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ERAC Members will find attached the Update on the Joint EC/OECD Survey on Science, Technology and Innovation Policies relating to item 6 of the agenda of the ERAC plenary on 22 September 2017 in Tartu.

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New edition of the EC/OECD Joint Survey on Science, Technology and Innovation Policies
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The joint EC-OECD survey on STI policies collects information on the main evolutions in national science, technology and innovation policies. It is carried out every two years and feeds into the OECD's STI Outlook, the Commission's European Semester analysis, the H2020 Policy Support Facility and the ERA Progress Report. The 2018 survey will be launched in Autumn 2017 with a revamped approach to data collection and analysis.

The Directorate-General for Research & Innovation of the European Commission and the OECD's STI Directorate are working together to improve and automate the survey and enhance its analysis capabilities, including through dedicated analysis on research and innovation policy priorities. This envisages also promoting digital approaches to increase the operational capacity of the survey via an online survey tool and a "google-like" search engine that will permit that countries explore the resulting data in an easy and structured way.

The OECD and the EC have developed a first proposal for the survey which has reduced the number of the questions to nearly half of those in the 2016 edition. The proposal sets a focus on 6 policy blocks, namely 'Governance', 'Public Research systems', 'Innovation in firms and innovative entrepreneurship', 'Public-private knowledge transfers and linkages', 'Human resources for research and innovation', 'Research and Innovation for society'. In addition, one specific separate module for ERA-related initiatives is included. The new survey gives emphasis to 'Hot' STI issues around Open Science, Open Innovation and Openness to the World, such as: Innovation in firms and innovative entrepreneurship; Open Science; Public-private collaboration; and Skills for Science and Innovation activities.

The first version of the survey was sent by written procedure to CSTP (OECD's Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy) and ERAC delegates. It was also presented, in parallel, at OECD's Technology and Innovation Working Party (TIP) and at the ERAC Plenary on 16 June 2017, with a view to consulting all delegates and collecting their feedback in that first iteration.

The second version of the survey was circulated during August 2017 to ERAC and CSTP delegates, who were able to send their comments on the latest version of the survey and the usability of the IT platform by 4 September 2017. This second version included the changes deriving from the first round of comments and feedback by delegates from ERAC, CSTP and the OECD's Working Group on Innovation and Technology Policy (TIP). It also included a new module on Digitalisation.

A final version of the survey was sent to delegates at the beginning of September 2017 for final approval by written procedure. The 2018 survey is expected to be launched by end of September 2017 with a deadline for closure by mid-November 2017.

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