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July 2026 Highlights

Highlight	Description	Link	Source	Related ERA Topic(s)
Future Partnerships Consultation	Stakeholders can shape partnerships and joint undertakings under Horizon Europe 2028–2034.	Link	ERA Portal Austria	European Partnerships
Responsible Assessment Guide	A practical guide helps research funders design and implement responsible research assessment systems.	Link	ERA Portal Austria	Research Assessment
Research assessment reform	A new study shows growing adoption of responsible research assessment across Europe. More organisations are moving beyond publication-based metrics in line with CoARA principles.	Link	Publications Office of the EU	Research Assessment
Research assessment report	This EU report reviews progress and challenges in research assessment reform across Europe. It provides recommendations for further policy and institutional development.	Link	Publications Office of the EU	Research Assessment
EARMA Mentoring 2027	EARMA opened its mentoring programme for professional development within the European research management community.	Link	EARMA	Research Management
MSCA Doctoral Networks	A new study confirms the strong impact of MSCA Doctoral Networks on researcher training, mobility and collaboration. The findings support continued investment in doctoral education.	Link	REA	Research Careers
Universities & Innovation Act	EUA calls for universities to play a central role in the European Innovation Act. It highlights their importance for innovation, talent development and knowledge valorisation.	Link	European University Association	Research Careers, Knowledge Valorisation
ERC Proof of Concept	ERC awarded 182 Proof of Concept Grants to help re-searchers bring research results closer to market and society. The grants strengthen innovation and knowledge valorisation.	Link	ERC	Knowledge Valorisation
INSPIRING ERA policy brief	INSPIRING ERA published a policy brief on strengthening knowledge valorisation in Europe. It presents recommendations to improve the societal and economic impact of research.	Link	INSPIRING ERA	Knowledge Valorisation
EOSC & RIs	The ESFRI–EOSC Task Force published recommendations to strengthen cooperation between EOSC and European Research Infrastructures. The report focuses on interoperability and FAIR data.	Link	ESFRI	Open Science, Research Infrastructures

MEDem ESFRI Roadmap	MEDem has been included in the ESFRI Roadmap 2026 as a new European research infrastructure. It strengthens Europe's research infrastructure landscape and cross-border collaboration.	Link	MEDem Monitoring Electoral Democracy	Research Infrastructures
Innovation Performance 2026	The Innovation Scoreboard records continued EU progress while highlighting persistent national disparities.	Link	ERA Platform	ERA Monitoring
European Semester Priorities	Twenty-six Member States received research and innovation recommendations under the European Semester.	Link	ERA Portal Austria	National R&I reforms
25 ERA projects	The Commission launched 25 new Horizon Europe projects supporting implementation of the ERA Policy Agenda. The projects address Open Science, research careers, knowledge valorisation, and gender equality and research management.	Link	REA	All ERA Actions

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