

ERICs as Key Stakeholders in the New ERA

Report on ERIC Forum Achievements 2020

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► Implementation of new governance structure



Rules of Procedure
for the implementation of the
“MoU for the establishment of
the ERIC Forum”

European Research Infrastructure Consortium Forum



- **New Rules of Procedure**
- **New Forum bodies**
ERIC Forum Executive Board
ERIC Forum Secretariat
- **Annual Meeting**
in Brussels in February 2020



► Positioning of the Forum towards Horizon Europe

Raising awareness about the ERIC Forum through international conferences



ERIC Forum position paper on Horizon Europe mission areas

Legal status	Name of research infrastructure	Mission area 1: Cancer	Mission area 2: Adaptation to climate change including societal transformation	Mission area 3: Healthy oceans, seas, coastal and inland waters	Mission area 4: Climate-neutral and smart cities	Mission area 5: Soil health and food
ERIC	BBMRI	•				
	CERIC	•			•	•
	CESSDA		•		•	
	CLARIN	•	•		•	
	DARIAH	•	•	•	•	•
	EATRIS	•				
	ECCSEL			•	•	
	ECRIN	•	•	•	•	•
	EMBRC	•	•	•		
	EPOS		•	•	•	•
	ESS (Social)	•	•	•	•	•
	ESS (Spallation)	•	•	•	•	•
	EMSO		•	•		
	EU-OPENSREEN	•				
	Euro-Argo		•	•		
	Euro-BioImaging	•	•	•		•
	ICOS		•	•	•	•
	Instruct	•				•
	JIV		•			
	LifeWatch		•	•	•	•
	SHARE	•	•		•	
prep-ERIC	ACTRIS		•	•	•	•
	EST		•		•	
	EMPHASIS					•
	INFRAFRONTIER	•				
Legend	Science domains of ESFRI Roadmap	Energy	Environment	Health & food	Physical sciences & engineering	Social & cultural innovation
	ERIC contributing to mission area	•				
	prep-ERIC contributing to mission area	•				

