

# Presidency of the Czech Republic in the Council of the EU in 2022



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# 1. EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION POLICY FRAMEWORK

- **COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON THE NEW EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA**
  - Adopted by COMPET during DE PRES on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020
  - Kick-off framework document for the **post-2020 ERA policy-making**
- **COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION ON A PACT FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN EUROPE**
  - Endorsed by COMPET during SI PRES on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021
  - Defines **core values, basic principles and key priority areas** for the future advancement of ERA
  - Sets the **3% GDP target** of public and private investments in research and innovation by 2030
  - Introduces the **ERA Policy Agenda** for 36 months as a living document to be regularly updated
  - Envisages the **ERA Actions** to be implemented if joined on voluntary basis by ½ Member States
  - Envisions the ERA monitoring mechanism and the **Commission's progress report** every 18 months
  - Foresees a continuous **policy dialogue** with the Commission on the ERA implementation
- **COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON THE FUTURE GOVERNANCE OF THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA**
  - Approved by COMPET during SI PRES on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021
  - Stipulate the **roles of the Council, the Commission, ERAC, ESFRI and the ERA Forum**
  - Envision the **ERA Ministerial Conferences** to be organised by the EU Council Presidencies
  - Outline the **ERA Policy Agenda for 2022–2024**, including a proposal for **20 ERA Actions**

## 2. TOP PRIORITIES – RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES (I)

- **RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES** as a part of the European critical infrastructure and preparedness instruments to tackle socioeconomic crises, address grand societal challenges and strengthen resilience of the European society by knowledge-based solutions, facilitating long-term sustainable economic growth and well-being
- **RESEARCH AND INNOVATION DELIVERABLES**
  - Deliver an **essential cornerstone** of the post-2020 ERA, equipping scientists and innovators
  - Enable **cutting-edge research**, extending frontiers of human knowledge beyond yet known horizons
  - Facilitate development of **state-of-the-art technologies and breakthrough science-based innovations**
  - Mediate **unique data collections and data sets** to scientists, entrepreneurs and public administrators
  - Promote **freedom of scientific knowledge**, being operated as open access-based installations
- **SOCIOECONOMIC BENEFITS, IMPACTS AND SPILL-OVERS**
  - Boost the **competitiveness of the European economy** internationally and at the global level
  - Drive the **macro-regional development** (i.e., investments, high-skilled jobs, infrastructure, etc.)
  - Contribute to achieve the EU's and global **wider policy objectives** standing outside the R&D area
  - Empower Governments for an efficient knowledge-based **crisis management and mitigation measures**
  - Strengthen the EU's **preparedness and resilience** of the European society to socioeconomic crises
  - Catalyse the **scientific diplomacy and international cooperation** based on problem-solving approach

## 2. TOP PRIORITIES – RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES (II)

### ● POLICY-MAKING FRAMEWORK

- **ESFRI White Paper 2020:** Making Science Happen – A New Ambition for Research Infrastructures in the European Research Area
- **ESFRI Roadmap 2021:** Strategy Report on Research Infrastructures by the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures

### ● HIGH-LEVEL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Reflection of ESFRI strategic orientations in a particular series of the **Council Conclusions**, to be endorsed by EU Research Ministers to outline the top-priority actions to strengthen the EU's research infrastructure ecosystem
- Call for action by the **Brno Declaration** to develop a fully integrated and interoperable global ecosystem of research infrastructures to become a key component of the critical infrastructure to address grand societal challenges

### ● KEY PRESIDENCY EVENTS

- **European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures**  
18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Brno
- **International Conference on Research Infrastructures**  
19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 in Brno



