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## Forward Visions on the European Research Area

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**Your benefits:** Be part of the ERA futures thinking process, stay informed on ERA news, have a say on ERA's future!

**Your participation would be appreciated!**

## About

- ▶ The aim of VERA is to provide relevant intelligence and guidelines to adapt the governance of the European science, technology and innovation to the challenges brought by a shifting global environment and to guide setting of priorities in research, technology, development and innovation (RTDI) in Europe.
- ▶ VERA gathers information from other RTDI forward looking sources and reviews worldwide long term trends to then develop scenarios for the evolution of the European Research Area (ERA), including its research capabilities and strategic options. Based on this, VERA provides a set of recommendations for future RTDI strategies and policy.



## Project facts

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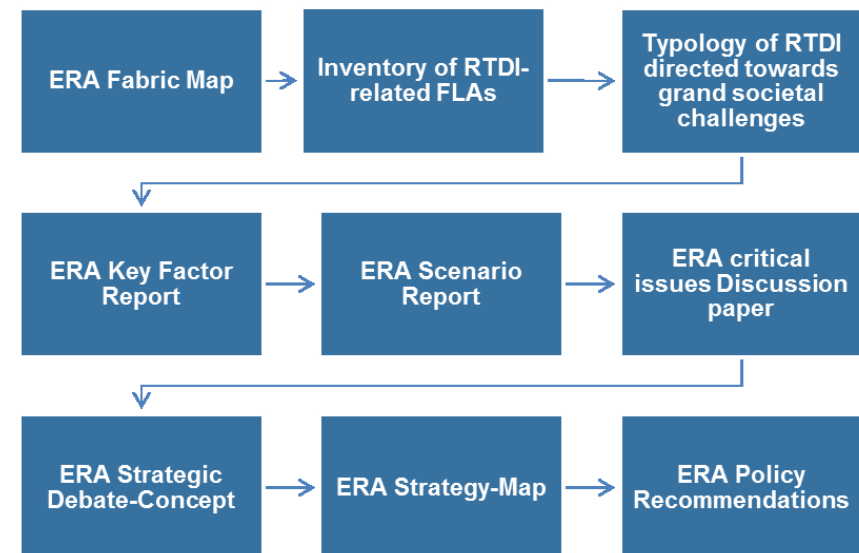
## Core objectives

- ▶ Open dialogue among ERA actor groups from society, industry, academia and policy in order to jointly discover shared visions and strategic options to accomplish ERA's 2020 Vision.
- ▶ Enhance participation of relevant actors in the dialogue on the strategic options for ERA.
- ▶ Engage stakeholders in an appropriate manner and to ensure that international perspectives are integrated.

## Methodology

- ▶ Stocktaking of existing Forward looking activities (FLAs).
- ▶ Qualitative and quantitative semantic analysis of the European and international discourse on ERA and STI Visioning and scenario development.
- ▶ Interviews with intellectuals within as well as outside ERA in order to gather fresh and challenging perspectives beyond mainstream discourse.
- ▶ Interactive stakeholder workshops with tailored participation of stakeholders and experts to select criteria for scenario building and to develop scenarios.
- ▶ Online and offline community building and interaction governance.

## Project outputs & Workflow



The VERA workplan comprises six supporting workpackages which are interlinked through well defined interfaces. VERA is conceptualised as a continuously progressing communication process engaging a growing number of actors in the strategic conversation on ERA.

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