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EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA "LJUBLJANA PROCESS" Governance

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What could bring the highest European added value ?

What can we expect from the Commission?



Why Ljubljana Process ?

- **After extensive consultations on the Green Paper on ERA**
- **A new and fresh energy and commitment among Member States and EU institutions to fully realise ERA have been born**
- **This energy has manifested in a high level of engagement, a multitude of new ideas and a drive for change from all stakeholders**
- **The Slovenian Presidency was convinced that this momentum needed to be channelled into a process**



What is Ljubljana Process ?

- **A commitment of Member States and the EU institutions to the full realisation of the ERA through partnership (Slovenia)**
- **A common vision for the ERA (France)**
- **The roadmap and action plan towards realising the ERA vision (Czech Republic)**
- **Better Governance of the ERA (Sweden)**



COMPET in May 2008 has recognized the following:

- **ERA is an engine for driving the competitiveness of Europe**
- **Europe needs to develop a common vision and effective governance of the European Research Area (ERA)**
- **This is an excellent way to improve the coherence and synergy among several good initiatives already launched at national and EU levels**
- **This is an excellent way how a globally competitive, knowledge-based and innovative Europe can be created**



The Added value of the Ljubljana Process:

- **Strengthened Partnership (a new commitment)**
 - a) **between EU and National level**
 - b) **between Public and Private Sectors**
- **Clearly defined vision**
- **Renewed energy for implementation**
- **Continuity of “trios” (Presidencies)**
- **Ownership and Responsibilities of Member States for the process**



The ERA Vision should be based on 6 goals:

- **realising a single labour market for researchers**
- **developing world-class research infrastructures**
- **strengthening research institutions**
- **sharing (free movement of) knowledge - "Fifth Freedom"**
- **optimising research programmes and priorities**
- **opening to the world through international cooperation in S&T**



The Quality of the Ljubljana Process

- **Europe - a leading knowledge economy and society based on the "knowledge triangle" of research, innovation and education, as major drivers of competitiveness and **QUALITY OF LIFE** !**
- **Modern, dynamic universities and research organisations growing**
- **Benefits for citizens from the contribution of R&D efforts to solve major societal challenges**



The importance of improved governance

GOALS:

- To set up the improved political governance to steer and stimulate the development of ERA
- To build links with other policies, such as education, innovation and cohesion policies
- To keep the EU Presidencies (“trios”) closely cooperating among themselves and with the Commission in order to ensure a coherent and sustained progress in the future



The principles and features of the improved governance

- **Involvement of all Member States and associated countries including regional authorities, as well as universities and research organisations, civil society and business should be actively engaged in ERA governance**
- **Monitoring indicators and evaluation criteria should be defined, adopted and supported by an effective information system developed jointly by the Commission and the Member States**



The principles and features of the improved governance (2)

- **An effective information system should be based on the Open Method of Coordination, and should enable progress towards the shared vision of ERA and the specific ERA initiatives to be monitored**
- **From the early phases of planning of initiatives to their implementation, monitoring and evaluation, the partnership should be guided at the political level**
- **It avoids unnecessary complexity and improves coherence and effectiveness of ERA development**



From "Knowledge Triangle" towards "Knowledge Spiral" !



- **From static model towards dynamic one !**
- **Better knowledge improves the quality of life !**
- **From ERA towards European Quality of Life Area (EQLA)**