

EARMA Conference

Keynote Panel Session

Negotiating Research: What is the Best Deal for Europe?

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Timeline towards Framework 9

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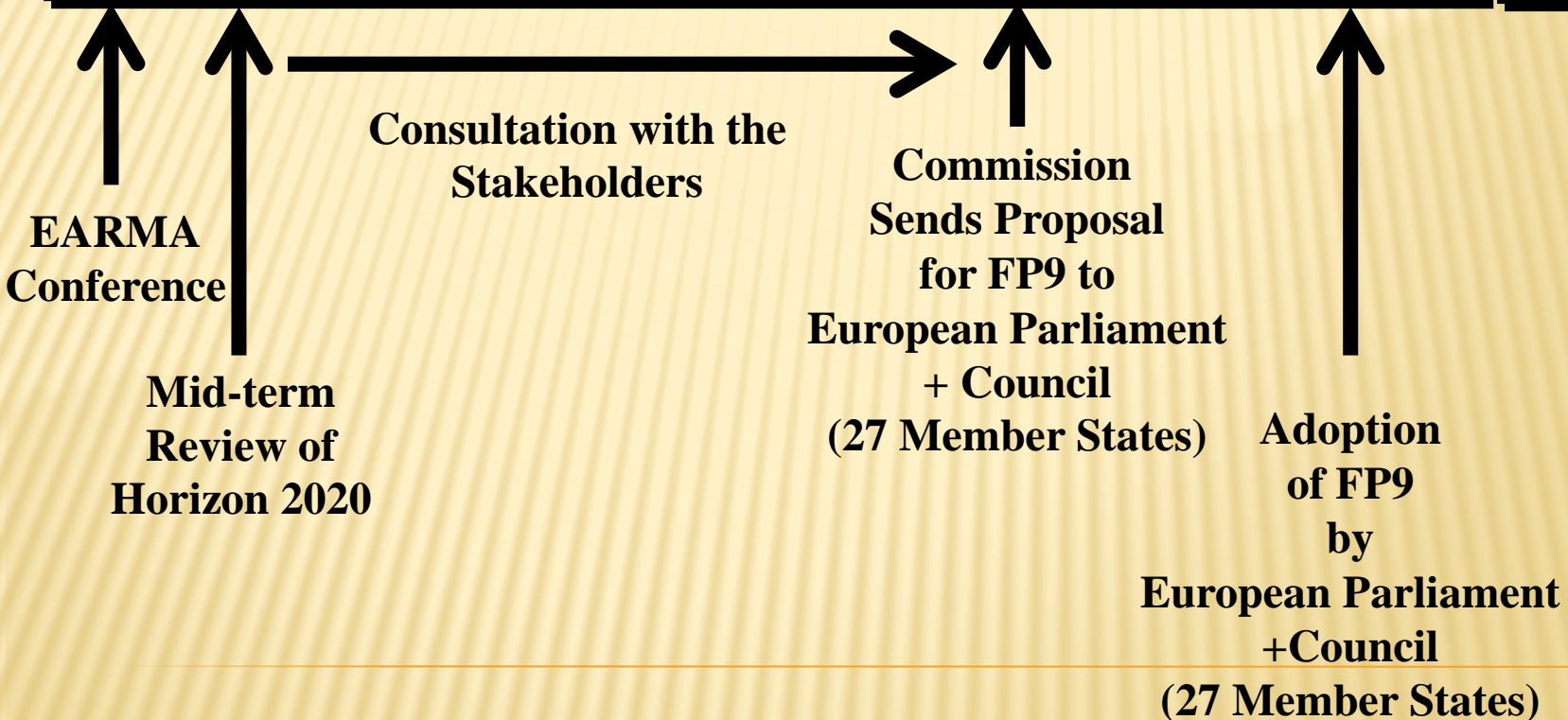
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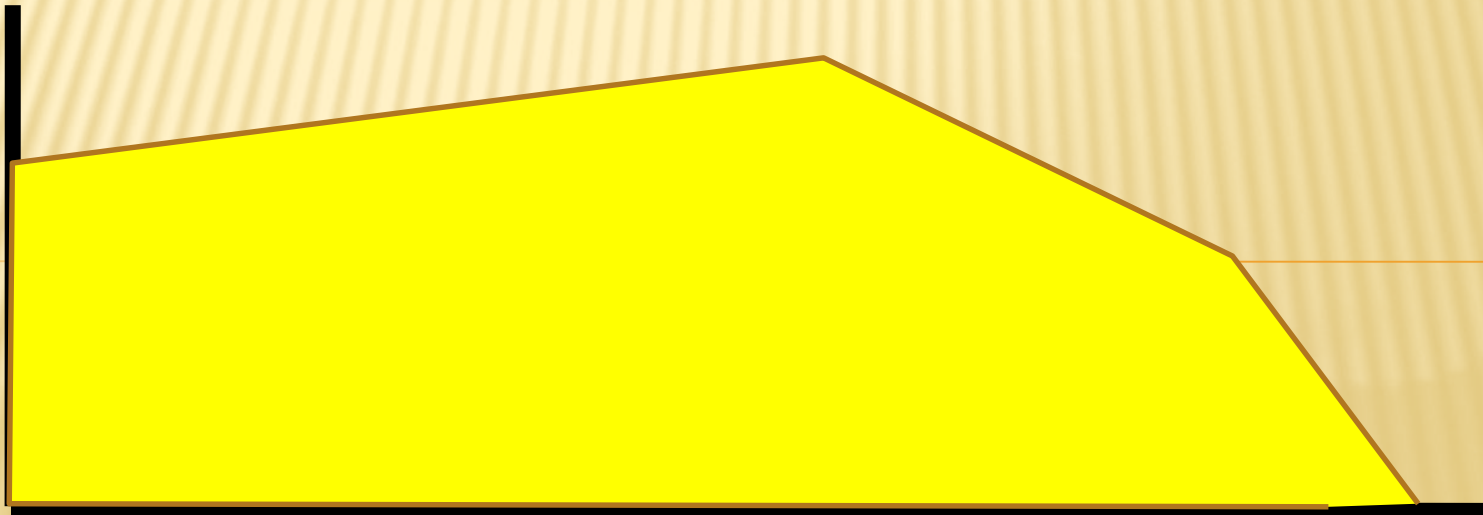


