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Informal High-level Videoconference of Ministers Responsible for Research on the R&I response to COVID-19

7th April 2020, 16:00-18:00

Dear colleagues,

following the current situation related to the COVID-19 at global level, with the EU and its Member States being severely affected, the first concern is to contain the virus and mitigate the impact of the disease.

In this regard, research and innovation are an essential part of the coordinated and common EU response to the crisis caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

Following the exchange of views at the level of director-generals held on 24th March 2020 and the one to follow on 31th March 2020, the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the EU is organising a high-level videoconference for research ministers aiming to further share experiences and discuss possible immediate, medium-term and long-term R&I policy responses to this crisis.

The videoconference will be organised on **7th April 2020**, starting at **16:00**. Envisaged duration of the videoconference is 2 hours.

Please note that the meeting will be held in English with no interpretation. Participants might therefore wish to be accompanied by an interpreter.

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation in a role of speaker and participation of one additional representative in listening mode at your earliest convenience. Shall you have further requirements, please let us know.

Related documents, including technical information and instructions on how to connect to videoconference, will be provided separately.

Yours sincerely,

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