

Action 14.4.: Bring science closer to citizens - Propose a policy coordination mechanism on public engagement practices, including citizen involvement in scientific processes	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description 	<p>The action consists of putting together a proposal for a mechanism that will support the mutual learning and/or coordination of policies, at national and EC levels, on practices for engaging the public in the ERA. The proposal should be the results of a debate between interested members of the ERA Forum.</p> <p>Coordination of policies could mean to align, as appropriate, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Policies for public engagement in R&I – Policies for engaging the public in strategic planning of R&I and policies for public engagement in deployment and use of the R&I results, including cross-government coordination <p>Policy coordination could aim at, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Strengthening MS/AC policies and initiatives based on success factors, enabling conditions, and best practice elements from other countries – Seeking coherence and exploiting synergies between MS/AC policies and initiatives – Following through societal engagement in research to post-research and development phases to ensure uptake of results and incite behavioural changes – Reinforcing links to sectoral policies via public engagement – Identification of initiatives with high potential to be implemented in a collaborative way across the ERA such as upscaling of initiatives to transnational or European level <p>Challenge being addressed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Countries at different stages of public engagement in R&I policy development, from national strategies in place since years, to no specific strategy – Little exchange about public engagement in R&I policies, programmes and initiatives – Little sharing of information, experience, lessons learned and good practices from initiatives <p>The coordination mechanism could be a network of national policy makers, e.g. set up by one/several MS/AC, or a subgroup of the ERA Forum, possibly supported by experts, to be discussed at the ERA Forum</p> <p>Actions already ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Citizen Science Mutual Learning Exercise under the Policy Support Facility – COST action on Citizen Science across the ERA – National exercises on participatory research and deliberative debates on R&I issues

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ‘Plastic Pirates – Go Europe’ initiative – JRC Competence Centre on Participatory and Deliberative Democracy – European Citizen Science Association – EU-Citizen.Science online platform for sharing knowledge, tools, training and resources for citizen science, ongoing H2020 project – RRI-Tools platform – Citizen Science capacity-building and brokering network, project resulting from the HE ERA, 2021 call – Network of practitioners and researchers in the field of democracy and civic deliberation and participation, project to result from the HE Cluster 2, 2022 call – Conference on the Future of Europe
• Actors	MS/AC and the EC should propose a policy coordination mechanism and involve stakeholders.
• Timing and milestones	<p>2022: Debate between interested members of the ERA Forum</p> <p>2023: Propose and set up a policy coordination mechanism</p>
• Funding	TBC following discussion at the ERA Forum
• Expected impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – MS/AC policies and initiatives strengthened, and increased coherence and synergies between MS/AC activities – Societal engagement prioritized from strategic planning of research, to implementation phases, to sectoral policies – Transnational initiatives of public engagement practices
• Monitoring	TBC following discussion at the ERA Forum
• Communication	TBC following discussion at the ERA Forum
• Additional information	TBC following discussion at the ERA Forum