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Delegations will find attached the PowerPoint presentation concerning the item 6 of the SFIC plenary agenda of 18 December 2019.

# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION

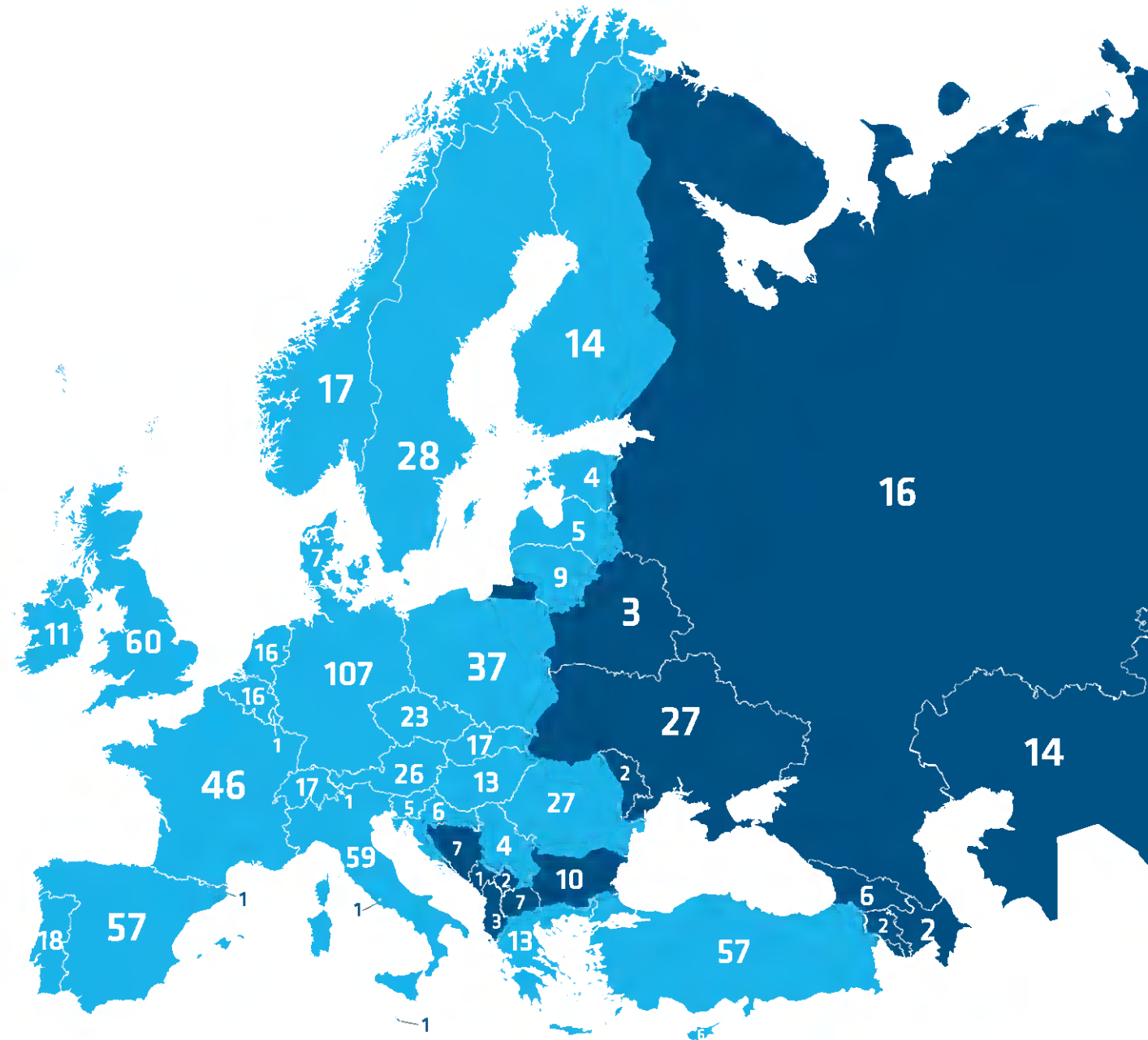
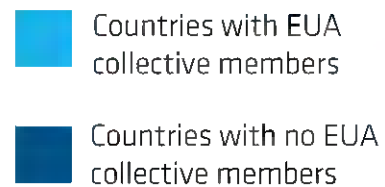
## Horizon Europe – global cooperation

