



# EARMA

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF  
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# **Policy & Representation Committee perspective on the role of RMA in Horizon Europe**

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**EARMA in a Changed World**

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# EARMA Policy and Representation Committee and Horizon Europe Task Force

**The Committee's primary purpose** is to maintain a policy watch and horizon scan around key research funding trends in Europe and globally and act as a source of active engagement for EARMA members in relation to research policy issues.

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Keep track of latest EU research funding policy developments

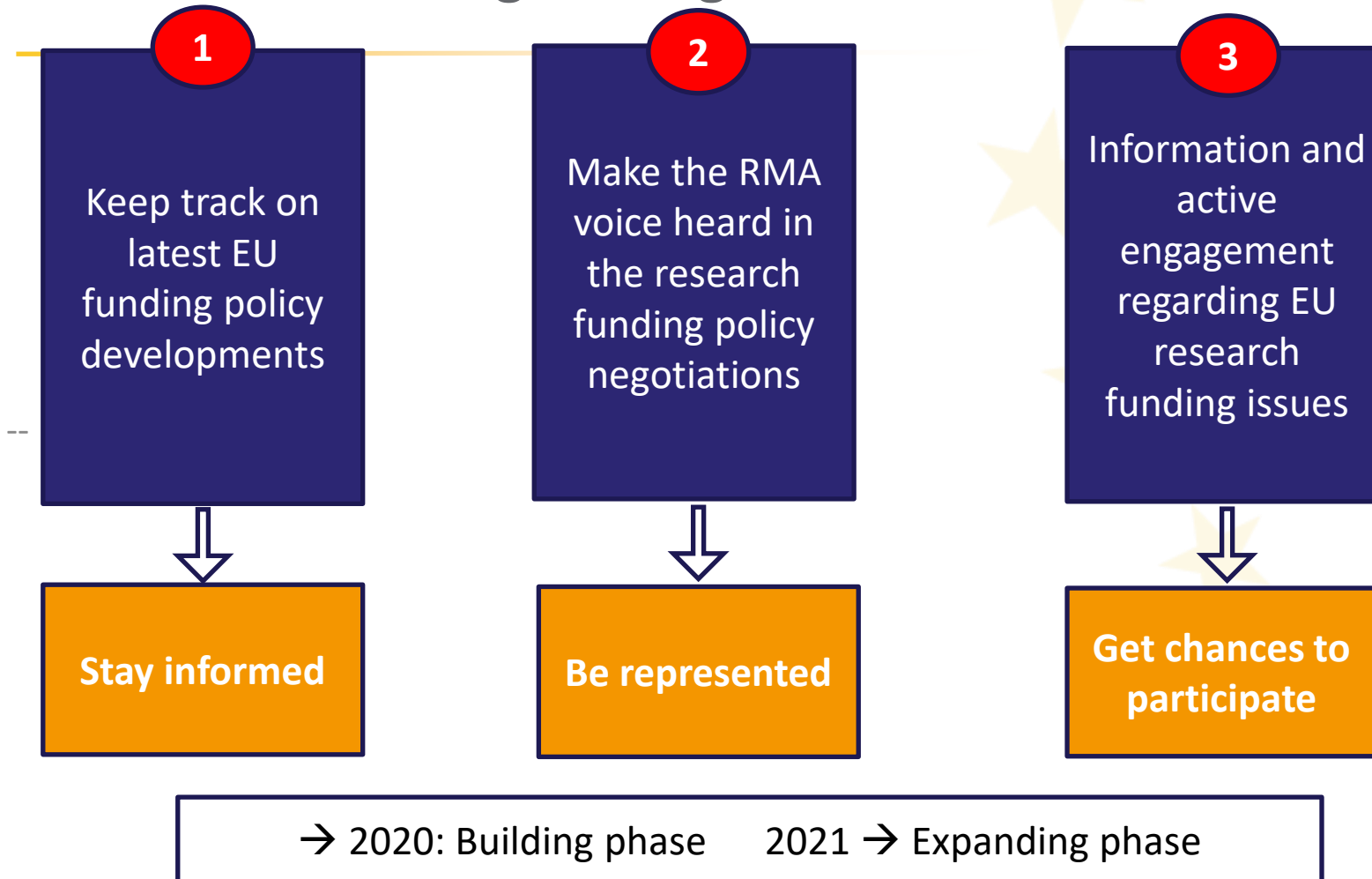
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Make the RMA voice heard in the research funding policy negotiations