### 3. TOP PRIORITIES – SYNERGIES (I)

- **SYNERGIES** between the EU Cohesion Policy Funds and the EU Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation, and the European- and national-based research and innovation funding in general, as an instrument to maximize the potential of cooperation in research and innovation in Europe
- **ENABLER AND FACILITATOR**
  - Enable to maximise the **coherence** in research and innovation funding in Europe
  - Facilitate **alignment** of funding approaches at the EU and the Member State levels
  - Simplify the **co-funding** of the EU Framework Programme projects where necessary
  - Encourage to implement the “**Seal of Excellence**” financing by the Member States
  - Result in the **harmonisation** of policy-making and funding approaches in Europe
- **COHESION POLICY CONTRIBUTOR**
  - Help achieve the goals of the **EU Cohesion Policy** in line with the R&D agenda priorities
  - Promote **participation of the “Cohesion Countries”** in the EU Framework Programmes
  - Increase **efficacy**, prevent from **duplication** of efforts and **fragmentation** of resources
  - Contribute to **bridge the gap and close the research and innovation divide** in ERA
  - Increase the **potential** of cooperation in research and innovation in Europe





### 3. TOP PRIORITIES – SYNERGIES (II)

- **POLICY-MAKING FRAMEWORK**

- **Horizon Europe** EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation
- European research and innovation institutionalised, co-programmed and co-funded **partnerships**, and the EU Framework Programme **missions**

- **HIGH-LEVEL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

- Organisation of a **flagship conference** on synergies to exchange good practice examples and lessons learned, and identify bottlenecks preventing from capitalising on the full potential of synergies
- Call for action by the **Prague Declaration** and the **Council Conclusions** to reiterate and reinforce the commitment by the Commission and Member States to continue removing barriers on synergies at all levels

- **KEY PRESIDENCY EVENTS**

- **Conference on the Synergies in Research and Innovation Funding**  
7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in Prague
- **Informal Meeting of the EU Competitiveness Council – Research**  
21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 in Prague



## 4. KEY PRESIDENCY EVENTS (I)

### **CONFERENCE ON THE SYNERGIES IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUNDING**

7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in Prague

### **INFORMAL MEETING OF THE EU COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL – RESEARCH**

21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 in Prague

### **ATTACHÉ TRIP – RESEARCH WORKING GROUP OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU**

10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in Prague and South Bohemia

### **RESEARCH WORKING GROUP OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU**

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in Prague

### **EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE**

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in Prague

### **FORMAL MEETING OF THE EU COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL – RESEARCH**

30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in Brussels

### **INFORMAL WORKSHOP ON THE FORESIGHT IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**

*1st half of October 2022, exact date to be decided*



## 4. KEY PRESIDENCY EVENTS (II)

### EUROPEAN STRATEGY FORUM ON RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES

18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Brno

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES

19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 in Brno

### KNOWLEDGE, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Prague

### EUROPEAN OPEN SCIENCE CLOUD SYMPOSIUM AND STEERING BOARD

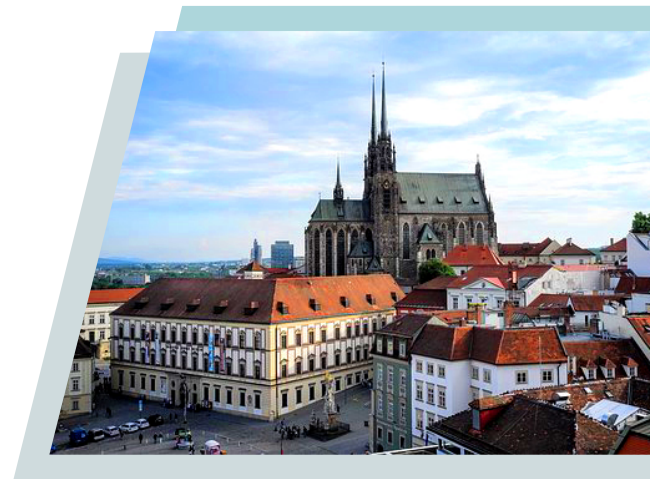
14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Prague

### CONFERENCE ON THE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Prague

### FORMAL MEETING OF THE EU COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL – RESEARCH

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 in Brussels







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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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