



Council of the European Union
General Secretariat

Brussels, 1 March 2021

CM 1947/21

ERAC-SFIC

COMMUNICATION

NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Contact: ilkka.saarilahti@consilium.europa.eu
christian.froik@consilium.europa.eu
daniel.strugariu@consilium.europa.eu

Tel./Fax: +32 2 281 6382/6381/2169

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

Date: 10 March 2021

Time: 10.00

Venue: Videoconference

- 1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Tour the Table**

Delegations are invited to send ahead of the meeting written input that will be shared with all delegations – see attached form.

Exceptions:

PT delegation – Update of the Portuguese Council Presidency activities explicitly invited.

EC – Update from the European Commission on recent INCO-activities.

3. International innovation activities

Delegations are invited to provide written input ahead of the meeting – form to follow

4. ERA related activities and updates

- Current SFIC status
- De-briefing from the ERAC Steering Board
- Current ERA-related developments – news regarding the governance discussion etc.

5. Report on Africa related activities

- Report of the WG Rapporteurs about the current status quo
- Analysis of the Innovation Survey
- EC current info (EU-Africa summit etc.)

6. Report of the Science Diplomacy Task Force

- Report about the current status quo
- First analysis of the MS Survey
- EC current info

7. Update on China

- Update by the European Commission

8. Update on the Guidelines regarding “foreign interference”

- Update by the European Commission

9. SFIC Work Programme 2021/2022

- Update and next steps (creation of ad-hoc groups, fact sheets etc.)
- ERA- rapporteurs

10. Debriefing from the Thematic Workshop

11. EUREKA – report by the AT Presidency

12. Any other topics (including news related to the OECD)

13. Conclusion of the SFIC virtual Plenary Meeting

NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal.