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Information and active engagement regarding EU research funding issues

# P&RC/EARMA support for strengthening the role of RMAs



# Who are we?

## EARMA Policy and Representation Committee and Horizon Europe Task Force

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- many years of experience with the EU Framework Programmes (FP4, FP5, FP6, FP7, H2020)
- expertise in areas of pre-award proposal support, project management, impact and public outreach
- experience in managing various types of EU research grants
- some have been previously NCP and Programme Committee delegates in the country where they are located
- are involved in H2020 expert working groups and the evaluation process



# EARMA P&RC and HETF



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# Year planning P&RC meeting in Copenhagen, 14 January, 2020



# P&RC/EARMA support for strengthening the role of RMAs in Horizon Europe 1.

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Keep track of latest EU research funding policy developments

- Discussing updates on monthly meetings
- Advising the Board and shaping the stakeholder participation agenda
- Cooperation with sister committees
- EARMA Newsletter articles
- Organizational Impact Strategy Survey
- Contribution to policy-focused EARMA-events
- Sessions on annual conferences:

2019 Bologna Professionalization of research support services

2021 Digital The Research Management Profession: Stakeholder Collaboration in the Post-Covid era



# P&RC/EARMA support for strengthening the role of RMAs in Horizon Europe 2.

2

Make the RMA voice heard in the research funding policy negotiations

## **Representing EARMA in EC stakeholder discussions in Horizon Europe negotiations**

- MSCA Stakeholders Events and meetings
- Simplification in Horizon Europe
- Research and Innovation Days – MGA development

## **Creating and maintaining dialogue with DG RTD**

- Maximising Impact
- Evaluation, ensuring greater transparency and further simplification
- Fostering synergies with other EU spending programmes
- Easing access through digital transformation and outreach
- Sustainability of project results
- Widening

# EARMA in Horizon Europe stakeholder negotiations (examples)



## Discussion on the Horizon Europe Implementation Strategy

**EARMA Policy and Representation Committee  
DG RTD**

**June 10, 2020 2:30PM-5PM CEST**

- 14:30 Introduction
- 14:35 – 14:50 Summary of feedback already sent by EARMA P&RC
- 14:50 - 15:20 Maximising Impact
- 15:20 - 15:50 Evaluation, ensuring greater transparency and further simplification
- 15:50 - 16:15 Fostering synergies with other EU spending programmes
- 16:15 - 16:30 Easing access through digital transformation and outreach
- 16:30 - 16:45 Sustainability of project results
- 16:45 - 16:55 Widening
- 17:00 Closing of Meeting

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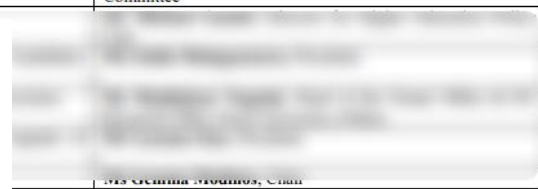
### MINUTES

**SUBJECT: MEETING ON IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON DOCTORAL STUDIES, RESEARCH, TRAINING AND MOBILITY ACTIVITIES  
12 NOVEMBER 2020, 10:00-12:00, WEBEX MEETING**

Organisation	Representative
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Policy Coordinator for Research and
EARMA, European Association of Research Managers and Administrators	Ms Barbara Spanó, Member of the Policy & Representation Committee



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EDUCATION, YOUTH, SPORT AND CULTURE  
Innovation, International Cooperation and Sport  
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions



Brussels, 24 October 2019  
EAC.C.2/CM

**Subject: Invitation to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Stakeholders' Conference – 3 and 4 December, Brussels**