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EUA has 840 members  
based in 48 countries  
(as of 1 Jan 2020)



## Main objectives

- **Facilitates dialogue** on higher education & research
- **Represents the interests** of higher education sector
- Ensures the voice of universities is heard in **EU policy making & in the EHEA**
- **Support its members** with a range of **services** (strategy development, thematic peer groups & focus groups, events and publications)

# Why is global cooperation important for EUA?

## Voice of the European university sector

### Capacity building

- Promoting an inclusive global research and higher education community



### Interregional dialogue

- Europe-Asia
- EU-LAC
- Transatlantic dialogue

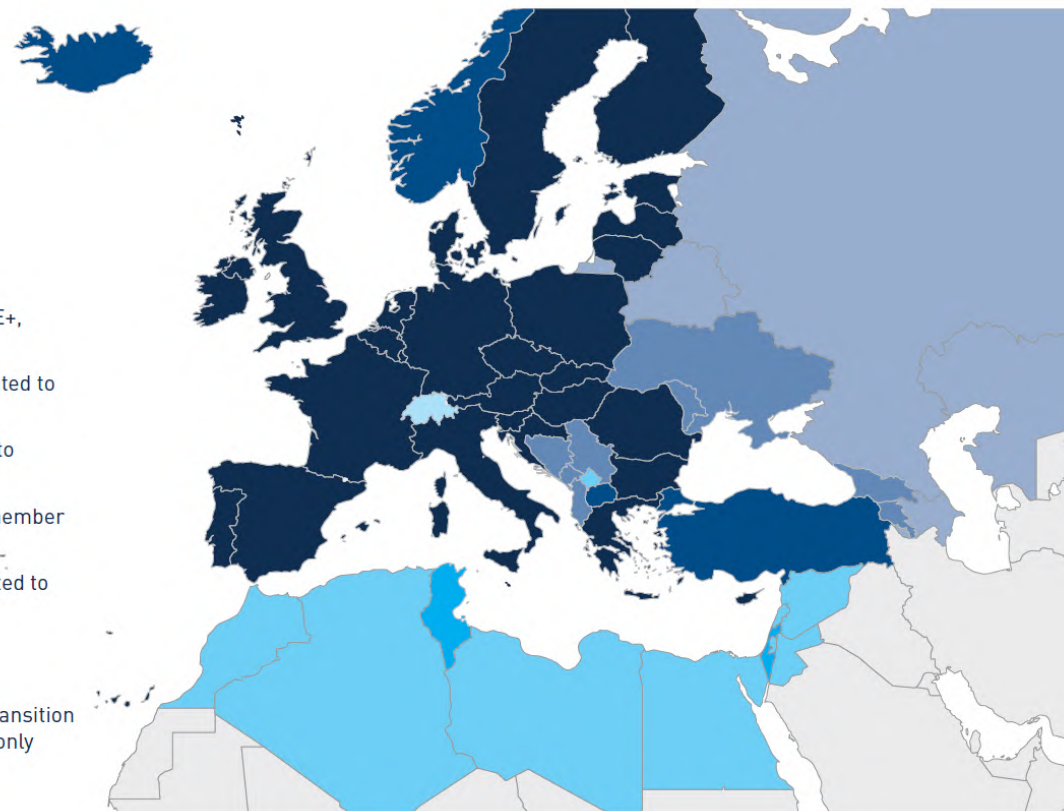


The research  
agenda is  
bigger than the  
EU

An agenda that ‘flows over’ the borders of the Union and  
creates bridges to our neighbours and beyond

Map of countries participating in  
Erasmus+, Horizon 2020 and the  
European Higher Education Area.

