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# EU-LIFE

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*Building and promoting excellence in the life sciences in Europe*

ERA POLICY FOR RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS

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5 January 2021



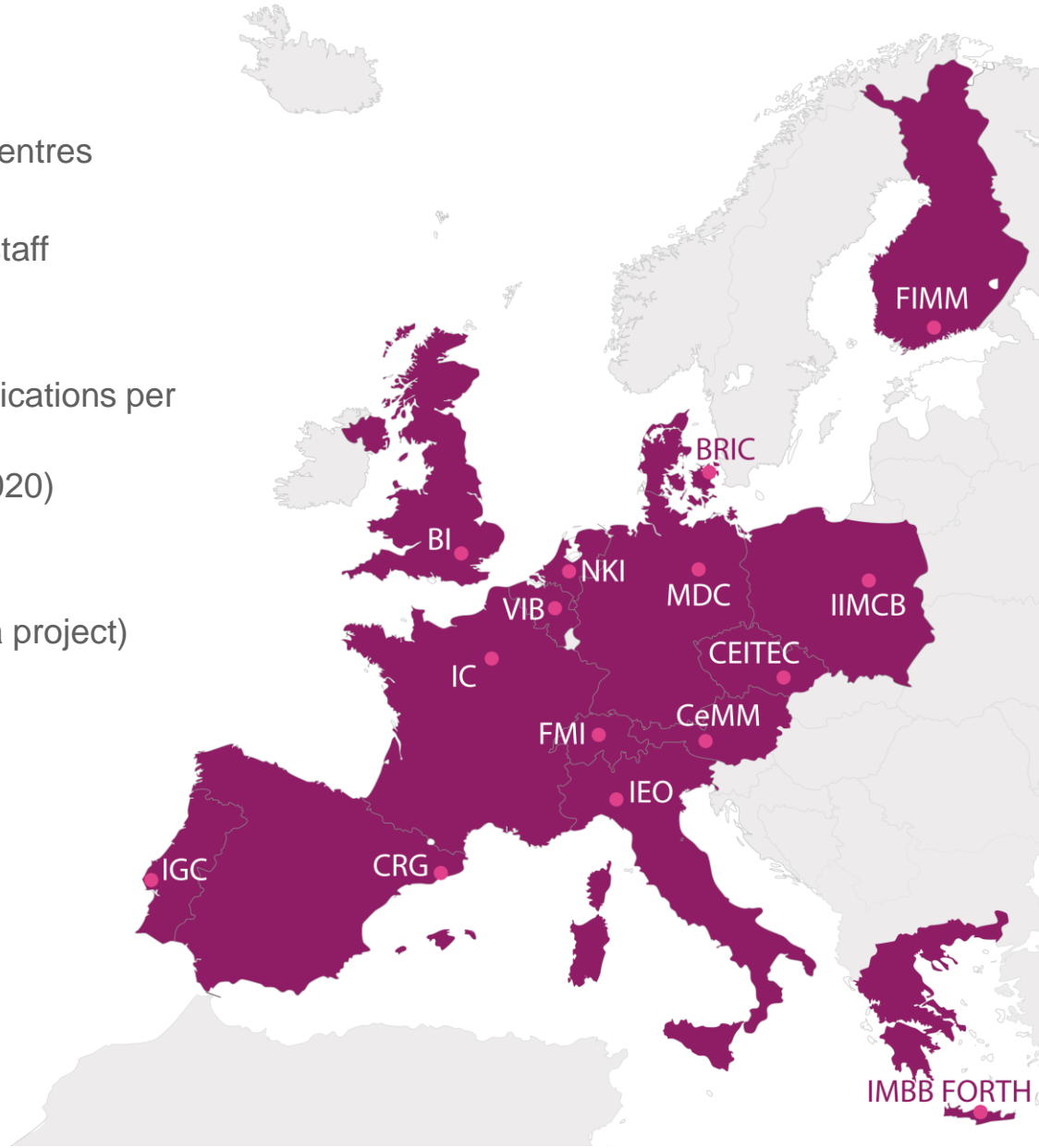
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# EU-LIFE ALLIANCE

