



INSPIRING ERA EXCHANGE in-person event A New Era in Research Management? Building Strategic Capacity for Europe's Research and Innovation Future

Date: **23rd - 24th September 2026**, 12.00 – 12.00 (CET)

Location: **NCBR Brussels Office, Rue Belliard 40, Brussels (5th floor)**

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Day 1 – 23rd September 2026

12:00	Networking Lunch & Registration	
13:00	Welcome Address & Introduction to INSPIRING ERA Exchange	Ricardo MIGUÉIS - Head of INESC Brussels Hub Maciej ZDANOWICZ - EU Policy Advisor, INSPIRING ERA, National Centre for Research and Development
13:10	ERA Action: A New ERA in Research Management	Ms Magda DE CARLI - Head of Unit, DG RTD, European Commission
13:25	The Research Manager Competence Framework (RM Comp)	Teodora KONACH - Head of Professional Development at EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS (EARMA)
13:35	Building Sustainable Research Management Careers through CARDEA Academy	University of Coimbra (TBC)
13:45	Panel Discussion and Q&A session	
14:10	Coffee Break	
14:30	Setting the Scene: Challenges Facing Research Management in Europe	Short moderated interventions introducing discussion themes – Maciej Zdanowicz, NCBR, INSPIRING ERA
14:40	Breakout Sessions - Discussion on challenges in groups	3/4 groups of 10-12 people
16:40	Coffee Break	
16:50	Highlights from the breakout groups	The facilitator of each group presents the discussion outcomes
17:20	Summary: The way to approach the main challenges	Maciej ZDANOWICZ - EU Policy Advisor, INSPIRING ERA, NCBR
20:00	Networking Diner - Praça Hub, Rua da Manutenção 118, 1900-321 Lisboa (TBC)	





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Day 2 – 24th September 2026

8:45	Arrival	
09:00	Morning Recap	Iwona KLICH-KRÓLIKOWSKA - EU Policy Advisor, INSPIRING ERA, National Centre for Research and Development
09:05	SAIL Teaming project and how it will help build capacity among research managers at INESC-ID	Pedro RUSSO - the President of Ciência Viva
09:15	Regional Cooperation and Capacity Building	Tomasz POPRAWKA - Director POLSCA PAN, Board Member of PolARMA
09:25	Research Managers and the Future ERA - RM Roadmap	Virág ZSÁR - Chair of HUNARMA, the Hungarian Association of Research Managers and Administrators, Project partner in RM Roadmap - Co-creating the future of Research management
09:35	Panel Discussion and Q&A session – moderation: Iwona KLICH-KRÓLIKOWSKA - EU Policy Advisor, INSPIRING ERA, National Centre for Research and Development	
10:00	Coffee Break	
10:10	Success Stories from the Research Management Community: • Sílvia Castro - INESC ID • Hanna Leisz - German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) • Zane Šime - Rīga Stradiņš University • Maximilian Pfertner - Technical University of Munich • Cristina Oliveira - NOVA Information Management School (NOVA IMS) • Marcos Gomes - University of Coimbra / Institute for Interdisciplinary Research (IIIUC) • Simon Kerridge - Kerridge Research Consulting	
11:00	Best Practice Marketplace from Success Stories	
11:50-12:00	Policy Recommendations and Closing Remarks	Inês LYNCE - President of the Board, INESC ID Maciej ZDANOWICZ - EU Policy Advisor, INSPIRING ERA, National Centre for Research and Development