- EU member state; fully part of E+,  
H2020 and EHEA
- E+ programme country; associated to  
H2020; member of EHEA
- E+ partner country; associated to  
H2020; member of EHEA
- E+ partner country and EHEA member
- E+ partner country and associated to  
H2020
- E+ partner country only
- H2020 and EHEA with special transition  
agreement for E+: Switzerland only



## Association to Horizon Europe – a welcome global opening

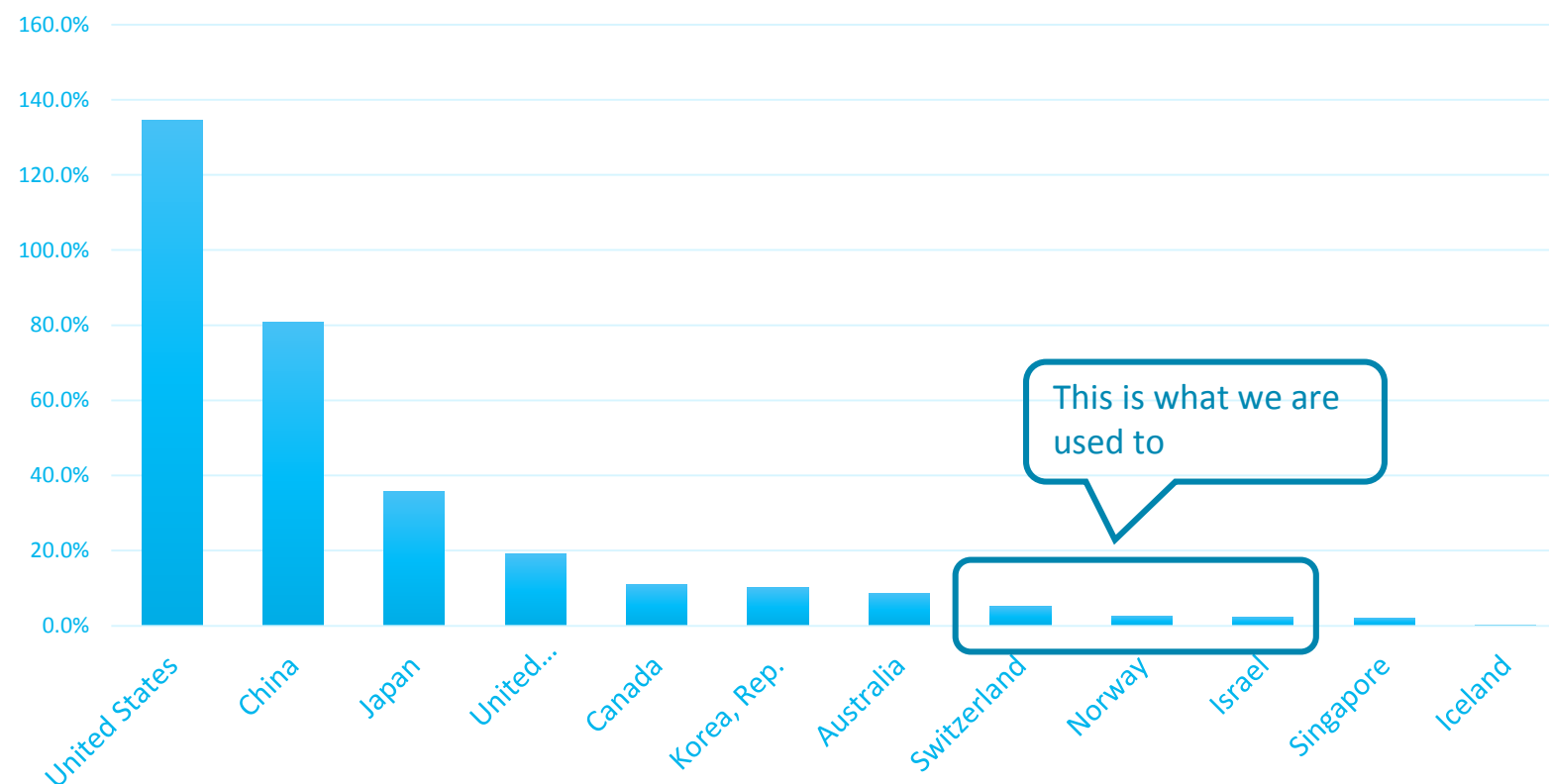
### **Draft Article 12(d) provides a flexible basis for negotiations**

- Implicitly different ‘scopes of association’
- Fair and equal contributions and benefits
- Soft ‘Europe First’ approach ”take into account the objective of driving economic growth in the Union through innovation”
  - ✓ Better remain soft – knowledge is not a zero-sum game