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Mid-term Review

FP9 Proposal

FP9 Adopted

Effectiveness of Influencing FP9 (Lobby)



Negotiating Framework 9: Issues?

Size of the Budget

Distribution of Funding (ERC vs. Thematic Research)

Top Down vs. Bottom Up funding

Priorities: Social Sciences and Humanities vs. Industrial Research

Synergies between different European programmes

Synergies with National Programmes

Widening Participation in Framework 9

More?

Panel Discussion

Question 1

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Supplementary Questions for Audience:

What should be the balance between “Top Down” and “Bottom Up” funding?

What should be the balance between ERC funding (and “Research Excellence”) and Thematic Funding?

What should be the balance between funding for SSH and science?

How will widening participation affect funding distribution?

What about the synergy between research programmes and other European programmes, notably ERDF (but also ERASMUS)

What should be the balance between European and national funding?

How should small countries ensure that their needs are met (Malta, Baltic countries, etc.)?

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Supplementary Questions for Audience:

Is simplification still an issue?

Do success rates still present a major issue - and what role do research managers have in improving the quality of proposals?

Are audits still too onerous (see also voting question on output based monitoring)

What if we get too many high quality proposals?

What are the key trends for FP9?

Is radical change needed, or is continuity more important? (Also vote on this)

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Supplementary Questions for Audience:

How can research managers influence FP9? How to overcome the barriers?

Is there sufficient transparency in the development of funding opportunities (particularly thematic areas)?

What about the role of small countries?

How do research managers engage with ERDF and research funding and how important is it for these programmes to be well integrated? (or 'synergistic')

What is the role for EARMA in lobbying?