► Response to COVID-19 outbreak

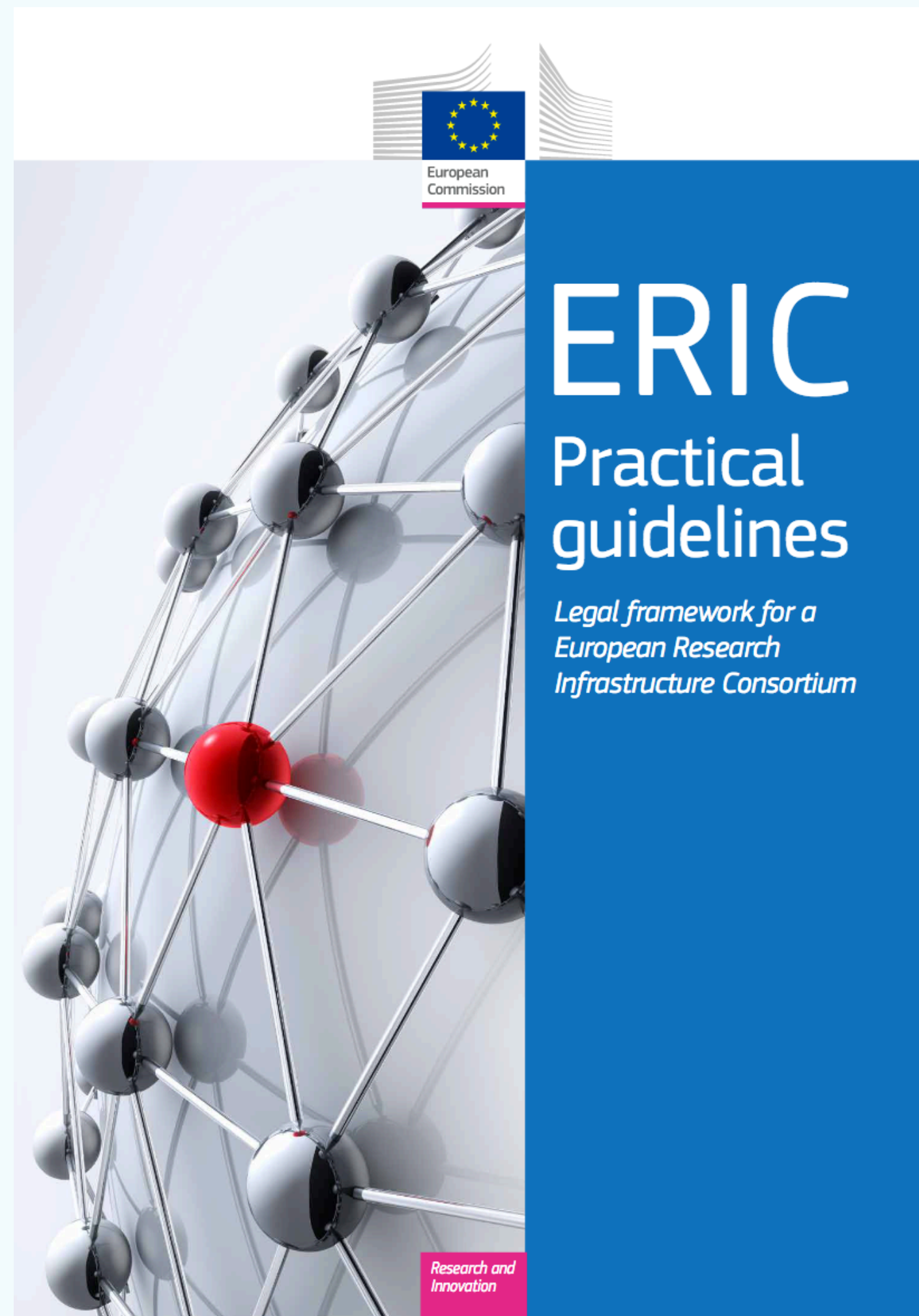
Early response to the information needs at EC, ESFRI, national bodies, journalists and the wider public, regarding the initiatives and services developed by the ERICs aimed at supporting the collection of data and the sharing of methods for studying COVID-19 in all its aspects, types of impact and consequences for the future.

European Research Infrastructure Consortia and **COVID-19** Research

European Research Infrastructures, many of them organised as ERICs, are essential resource to the researchers studying the many aspects of the pandemics. Addressing issues such as development of the vaccine and medicines, insights into the social challenges, and the impact on environment, the ERICs support researchers to find solutions to the current crisis. Many of the ERICs have responded to the challenge at hand by setting up a dedicated service, which we are highlighted here.

Within the ERIC landscape, the following ERICs have set up or are currently planning various initiatives in response to the coronavirus outbreak:

► Collaboration towards the update the ERIC Guidelines



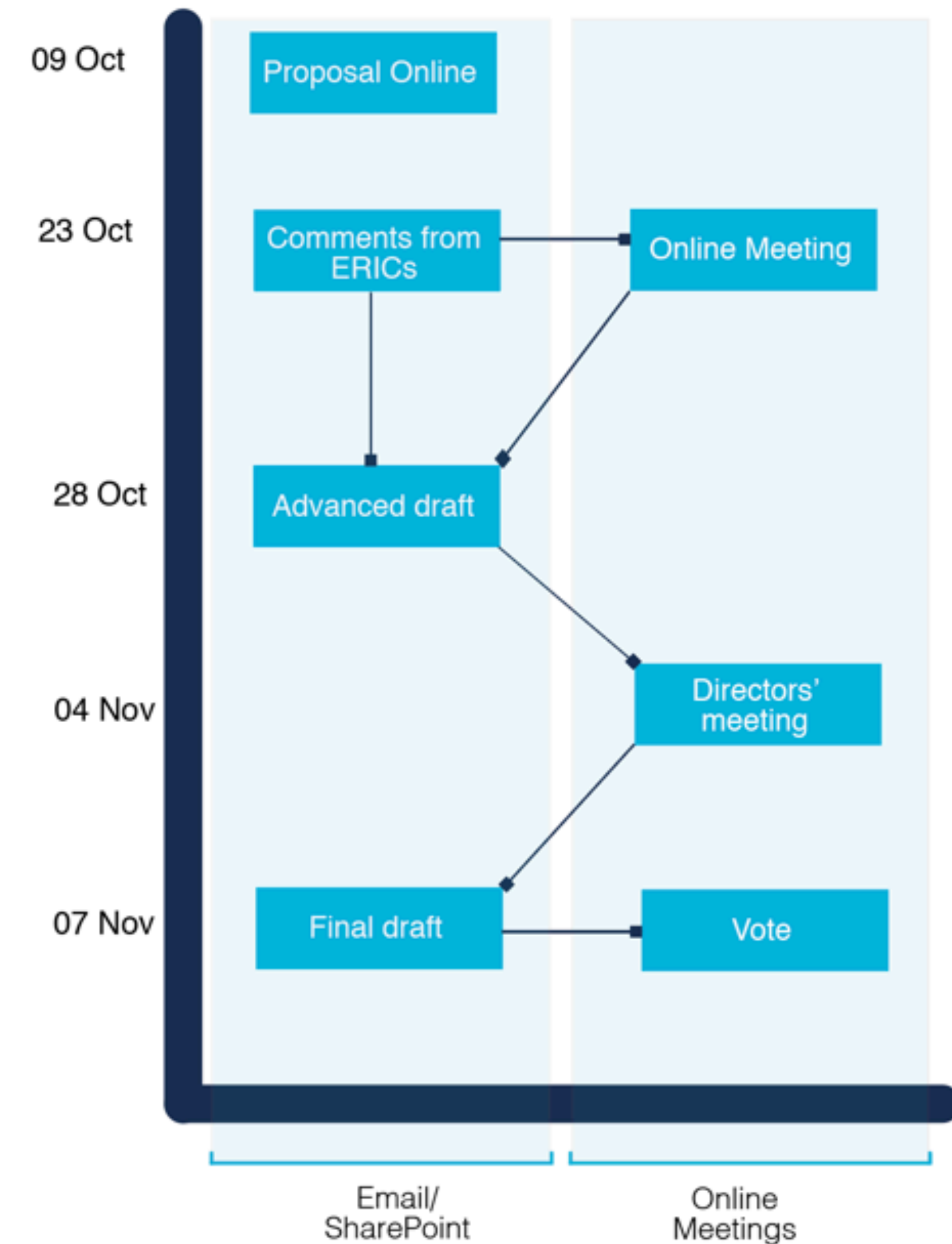
- In March 2020, the European Commission launched online consultation with the ERIC Committee delegates to collect feedback regarding the **revision of the ERIC Practical Guidelines**
- ERIC Forum consultation: The ERIC Forum collected **best practices and provided additional information** regarding selected items identified by the ERIC Committee delegates and prepared a thorough analysis for the European Commission

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- **Collectively develop responses** to these challenges
- Contribute to the further **development of the ERIC regulation, ESFRI framework** and European and international research context
- Foster the **visibility, impact and sustainability of ERICs**
- Ensure **proper attention for the diversity** among the ERICs