## OUR MEMBERS

- **15** leading research centres
- **534** research groups
- **> 8,100** members of staff
- **151** research facilities
- **50** spin-offs
- **> 4,500** scientific publications per year
- **163** ERC Grants (H2020)

(We are an alliance, not a project)





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## **IMPROVEMENT OF RESEARCH**

**SCIENCE POLICY**

**DEVELOP / SHARING INSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE & EXPERTISE**

# A VIBRANT AND OPEN COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE



Critical mass  
Expertise  
Access  
Share  
Learn



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Mónica  
Bettencourt-Dias**



Chair and Co-Chair  
15 Partners' Directors



**Giulio  
Superti-Furga**



## EU-LIFE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & OFFICE



**Marta  
Agostinho**

Executive Director, Project &  
Policy Officer and Comms Officer

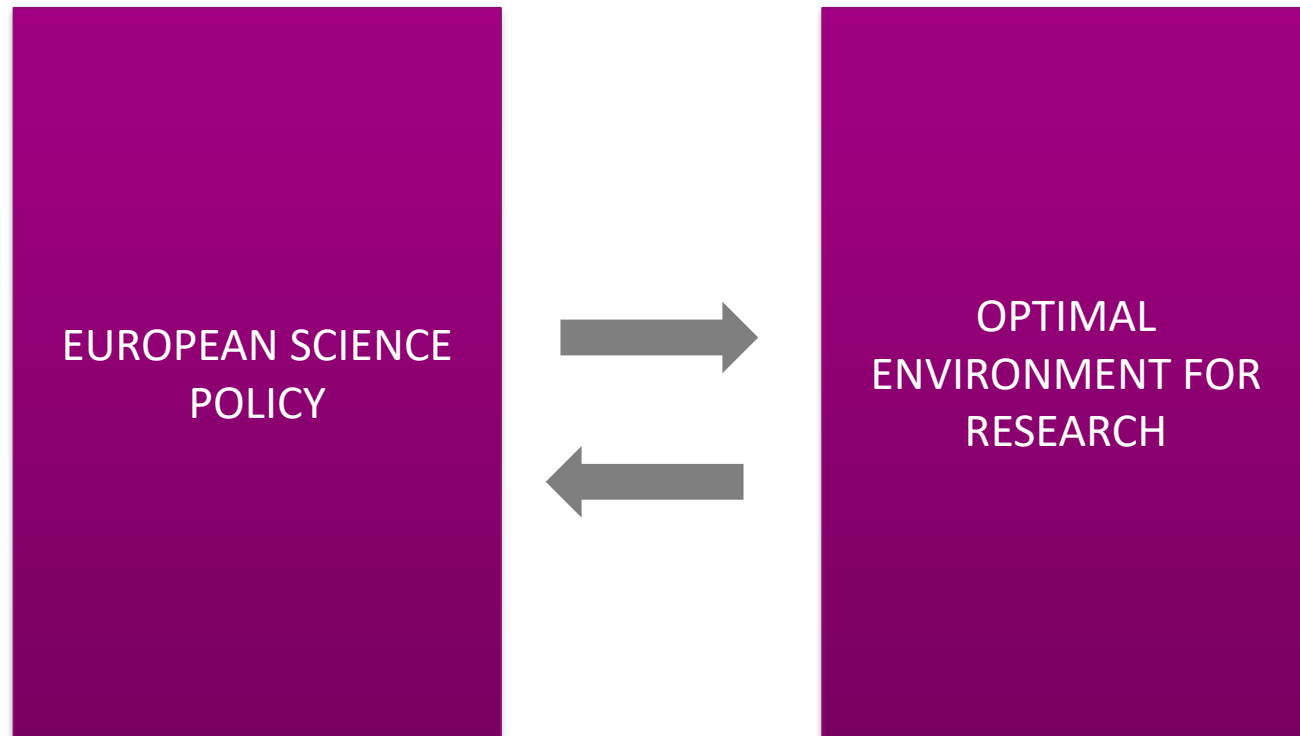
## STRATEGY GROUP

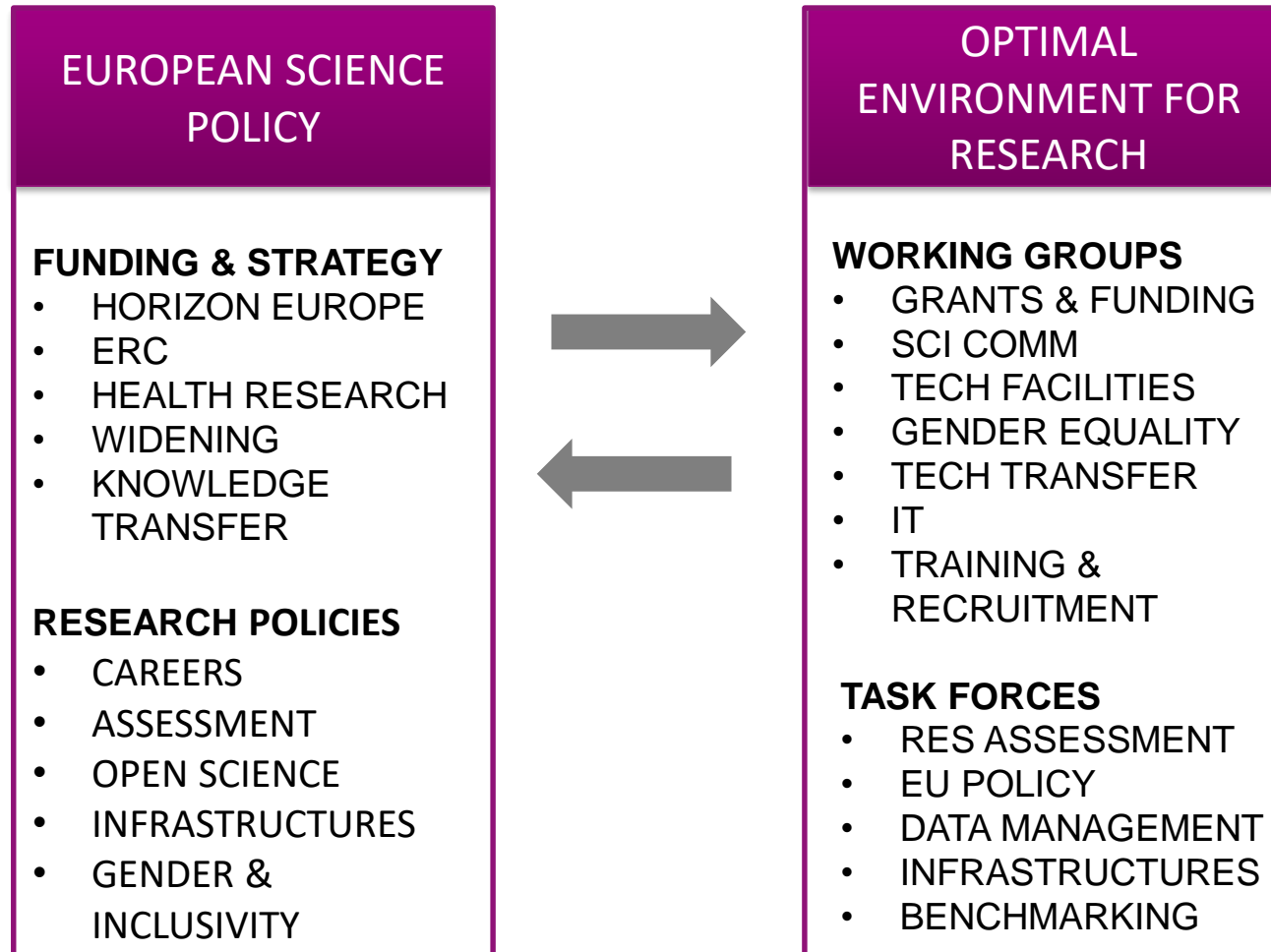
### WORKING GROUPS

Research Infrastructure | Technology Transfer | Training &  
Recruitment | Gender Equality | IT | Science Communication |  
Grants & Funding

### TASK FORCES

Research Data Management | European Policy | Benchmarking  
& indicators | Research Infrastructure | Research assessment







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# KEY POLICY OUTPUTS 2015- 2020

