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Report "Science, Research and Innovation Performance of the EU 2018"

ERAC Members will find attached the SIP Note (Science, Research and Innovation Performance of the EU 2018) relating to item 5 on the agenda of the ERAC plenary on 16 June 2017 in Brussels.
The European Commission is working on the new edition of its biennial report "Science, Research and Innovation performance of the EU", scheduled for early 2018. The report will present an overview of trends in European Research and Innovation (R&I) performance and its drivers, and compare Europe's performance with that of third countries. Its aim is to shed light on how R&I contribute to boost Europe's productivity and to sustain its economic growth. It will also set a focus on the complex productivity-inclusiveness nexus and provide policy directions.

The Report is structured around two building blocks:

- Block 1 is indicator-driven and includes targeted qualitative analyses. It presents the outlook of R&I in Europe and examines: the role of today's dynamic R&I megatrends; the impact of R&I on productivity and inclusiveness, with a special eye on jobs and skills; and the evolution of investments in intangible assets (R&I, ICT, economic competences), scientific and technological performance, business dynamism, and structural change.

- Block 2 contains a set of analytical papers that perform a deep-dive into specific 'hot' policy topics to provide a better understanding of the R&I dynamics and its contribution to tackling economic and societal challenges:
  
  o  **Innovation policy for inclusiveness**, by Mariana Mazzucato
  o  **Concentration of innovation benefits in superstar firms**, by Reinhilde Veugelers
  o  **R&D and ICT as complementary investments to boost innovation**, by Pierre Mohnen
  o  **Innovation diffusion and productivity**, by Chiara Criscuolo, OECD
  o  **Financial conditions for innovation in Europe**, by Debora Revoltella, EIB
  o  **Networks and innovation diffusion**, by Sara Amoroso & Fernando Hervás, JRC-IPTS

In line with the Council conclusions on "Streamlining the R&I monitoring & reporting landscape", the draft Report will be presented to ERAC in Autumn 2017 to gather the feedback of ERAC members, that shall be duly considered for the final version of the Report.

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1 See the [2016 edition of the Report](#).