



Implementation of the European Research Area (ERA)

Strengthening Europe's Research and Innovation



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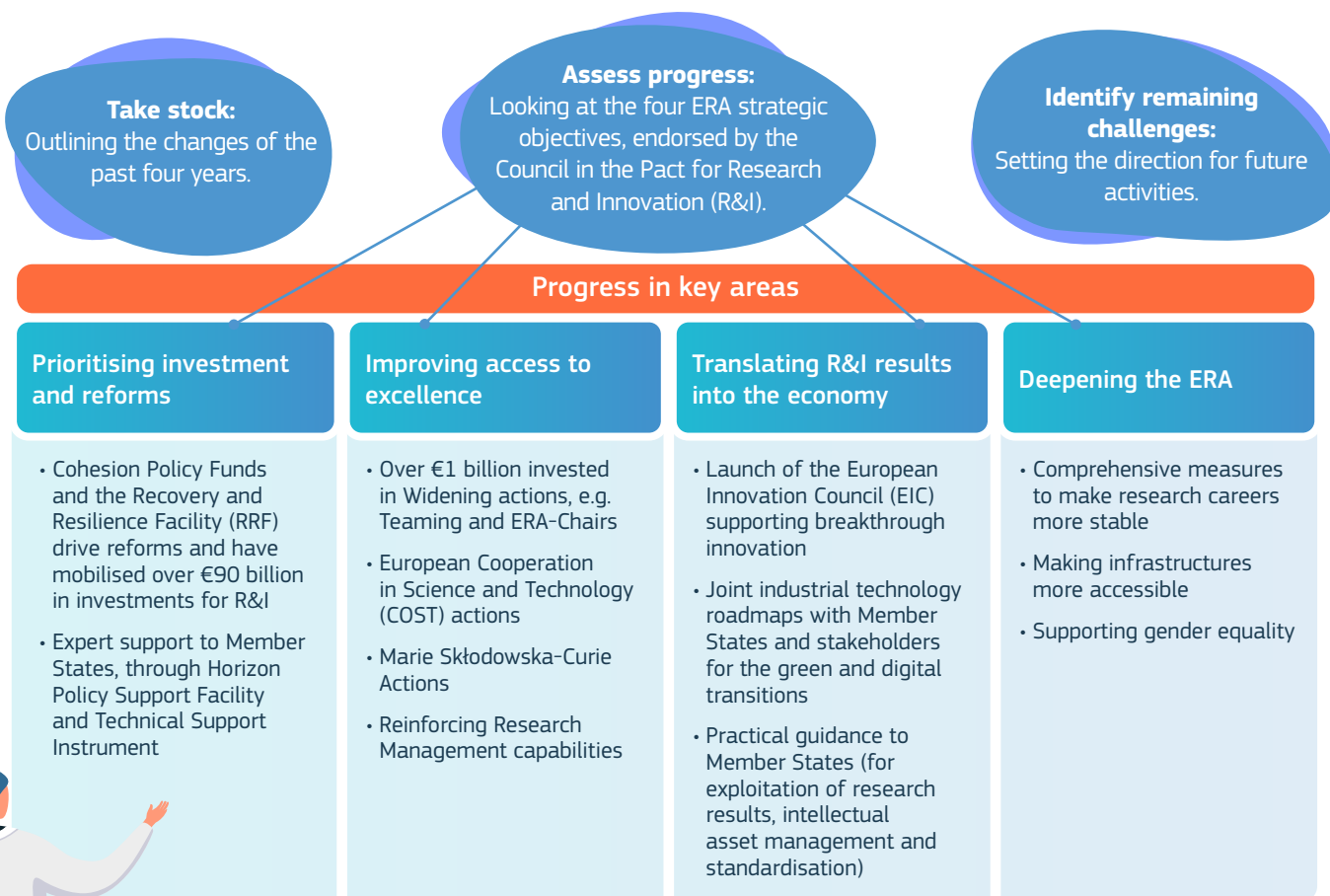
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The **European Research Area (ERA)** is an initiative aimed at creating a **single, borderless market** for research, innovation and technology across the European Union. It fosters the free mobility of researchers, scientific knowledge, and technology, allowing EU Member States to work more effectively together on research programmes and initiatives.

Since ERA's revamp in 2020, significant progress has been made, specifically through the **co-creation of the ERA Policy Agendas**, which set out voluntary actions for Member States, Horizon Europe Associated countries, stakeholders and the European Commission within three-year time frames. Still, gaps remain with public and private investment in research and development well below the target of 3% of gross domestic product (GDP), which was set at the 2002 Barcelona European Council.

The **Communication on the ERA** will make the free movement **of researchers, scientific knowledge, and technology a reality**, by further integrating and strengthening the European Research & Innovation (R&I) ecosystem, making it the engine of Europe's future competitiveness and growth.

What is the Communication about?



Research and
Innovation

Scope for further action

Prioritising investment and reforms	Improving access to excellence	Translating R&I results into the economy	Deepening the ERA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving investment conditions Removing regulatory barriers to business financing, scale-up and deployment of innovations Greater coordination on joint priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued simplification of administrative procedures Better information sharing on available opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attract more private investments to boost innovation Remove regulatory, legal and administrative barriers that make Europe less attractive for investors and innovators Extend the use of innovation procurement and tackle skills shortages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address obstacles to talent mobility Find solutions for long-term funding of infrastructures and make them universally accessible

Outlook to the future



Make the single market for researchers a reality by further integrating and strengthening the European R&I ecosystem



Address the investment gap in research & innovation



Mobilise all Member States and stakeholders around joint priorities with sectoral and competitiveness policies



Remove remaining regulatory barriers and administrative burden



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