Towards the new European Research Area

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.

26 November 2021
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)

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.

- **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)
Deepening a truly functioning internal market for knowledge

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;

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