

# Research Infrastructures Policy Context



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# Towards the new European Research Area

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Council Recommendation on a “Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe”

Council conclusions on the new ERA governance & the first ERA policy Agenda (2022-2024)



New ERA shaped by

**Pact for  
R&I**

Setting out the fundamental R&I values and principles for the new ERA, the priority areas for ERA actions and the policy coordination mechanisms.

**ERA Governance**

Responding to new ERA strategic objectives. Ensuring prioritized policy initiatives and translation into action through better coordination and engagement at all levels.

**ERA Policy Agenda**

Designed to contribute to the priority areas from the Pact for R&I, setting out the voluntary **ERA actions** which are defined and coordinated at Union level in order to attain agreed outcomes.

- **Council:** political steering
- **ERAC:** high-level strategic body, providing advice on policy orientation and new needs
- **ERA Forum (& sub-groups):** policy coordination and reinforced implementation of ERA (co-design of initiatives, involvement of stakeholders and criteria for actions)

The ERA actions are identified to ensure **impact, credibility** and **effectiveness** of the new ERA, and their actual implementation aim at fulfilling **Relevance, Viability** and **Commitment**

# ERA Policy Agenda: Research Infrastructures

*Deepening a truly functioning internal market for knowledge*

**Action 8** - Strengthen sustainability, accessibility and resilience of research infrastructures in the ERA

## Set of foreseen activities

- **Strategic analysis** of the European Research Infrastructure **landscape**;
- Broader and more sustainable **access** for all countries to European research infrastructures and their services and revision of the European Charter of Access to Research Infrastructures;
- Update of the ESFRI **Roadmap** and implementation of the research infrastructures performance **monitoring** framework;
- Report on the **ERIC Framework**;
- Increased **cooperation** between research infrastructures, e-infrastructures and stakeholders, including through EOSC;

# ERICs in the view of SEI assessment

- long term sustainability of the ERIC system: complementarity, clustering, strategic landscape
- EGERIC report: recommendations on improving links with Society, Economy and Competitiveness
- Expert consultation ongoing on key aspects, such as:
  - Long-term stability & financial models of research infrastructures
  - Development of dedicated and strategic services focusing on the ERICs
  - Access to research infrastructures, focusing on the ERICs, covering different aspects (technical, legal, regulatory etc.)