## REPRESENTATIVENESS

- ✓ **ERA** stakeholders platform
- ✓ **Open Science** Policy Platform
- ✓ Individual researchers @ the **ERC** Scientific Council (4) & European **Innovation Council** Pilot Advisory Board (1) & **Missions** (2), etc.
- ✓ Invited as key stakeholder to several meetings at the **EC, ERAC, EP, ...**

## > 18 EU-LIFE POSITION PAPERS

- ✓ H2020
- ✓ **Horizon Europe**
- ✓ **ERC**
- ✓ **European Innovation Council**
- ✓ European Health Council
- ✓ The future of health research
- ✓ **The European Research Area**
- ✓ **Research Infrastructure**
- ✓ Plan S
- ✓ BREXIT
- ✓ Strategic Investment Fund
- ✓ The European MFF

## 8 EC PAPERS / REPORTS

Research **infrastructures** Long Term sustainability  
**Gender** Targets – EU Council; SHE FIGURES  
EC Code of Conduct of **Research Integrity**  
Open Science – **Rewards, Skills, Altmetrics** /  
Next generation metrics, **Citizen science**

## 14 EC OFFICIAL CONSULTATIONS

H2020 mid-term consultation  
Foresight | Delphi study for FP9 (x2)  
FET FLAGSHIP consultation  
SWAFS H2020 (x2)  
Research Infrastructure  
Health – Societal Challenge 1  
EC MFF post 2020  
Missions FP9  
Plan S  
Horizon Europe