# P&RC/EARMA support for strengthening the role of RMAs in Horizon Europe 3.

- newsletter, Twitter, LinkedIn, EARMA homepage, e-mail

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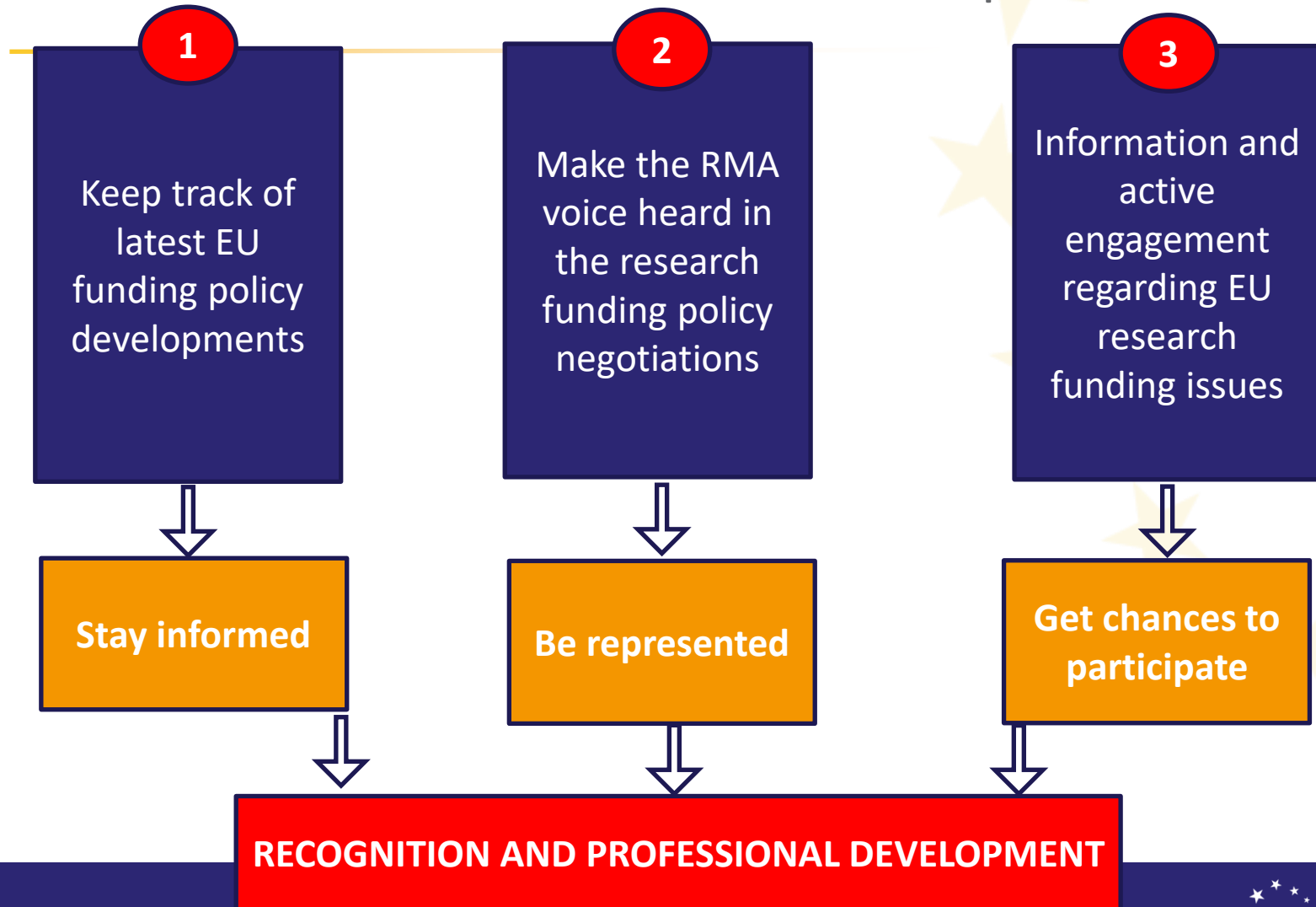
## **EARMA Policy and Representation Committee and Horizon Europe Task Force Digital Sessions on European Research Funding Policy 2021**

### **What's coming, what's behind it and what is important for research managers?**

Monthly digital sessions starting in February 2021

- provide EARMA members up-to-date and relevant content on European research funding policy
- provide EARMA members an engagement platform in the research funding stakeholder discussion

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