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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast) - Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions <sup>1</sup>

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1. On 11 July 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast)<sup>1</sup>.
2. The proposal for a Regulation on the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (recast) is based on the TFEU Title "Industry" (Article 173).
3. The procedure to adopt the Regulation foresees the consultation of the European Economic and Social Committee. The Opinion of the Committee of the Regions is not required. However, it should be recalled that the Committee of the Regions was consulted on the proposal for Regulation establishing the "Horizon Europe" Framework Programme for research and innovation. "Horizon Europe" will be implemented inter alia through a financial contribution to the EIT, and the EIT will therefore be an integral part of "Horizon Europe". For the sake of consistency it therefore appears appropriate to also consult the Committee of the Regions on the present proposal.

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<sup>1</sup> The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.

<sup>1</sup> 11228/19 + ADD 1.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to decide, in accordance with Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, to consult the Committee of the Regions on the above proposal and to request it to give its opinion as soon as possible.
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