



The breakout sessions on the 2nd day:

Each session will begin with a 15 minute inspirational speech on the topic and continue with a moderated debate with 3-4 leading questions, enabling us to formulate concrete policy recommendations on the spot. At the end, the rapporteur will present the recommendations in the plenary session with the other session-rapporteurs and workshop moderators.

Topic 1: ERA for research infrastructures

Setting up shared European research infrastructures (RI) is the key achievement of previous attempts to establish a single ERA. Now the question of how research infrastructures will fit into renewed ERA remains. Member States (MSs) were commissioned through the Pact for R&I in Europe to come up with plans that draw on a mixture of EU and national funding to capitalise on research infrastructures to help European science compete globally. When we discuss the role of RI, the main aspect of these discussions commonly revolves around funding.

Topic 2: ERA for prospective scientific careers

Free circulation of researchers is one of the pillars of ERA. In order to exploit their full potential to become inclusive and globally attractive spots of excellence, MSs together with the European Commission should strive to achieve a balanced brain circulation. This session will address the existing barriers to unbalanced mobility patterns by supporting researchers in their career development within ERA and connecting researchers and institutions by improving employability and talent absorption and mobility schemes.

Topic 3: ERA for open science

In the period of digitization of society, we can observe the immense growth of scientific data. However, we do not yet have the infrastructure, processes, and knowledge in place to allow full and seamless exchange of research results (e.g. research data, software, and other digital objects). The European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) as an ecosystem can play a pivotal role to support a future ERA, which aims to strengthen the foundations, quality, and impact of research and innovation systems in the EU and in the MS.

Topic 4: ERA for economy

Following the 2020 Council conclusions and Commission communication on the new ERA, there are relevant questions that need to be discussed regarding strengthening excellence and maximizing the value of knowledge creation, validation and uptake of research knowledge into practical applications. Boosting market uptake of research and innovation results and ensuring fast and smooth transition of results to market are crucial for Europe's competitive leadership in technology. The session will address the new concept of technology roadmaps and broadened concept of knowledge valorisation, in order to ensure maximum relevance, impact, viability and commitment of all stakeholders.