### **Governance – does contributions and benefits include influence?**

Some countries  
are too big for  
association

GDP-based contribution to Horizon Europe - percentage of whole  
programme

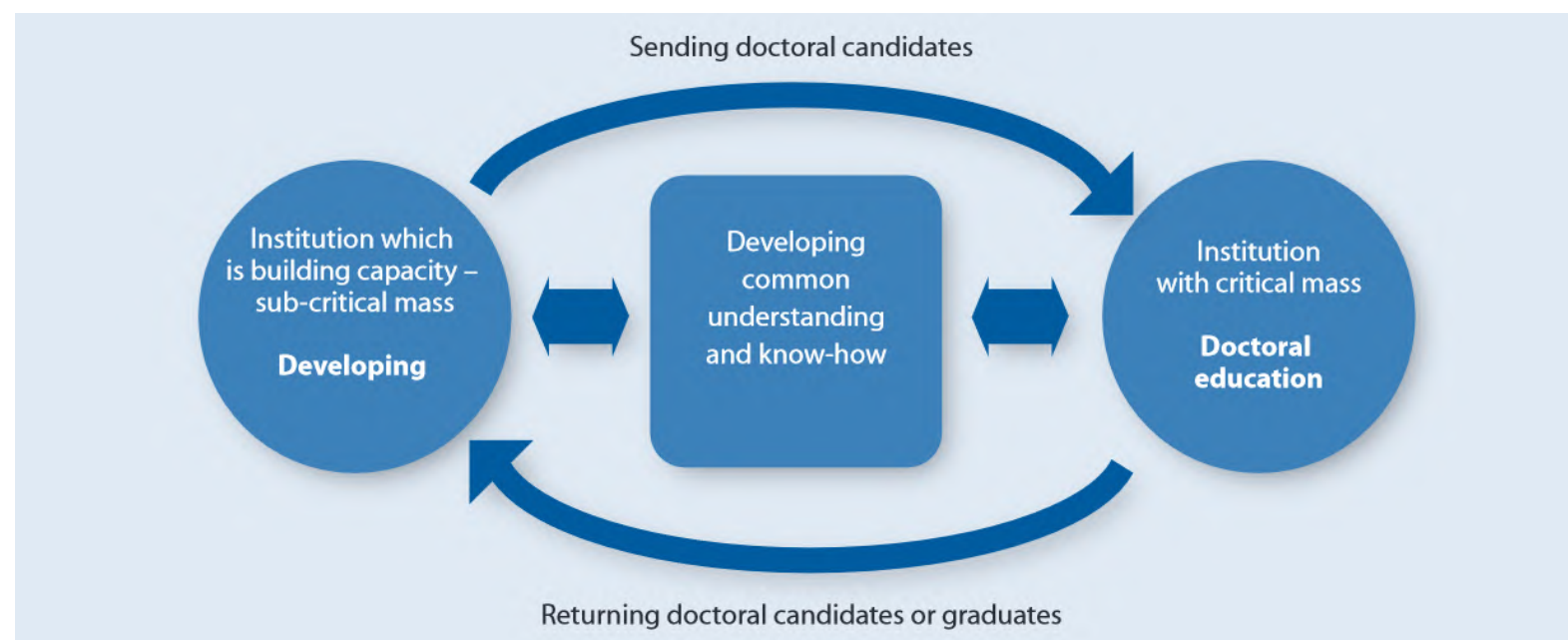




We still also  
need to think  
about capacity  
building

If the ERA wants to be a global player, it needs to think about capacity building partnerships (though not necessarily through Horizon Europe)

- More partners achieving 'critical mass of research'



Source: CODOC – cooperation on doctoral education between Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe (EUA 2012)

## What 'co-competition' with a geopolitical Commission?

### Technical sovereignty

- **Protecting your knowledge**
  - ✓ Makes assumption that 'sensitive' knowledge is easily definable in a time of transversal technologies
  - ✓ Acknowledges a real, new security element of research cooperation
- **Living up to the competition**
  - ✓ Making the right, common investments
  - ✓ Creating a strong common structure (ERA + innovation-based industrial strategy)

# Thank you for your attention

