

Boosting Europe's competitiveness through a re-launched European Research Area (ERA): implementation status and upcoming initiatives

With Anna Panagopoulou - EC, DG RTD, Director of ERA & Innovation Directorate

Thursday 31st of March
14:30-15:30

While the European Research Area (ERA) was already launched in 2000, it has relatively recently been undergoing some changes. This process of revitalization was initiated in 2018. In the beginning, the trend was motivated by the Green and Digital twin transitions. Naturally, the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic have since then become an additional reason for why renewal is needed.

Some important considerations that will drive the new ERA in general are: Prioritizing investments and reforms in research and innovation, Boosting market uptake, Strengthening mobility of researchers and free flow of knowledge and technology, and Improving access to excellence.

Since November 2021, the 'Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe' and the 'Council conclusions on the ERA governance' have been adopted. Further, there are still new changes ahead. With the Council conclusions on the ERA governance, a list of 20 specific actions has been elaborated for the time frame 2022-2024.

The 'European strategy for universities' and the report on research assessment from the 30th of November 2021 are among the relevant instances of new initiatives and achievements under ERA. Moreover, a process of strengthening the innovation capabilities of the European system has started, aiming to develop a network of ERA Hubs based on regional innovation infrastructures.

What is the status of implementation of the ERA-related initiatives, and which ones are going to be defined? These and other issues are going to be discussed in this One Hour With Europe, where we will have the privilege of hosting Anna Panagopoulou - EC, DG RTD, Director of ERA & Innovation Directorate.

14:30 Opening and rules for the meeting

Massimo Busuoli, Head of NTNU Brussels Office

14:35 Keynote

Anna Panagopoulou - EC, DG RTD, Director of ERA & Innovation Directorate

15:10 Q&A session with participants

15:30 End of the meeting

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