

Towards a stronger European Research Area:

1. **Complementarity and coherence** of European, national and regional research policies and activities
2. **Enhanced role for nonacademic public research organisations** commensurate with their importance for the ERA
3. **Support for research at the institutional level:** more opportunities for research institutions in the mutual coordination and implementation of their research agendas and activities
4. **Healthy competition with performance-oriented benchmarks** to achieve excellence throughout Europe
5. **Holistic approach to strengthen the entire European research ecosystem:** flexible, dynamic, voluntary measures, appropriate to specific circumstances