Amendement process

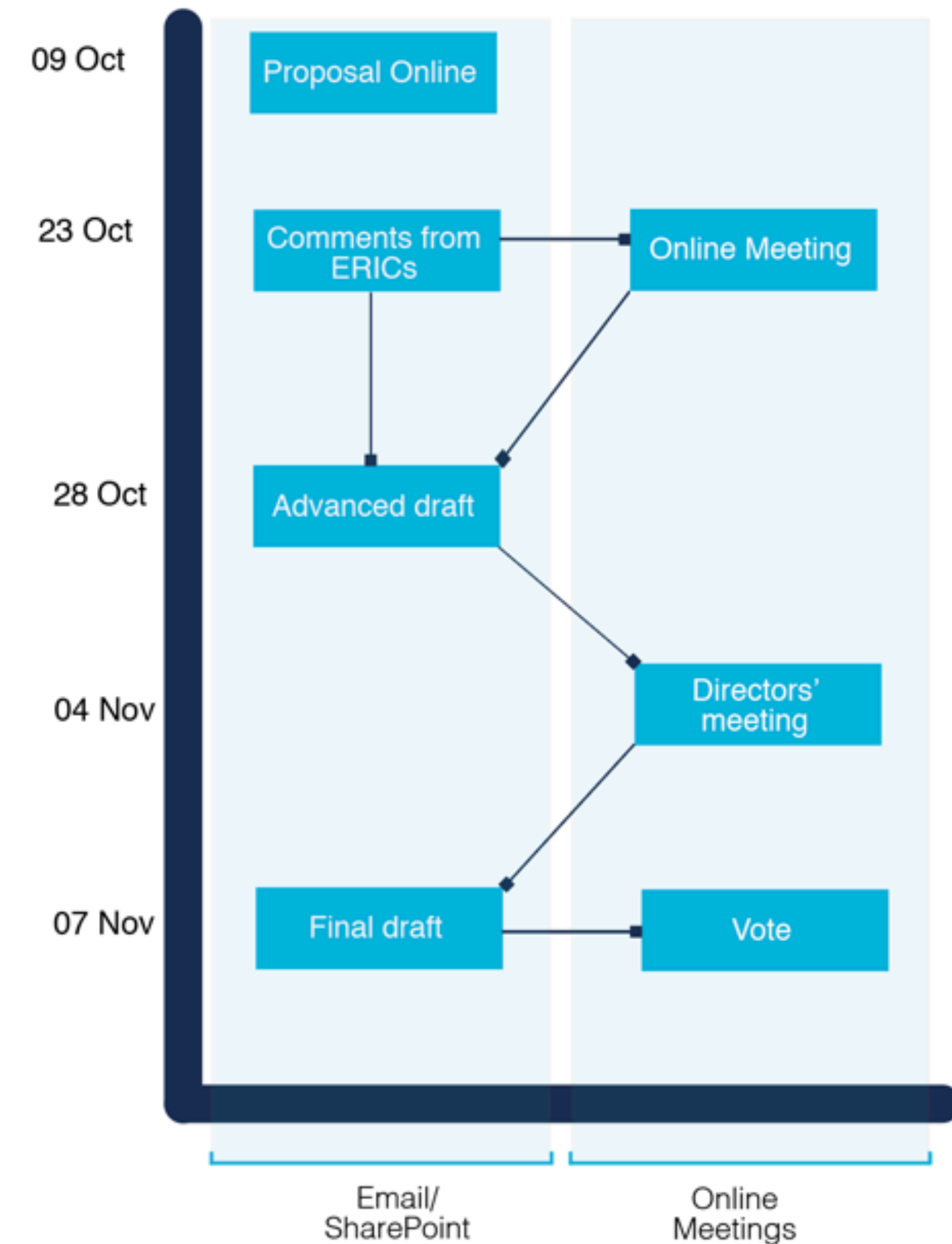


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► Preparing for the the dynamics to come

Foster the **visibility, impact and sustainability of ERICs**

- Consolidation of funding from countries is a common concern for all.
- Limited funds for direct support of RIs from HE compared to H2020 calls for new models and incentives for collaboration with disciplinary front runners.

Ensure **proper attention for the diversity** among the ERICs

- Policy and funding bodies have an understandable preference for harmonization, so differences across RIs in objectives, organisation, research culture, readiness for generating socio-economic impact, need to be underlined time and again.
- Thematic / disciplinary focus and strength of RIs as enablers of excellence might be obscured by growing attention for national infrastructures and generic services
- Cross-domain collaboration, rooted in disciplinary practices, will help advance the potential for impact. (Cross-domain ERIC Forum workshop on 10-11 February: Research Quality and Reproducibility)

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