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

Date: 9 June 2015
Time: 10.00
Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Election of the SFIC Chair

Expected outcome: Delegations will be informed about the procedure for the election of the SFIC Chair.

3. European Research Area: Governance and ERA Roadmap

Expected outcome: The Chair will inform delegations about the outcome of the COMPET Council discussions on governance and on ERA Roadmap, as well as the related ongoing work on indicators with a debrief by the Chair on ERAC's Working Group on Monitoring the ERA Roadmap and its meeting in Vienna on 8th June.

4. Implementation of the EU Strategy on international R&I cooperation – structured policy coordination

a) Strand 1: Coordination of EU/MS activities towards China and Russia, including future JSTCC meetings and support to policy dialogues

Expected outcome: Based on input from the China and Russia Working Groups, the procedure for SFIC's contribution to the Structured Policy Coordination - Strand 1 will be agreed at the next plenary.

b) Strand 2: Input from SFIC on activities in support of policy dialogues

Expected outcome: Preliminary discussion on how SFIC can contribute to Strand 2.

5. State of play of Working Groups by rapporteurs

a) **Brazil:** Update on Working Group activities, indicators and Destination Europe.

b) **China:** Update on Working Group activities and debriefing on the EU-China S&T Forum and the meeting with JPI Urban Europe. A proposal for a renewed mandate of the China Working Group will be submitted for adoption.

c) **Common principles:** Presentation of and discussion on the draft opinion on common principles. Decision on whether extending or not the mandate of the Common principles Working Group.

6. India - State of play

Expected outcome: Commission will provide information on the state of play of the dialogue with India.

WORKING LUNCH: Exchange of information on policy dialogues

7. Other SFIC initiatives - South Africa / SFIC toolbox on international cooperation

Expected outcome: An update on progress and next steps will be given to the plenary.

8. Indicators and data on FP7 participation

- Presentation by the Commission

Expected outcome: The Commission will give a presentation on 3rd country participation in FP7, linking to the presentation on indicators during the March plenary meeting.

9. Keynote speech: "The importance of internationalisation"

- Presentation by Mr. Anders Lönn, State Secretary for Higher Education and Research, Sweden

10. Standing information points

Expected outcome: No discussion foreseen but delegations may intervene and pose questions on the standing information points documents sent.

11. AOB

- Euro-Mediterranean ministerial conference 5+5 in March 2015: Debrief from ES.

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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