conditions.

- Top action priority identified by Member States
  - Use of open, transparent and merit based recruitment practices

- Actions to promote this (non-exhaustive)
  - At national level:
    - better use of C&C principles by RPOs, support through national funding schemes
    - Remove legal barriers and define new structures and approaches to researcher career development
  - At EU level:
    - Up-take of C&C in Horizon 2020
    - Strengthened role of Euraxess in supporting OTMR practices
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ERA Roadmap: Next steps

IMPLEMENTATION!

- **Political Mandate**
  - ERA Roadmap to be implemented nationally through relevant ERA action plans or strategies
  - Deadline for adoption of national action plans: mid-2016
  - Take stock: Ministerial Conference in June 2016

- **Process & structure** of national action plans
  - Format of national action plans depends on national political context and research systems: For each ERA priority it is important to identify what the baseline situation is, fix **objectives** (targets) and identify relevant tools and **instruments** to deliver. Timeframe & Monitoring mechanism are important!
  - To be developed in full consultation with stakeholders
  - Support by the Commission

- **Next steps:**
  - ERAC Plenary meeting 7-8/07: first discussion on how to prepare & structure national action plans
  - Dedicated workshop prior to the next ERAC meeting in November
  - By end 2015: ERAC to develop appropriate indicators for the ERA Roadmap
Thank you for your attention

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