A stronger ERA for the future

What is needed

- Leading the twin transitions & recovery
- Exploiting all ERA capacity in full
- Competitiveness via breakthrough R&I
- Effective and creative knowledge single market

ERA objectives

- Prioritising Investments and reforms
- Improving access to excellence
- Translating R&I results into economic value
- Deepening the ERA

ERA tools

- Joint Programmes, Missions & Partnerships
  - 3% R&D 5% in joint actions
- Reforms (PSF, TSI, RRF), cohesion policy, mobility
- EIC, InvestEU, industrial roadmaps, pro-innovation regulation, ERA Hubs, IP
- ERA4You, FAIR data, open platforms, gender plans, careers framework

ERA outcomes

- Joined up national-EU R&I investments & reforms
- Upwards convergence in R&I, EU as talent magnet
- Crowded-in business R&D, robust ecosystems
- Better careers, open science, world-class infrastructures, less gender gaps

Governance

- Pact for R&I
- ERA Forum for Transition
- ERAC

Target

- 50% R&D boost and higher excellence for laggard MS
Principles

• “Form follows function”: start from the functions that must be fulfilled, before considering the role of and interactions between the different possible bodies and tools.

• “Whole of policy cycle”: cover the whole R&I policy cycle, and articulate these functions.
Future ERA governance

Instruments

- **Clear and achievable ERA policy agenda** to facilitate national action plans & monitoring
- **Improved mechanism and tool for reporting** through a dedicated ERA platform.
- **Regular policy dialogues** between EC and MS to support ERA implementation at national level
- **Better structured national ERA action plans**, based on early interactions between MS with EC
- **New ERA Scoreboard**, both quantitative (indicators) and qualitative
Future ERA governance

Biennial policy cycle

- **Political endorsement**: EC and MS agree on /update the ERA policy agenda via Council or ERA Ministerial meeting (*)

- **Policy coordination**: regular policy dialogues allow MS to feed the ERA policy platform and update national plans

- **MS policy governance**: MS implement their plans at national level

- **Strategic advice**: based on ERA platform, ERA progress report and ERA Scoreboard, ERAC(*) informs revision of ERA policy agenda by the ERA Forum (*)

(*) Who does what is still an open question
Future ERA governance

- The Pact (common principles, joint priorities, governance mechanics) applies both to EU and MS level:
  - ERA Policy Agenda and MS action plans
  - ERA actions and MS investments & reforms
- Council recommendation (11.2021)
- Stable framework (10 years?)
Future ERA governance - Tentative lessons at this stage

Current ERA governance framework is diverse:

- different ERA policies evolved in parallel, with different governance tools and processes
  => that’s alright, but need to co-manage flexibility and system-perspective
- ‘policy design’, ‘policy implementation’ and ‘policy monitoring’ not equally successfully governed
  => work on all steps but focus on weakest: improve monitoring and coordination of policy implementation at MS level

There are many actors and instruments in the ERA governance:

- Set the guiding principles and priorities in a stable /endorsed document (Pact for R&I)
- clarify first what needs to be done, with which instruments, and then who does it (form follows function)
- streamline governance process – with clear/regular milestones (ERA policy agenda, MS action plans, EU monitoring)
- Include interactive instruments (bilateral EU/MS policy dialogues and collective dialogues through ERAC/ ERA Forum, use of digital platforms for reporting and assessing policies)

A key aspect of the new ERA is thematic ERA initiatives: Think about how missions could benefit from its future governance mechanisms