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(Standing Information Point) SIP note:
Information about the ERA Progress Report 2018

Delegations will find attached the SIP note on "Information about the ERA Progress Report 2018" in relation to item 6 of the agenda of the ERAC plenary in Salzburg on 17-18 September.

Information about the ERA Progress Report 2018.

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- The ERA Progress Report 2018 will consist of two parts:
 1. The main Report: the actual report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the progress of ERA in Member States and associated countries. This report will include main conclusions on the basis of an analysis of progress on the eight core indicators of the European Monitoring Mechanism (EMM) that are endorsed by the Council extracted from the Technical Report as well as other elements added by the responsible unit for implementing the ERA monitoring and contribution from ERAC ad-hoc groups and stakeholders.
 2. The Technical Report: the full data gathered by PPMi Group, with Science-Metrix as a subcontractor under a call for tender issued by DG RTD. This document will provide an update of the 24 EMM indicators, agreed by ERAC as monitoring mechanism of the ERA Roadmap, qualitative information and country profiles. This document does not necessarily reflect the views of the Commission but delivers all the elements for writing the communication as background information.

Other relevant issues:

- In this edition, the main report will be focussed on the development of the EMM indicators since the previous report and a general assessment of progress against the elements provided in the NAPs and other policy documents rather than a full monitoring exercise.
- The Technical Report will include a more in-depth analysis of the National Action Plans as two years have passed since the adoption of the plans and some impact can be measured.
- The country snapshots will be available by the end of November and ERAC delegates will be invited to provide a **factual check** on their respective country profile within 10 working days. Please take note that it is important that the structure and length of the country profiles are respected by all in order to ensure consistency.
- The adoption process will be launched by the end of 2018 after which the ERA Progress Report 2018 and the Technical Report will both be published in the beginning of 2019.