

# Presidency of the Czech Republic in the Council of the EU in 2022 – Research part



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## CZECH PRESIDENCY IN THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

### ● POLITICAL FRAMEWORK

- After 2009, historically the second Czech EU Council Presidency
- To be commenced on 1st July and concluded on 31st December
- Integral part of the Presidency Trio of France – Czechia – Sweden
- Eighteen-month Presidency Trio Programme from December 2021
- European Commission's Work Programme/Policy Agenda for 2022

### ● SECTORIAL PRIORITIES IN THE AREA OF RESEARCH

- European research infrastructure ecosystem
- Synergies in the research and innovation funding in Europe



## TOP PRIORITIES – RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES (I)

- **RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES** as a part of the European critical infrastructure and preparedness instruments to tackle socioeconomic crises, address grand societal challenges and strengthen resilience of the European society by knowledge-based solutions, facilitating long-term sustainable economic growth and well-being
- **RESEARCH AND INNOVATION DELIVERABLES**
  - Deliver an **essential cornerstone** of the post-2020 ERA, equipping scientists and innovators
  - Enable **cutting-edge research**, extending frontiers of human knowledge beyond yet known horizons
  - Facilitate development of **state-of-the-art technologies and breakthrough science-based innovations**
  - Mediate **unique data collections and data sets** to scientists, entrepreneurs and public administrators
  - Promote **freedom of scientific knowledge**, being operated as open access-based installations
- **SOCIOECONOMIC BENEFITS, IMPACTS AND SPILL-OVERS**
  - Boost the **competitiveness of the European economy** internationally and at the global level
  - Drive the **macro-regional development** (i.e., investments, high-skilled jobs, infrastructure, etc.)
  - Contribute to achieve the EU's and global **wider policy objectives** standing outside the R&D area
  - Empower Governments for an efficient knowledge-based **crisis management and mitigation measures**
  - Strengthen the EU's **preparedness and resilience** of the European society to socioeconomic crises
  - Catalyse the **scientific diplomacy and international cooperation** based on problem-solving approach

## TOP PRIORITIES – RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES (II)

### ● POLICY-MAKING FRAMEWORK

- **ESFRI White Paper 2020:** Making Science Happen – A New Ambition for Research Infrastructures in the European Research Area
- **ESFRI Roadmap 2021:** Strategy Report on Research Infrastructures by the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures

### ● HIGH-LEVEL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Reflection of ESFRI strategic orientations in a particular series of the **Council Conclusions**, to be endorsed by EU Research Ministers to outline the top-priority actions to strengthen the EU's research infrastructure ecosystem
- Call for action by the **Brno Declaration** to develop a fully integrated and interoperable global ecosystem of research infrastructures to become a key component of the critical infrastructure to address grand societal challenges

### ● KEY PRESIDENCY EVENTS

- **European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures**  
18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Brno
- **International Conference on Research Infrastructures**  
19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 in Brno



## TOP PRIORITIES – SYNERGIES (I)

- **SYNERGIES** between the EU Cohesion Policy Funds and the EU Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation, and the European- and national-based research and innovation funding in general, as an instrument to maximize the potential of cooperation in research and innovation in Europe
- **ENABLER AND FACILITATOR**
  - Enable to maximise the **coherence** in research and innovation funding in Europe
  - Facilitate **alignment** of funding approaches at the EU and the Member State levels
  - Simplify the **co-funding** of the EU Framework Programme projects where necessary
  - Encourage to implement the “**Seal of Excellence**” financing by the Member States
  - Result in the **harmonisation** of policy-making and funding approaches in Europe
- **COHESION POLICY CONTRIBUTOR**
  - Help achieve the goals of the **EU Cohesion Policy** in line with the R&D agenda priorities
  - Promote **participation of the “Cohesion Countries”** in the EU Framework Programmes
  - Increase **efficacy**, prevent from **duplication** of efforts and **fragmentation** of resources
  - Contribute to **bridge the gap and close the research and innovation divide** in ERA
  - Increase the **potential** of cooperation in research and innovation in Europe



## TOP PRIORITIES – SYNERGIES (II)

### ● POLICY-MAKING FRAMEWORK

- **Horizon Europe** EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation
- European research and innovation institutionalised, co-programmed and co-funded **partnerships**, and the EU Framework Programme **missions**

### ● HIGH-LEVEL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Organisation of a **flagship conference** on synergies to exchange good practice examples and lessons learned, and identify bottlenecks preventing from capitalising on the full potential of synergies
- Call for action by the **Prague Declaration** and the **Council Conclusions** to reiterate and reinforce the commitment by the Commission and Member States to continue removing barriers on synergies at all levels

### ● KEY PRESIDENCY EVENTS

- **Conference on the Synergies in Research and Innovation Funding**  
7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in Prague
- **Informal Meeting of the EU Competitiveness Council – Research**  
21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 in Prague



## 5. POLICY DOCUMENTS

- **EU COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON WIDENING**
  - Following the report by the European Court of Auditors
- **EU COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON SYNERGIES**
  - Following the report by the European Court of Auditors
- **EU COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES**
  - Adoption by Research COMPET on 2nd December 2022
- **EU COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON INNOVATION**
  - Adoption by Research COMPET on 2nd December 2022
- **PRAGUE DECLARATION ON SYNERGIES IN THE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUNDING IN EUROPE**
  - Endorsement by European Research Ministers per rollam
- **BRNO DECLARATION ON RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES**
  - Endorsement by participants of ICRI 2022



## KEY PRESIDENCY EVENTS (I)

### **CONFERENCE ON THE SYNERGIES IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUNDING**

7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in Prague

### **INFORMAL MEETING OF THE EU COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL – RESEARCH**

21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 in Prague

### **EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE**

13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in Prague

### **FORMAL MEETING OF THE EU COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL – RESEARCH**

30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in Brussels

### **EIT INNOVEIT WEEK 2022 – INNOVEIT PRAGUE – POWER OF CREATIVITY**

7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Prague

### **INFORMAL WORKSHOP ON THE FORESIGHT IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**

*1st half of October 2022, exact date to be decided*



## KEY PRESIDENCY EVENTS (II)

### EUROPEAN STRATEGY FORUM ON RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES

18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in Brno

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES

19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 in Brno

### KNOWLEDGE, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Prague

### EUROPEAN OPEN SCIENCE CLOUD SYMPOSIUM AND STEERING BOARD

14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Prague

### CONFERENCE ON THE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in Prague

### FORMAL MEETING OF THE EU COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL – RESEARCH

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 in Brussels







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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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