## MEETINGS

Participation in + 110 policy meetings @ European level





**JE Paquet,  
Director General**

**Mariya Gabriel,  
EC Commissioner**



**Division and unit Directors  
Health; Open Innovation & Science Open Data**

**Commissioner  
Moedas & Cabinet**

# CURRENT INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS

## EU INNOVATION COUNCIL



Jo Bury   
science meets life

## ERC



Geneviève Almouzni

## CANCER MISSION BOARD



Regina  
Beets-Tan



Nektarios Tavernarakis

## ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE MISSION ASSEMBLY



Elio  
Sucena



Dirk Inzé

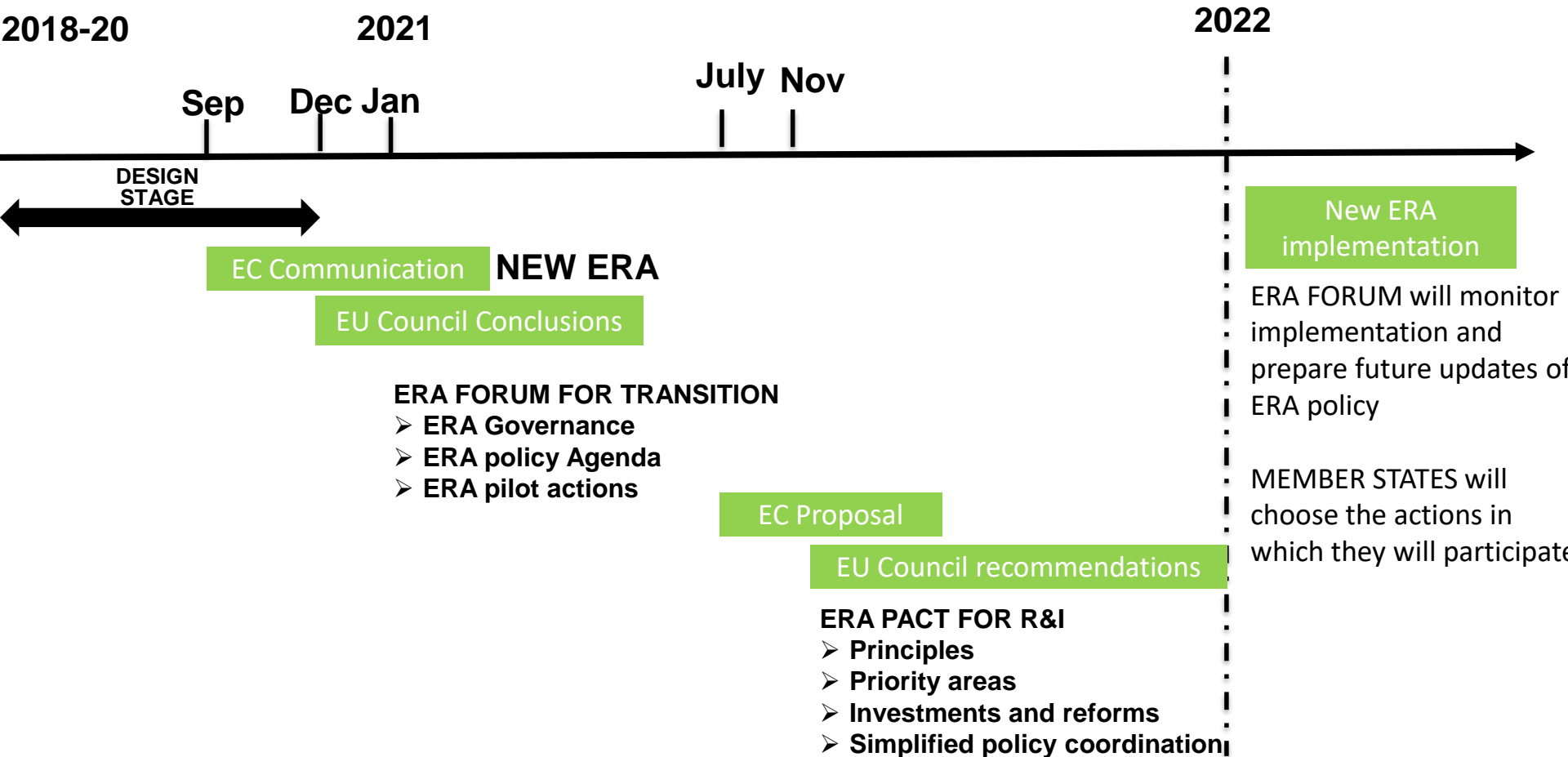


# THE NEW EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

**ERA:** the ambition to create a single, borderless market for research, innovation and technology across the EU. It helps countries be more effective together, by strongly aligning their research policies and programmes.



# THE NEW EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA



## ERA PACT

R&I angle for National recovery plans  
Using Structural, Cohesion and Recovery funds for R&I  
National R&I strategies, industrial strategies

### ERA Pact for Research and Innovation

Impact on funding and priorities of R&I at national and EU level

## ERA PRINCIPLES

Ethics & Integrity  
Freedom of scientific research  
Gender equality and equal opportunities  
Free circulation  
Pursuit of excellence  
Value creation  
Coordination and commitment  
Global outreach  
Inclusiveness  
Societal responsibility

## ERA PRIORITIES

**Deepening ERA** (OS, infrastructures, Gender & equality, careers, research assessment, knowledge valorization, leadership, global engagement)

