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## **COMMUNICATION**

### **NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) - Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC)

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Date: 8 March 2017

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL

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Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

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- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Tour de table of national activities**

*Expected outcome:* Delegations are invited to shortly highlight maximum 2 national topics of particular interest to SFIC members (high level meetings, new cooperation agreements, specific events/conferences).

### 3. Administrative/Procedural issues

- a) Biennial activity report 2015/16

Expected outcome: Presentation and adoption.

Doc. WK 1713 2017

- b) ERAC annual report - SFIC contribution

Expected outcome: Presentation and adoption.

Doc. WK 1760 2017

- c) Work Programme 2017-18

Expected outcome: Presentation and adoption of the draft work programme.

Doc. to follow

- d) Election of the Vice-chair

Expected outcome: Election of the Vice-chair

Doc. WK 1693 2017

- e) Involvement of Armenia, Georgia and Tunisia as observers in SFIC

Expected outcome: Information from the chair

Doc. ST 15647/16

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## 5. SFIC opinion(s)

- a) Gender in international cooperation

Expected outcome: Presentation of the state of play.

- b) Interim evaluation of H2020

Expected outcome: Information from the chair

Doc. ST 1352/17

- c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Commission's Report on international R&I cooperation

Expected outcome: Presentation and adoption of opinion

Doc. WK 1762 2017

## 6. Service Facility

Expected outcome: Information from the Commission on the contract.

## 7. State of play of Working Groups

- Toolbox

Expected outcome: Information from the WG rapporteur on the state of play. Extension of the Toolbox WG mandate by 1 year.

Doc. WK 1714 2017

- Brazil

Expected outcome: Information from the WG rapporteur on the state of play.

- China

Expected outcome: Information from the WG rapporteur on the state of play.

## 8. The Global Research Area

*Expected outcome:* Presentation from the Commission and exchange of view.

## 9. The drop in international participation in Horizon 2020 from a quantitative and qualitative perspective and corrective measures in the next WP

*Expected outcome:* Presentation from the Commission and exchange of view: quantitative measures, corrective measures, including flagships and outlook.

## 10. National ERA Roadmap

*Expected outcome:* agreement on way forward

Doc. to follow

## 11. AOB

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NB: Council documents are available on Extranet. A limited stock of documents produced immediately prior to the meeting will be available in the meeting room. Room attendants will provide copies on request at the earliest opportunity.

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