



ENRF Briefing Note on European Research Area - New strategy

The [European Research Area](#) has been established with the aim to boost **research, innovation** and to **lead technological leaders** in Europe. To address the current challenges and needs, Research and Innovation (R&I) is the most important area in which it needs to invest to find relevant and concrete solutions.

WHAT IS THE NEW ERA?



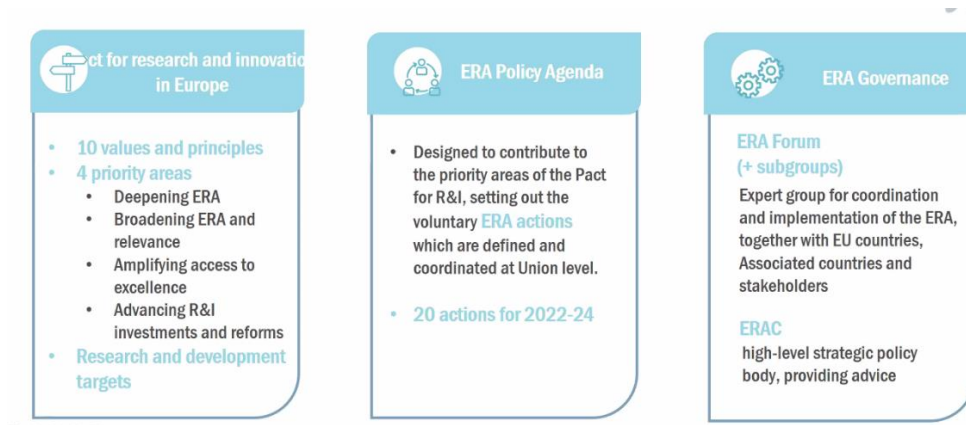
As stated by Anna Panagopoulou, Director of European Research Area & Innovation at the European Commission Research and Innovation Directorate General: *“ERA is a market in which countries come together and improve their research policies and systems. It is the place in which there is a free movement of researchers, knowledge and innovation.”*

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW ERA?

4 main objectives of the new ERA:

- ✚ **Prioritise investments and reforms** in R&I;
- ✚ **Boost** the market uptake;
- ✚ **Improve** access to excellence;
- ✚ **Strengthen the mobility** of researchers and free **flow of knowledge** and **technology**.

POLICY FRAMEWORK



ERA POLICY AGENDA

The [ERA Policy Agenda](#) sets out ERA actions for the period 2022-2024 to contribute to the priority areas defined in the [Council Recommendation](#) on a Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe (Pact for R&I).

PRIORITY AREA

For deepening a truly functioning internal market for knowledge, **20 actions** have been defined for the new ERA Strategy:

1. Open sharing of Knowledge;
2. Data legislation fit for research;
3. Reform on the research assessment system;
4. Strengthen research careers;

5. Gender equality and inclusiveness;
6. Protect academic freedom;
7. Better knowledge valorisation;
8. Strengthen research infrastructures;
9. Promote international cooperation;
10. R&I Missions and Partnerships for ERA;
11. Green energy transformation;
12. Green and digital transformation of industrial ecosystems;
13. Empower higher education institutions;
14. Bring science closer to citizens;
15. Regional and National R&I ecosystems;
16. EU-wide access to excellence;
17. Strategic capacity of Europe's public research performing organisations;
18. Coordination national support of ERA;
19. ERA monitoring mechanism;
20. Prioritisation and coordination of R&I investments and reforms.

SOME ACTIONS IN DETAILS

Action 3: Reform on the research assessment system. This action will consist in:

- ✚ Research assessment that rewards intrinsic quality and impact
- ✚ Creation of stakeholder-owned coalition and implementation plan bringing together all research organisations willing to take the lead in reforming the current research assessment system
- ✚ Complemented by an analysis of national and transnational legal and administrative barriers

[Report](#) and [Call for expressions of interest](#) (still open)

Action 13: Empower higher education institutions. This actions aims to improve collaboration between universities and researchers. The European Strategy for universities provides **4 main objectives**:

- ✚ Strengthen the European dimension in higher education and research
- ✚ Consolidate universities as lighthouses of our European way of life
- ✚ Empower universities as key actors of change in the twin green and digital transitions
- ✚ Reinforce universities as drivers of Europe's global role and leadership

Action 15: Regional and National R&I ecosystems. ERA Hubs

ERA Policy Agenda

Amplifying access to research and innovation excellence across the union

→ **Action 15** – Build-up research and innovation ecosystems to improve excellence and competitiveness

→ Define and pilot ERA Hubs to enable the emergence of competitive R&I ecosystems across the EU, to fill territorial gaps and to ensure easier flow of talents and investments

ERA Hubs objectives

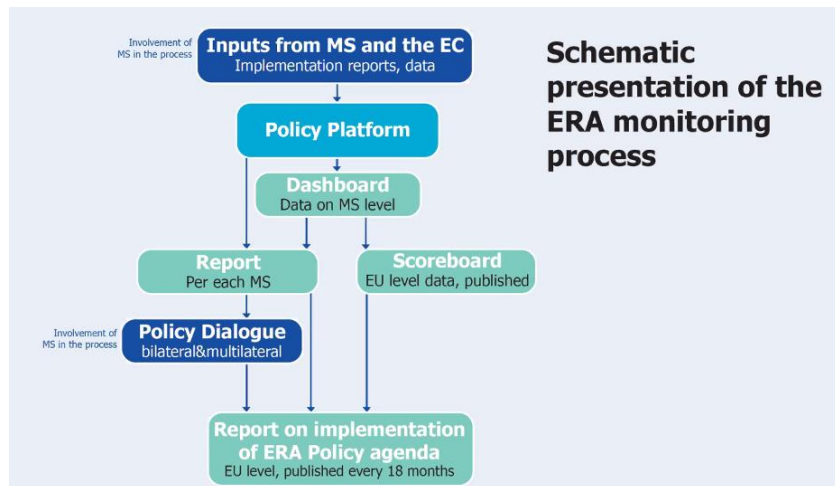
- Strengthen territorial cohesion, place-based growth and regional development
- Create a networking framework to collaborate and exchange of best practice
- Interconnect ecosystems to make them interoperable and compliant with common criteria
- Stimulate excellence and incentivize less developed ecosystems
- Better attract and retain talent in countries/regions.

Next steps

- Co-design with CoR, Member States and stakeholders followed by a two-year piloting of ERA Hubs (starting Q4 2022) and scaling up of the initiative after the pilot assessment.



Action 19: ERA Monitoring Mechanism



In a world that is constantly changing and evolving, the challenges to be faced and the emerging needs are ever greater. In this context, research and innovation play a key role. ERA represents a great opportunity for nursing researchers. Don't miss the chance to make a difference!

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