**Amplifying access to excellence** (regions & countries, synergies all levels, integration among organisations)

**Broadening ERA** (Challenge based, industry, citizens, education)

**Advancing R&I investments and reforms** (priorities, long-term investment, coordination among R&I investment)

## FIRST ERA AGENDA 2022-2024

**Set of 20 concrete actions**

**National level IS KEY**

## RESEARCH CAREERS

**Harmonizing** - brain drain inside EU and outside

**Diversifying** - more than PI positions in academia

**Skills and education** - for researchers to be competitive?

**Mobility across sectors:** academia, industry, management

**Review of Charter & Code for researchers**

**Review of HRS4R logo**

**EURAXESS becomes ERA4YOU**

Impact on recruitment, training and career progression of researchers

### 2021

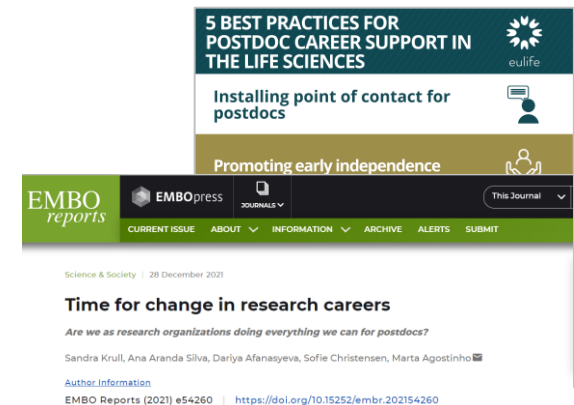
4 workshops w7 stakeholders

ERAC workshop on research careers

2X Open Science Assembly

EC Career Development workshop

EU Council Conclusions on Research Careers May 2021



5 BEST PRACTICES FOR POSTDOC CAREER SUPPORT IN THE LIFE SCIENCES

Installing point of contact for postdocs

Promoting early independence

EMBO reports

EMBOpress

CURRENT ISSUE ABOUT INFORMATION ARCHIVE ALERTS SUBMIT

Science & Society | 28 December 2021

**Time for change in research careers**

Are we as research organizations doing everything we can for postdocs?

Sandra Krull, Ana Aranda Silva, Dariya Afanasьеva, Sofie Christensen, Marta Agostinho

Author information

EMBO Reports (2021) e54260 | <https://doi.org/10.15252/embr.202154260>

## REVIEW OF THE EUROPEAN CHARTER & CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF RESEARCHERS

Main conclusions of the Goal 2 Triangle Task Force

July 2021 v.1.0



**Taking stock, evaluating the achievements and identifying the way forward for the ERA Priority 3 policy measures**

Final Report



**EU-LIFE Policy Webinar**  
Opportunities for and of postdoctoral researchers in Europe



**Anna Panagopoulou**  
Director ERA & Innovation, DG Research & Innovation at the European Commission



**Cecilia Cabello**  
ERAC Standing Working Group on Human Resources and Mobility



**Mostafa Moonir**  
Shawray  
Chair of the Executive Board of MSCA Alumni Association



**Rene Medema**  
Scientific director at NWO Netherlands & Chair of EU-LIFE alliance

Meet our speakers!

**18 June 2021  
15h CET**

## RESEARCH ASSESSMENT

What is quality and impact? OPEN SCIENCE  
How do we evaluate researchers and projects?  
How do we promote change on the RESEARCH CULTURE

### 2021

3 workshops, 2 bilateral meetings  
**2X Open Science Assembly**  
**1 Scoping report**



**Towards a reform of the  
research assessment system**

Scoping Report

**New framework for research assessment**  
Impact on recruitment, evaluation of researchers  
and institutions

### 2022

**Coalition of the Willing for the reform of the research  
assessment system in Europe**

Jan-Feb: Drafting the agreement (EC, drafters (EUA, SE, KS)  
and core group of 15 organisations)  
Jan: **expression of interest** and 1<sup>st</sup> group of members  
Feb: first draft of the agreement  
March: First assemblies of members



**EU-LIFE Webinar**  
**Moving forward in research assessment**  
Perspectives from research institutes,  
researchers and funders

Perspectives from funding agencies and policymakers



**Kostas Glinos**  
Head of Unit for Open Science  
DG Research & Innovation  
European Commission



**Paola Bovolenta**  
ERIC Scientific Council Member  
and Research Professor at the  
Center for Molecular Biology  
Severo Ochoa, CSIC-UAM



**Ignasi López Verdeguer**  
Director of the Department  
of Research and Innovation  
at "la Caixa" Foundation

Registration is  
now open!

**28 October 2021**  
**12.30-14.00 CET**

## OPEN ACCESS AND IPR RETENTION

PlanS – Open access strategy  
EOSC –Data strategy launched 2020  
ORE- Open Research Europe to publish launched in 2021

**PROJECTS IN HORIZON EUROPE (not ERC):**  
**OS practices** – 1 page EXCELLENCE criteria  
**Data Management** – Compulsory  
**Open Access** – open through repository

## ENGAGING CITIZENS AND STAKEHOLDERS

Citizen science  
Ethics and Responsible Research and Innovation



## REPRODUCIBILITY OF RESEARCH RESULTS

What can funders do?

**Study to inform the EC**  
Impact research activity and publications



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## **ONGOING and UPCOMING:**

**DEFINING ERA POLICY, ITS GOVERNANCE & START IMPLEMENTATION**

**MOVING FORWARD ON HOW WE DO R&I**

**NATIONAL LEVEL – INVESTMENTS, COMMITMENTS, IMPLEMENTATION**

**SYNERGIES**

**GLOBAL REACH**



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# Thank you and stay tuned!



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