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| From: | SFIC Secretariat |
| To: | Delegations |
| Subject: | Mandate of the SFIC ad hoc working group for a benchmarking exercise on strategies and roadmaps for international cooperation in R&I |

Delegations will find annexed to this Note the mandate of the SFIC ad hoc working group for a benchmarking exercise on strategies and roadmaps for international cooperation in R&I, as approved by the SFIC Plenary on 26 September 2018.

**MANDATE OF THE SFIC AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR A
BENCHMARKING EXERCISE ON STRATEGIES AND ROADMAPS FOR
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN R&I**

1. In view to develop appropriate joint strategic approaches and actions for international R&I cooperation in line with the ERA roadmap- priority 6, the SFIC ad hoc working group for a benchmarking exercise on strategies and roadmaps for international cooperation in R&I - hereafter the "INCO benchmarking WG" - has the objective to carry out a benchmarking of national initiatives, frameworks and roadmaps in EU Member States and Associated Countries for R&I cooperation with third countries.

Where relevant, the INCO benchmarking WG will benefit from the Toolbox Working Group's gathered information/data concerning roadmaps/strategies and will make full use of its deliverables.

2. The INCO benchmarking WG will focus in particular on the following activities:
 - a) To collect and to map out the various approaches in the drafting of national roadmaps and strategies for international cooperation in R&I, i.e. countries, perimeter, themes, etc.;
 - b) To compare the different approaches, i.e. motivation, process, timeframe, priorities, indicators, existence of international benchmarking processes, etc.;
 - c) To identify transferrable good practice and joint approaches where relevant, i.e. synergies between countries and/or the EU, innovative approaches, etc.
3. The INCO benchmarking WG will provide the following deliverables:
 - a) Survey and comparative report on national approaches on international strategies in R&I;

- b) Identification of key elements in support of priority 6 of ERA;
 - c) Draft SFIC opinion on international strategies in R&I.
4. The INCO benchmarking WG is set up for a period of 12 months, commencing on [26 September 2018].
 5. The SFIC Rules of Procedure (doc. ERAC-SFIC 1355/16) are applicable to the INCO benchmarking WG.
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