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From:	SFIC Secretariat
To:	ERAC (SFIC)
Subject:	2nd China Survey May 2020

Delegations will find attached PPT presentation given during the informal videoconference of the members of SFIC on 27 May 2020.

Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC)

2nd China Survey
May 2020



After the Plenary in March 2020, we decided to launch a 2nd China survey to get more details related to scientific networks, specific expertise, etc. available in MS/AC.

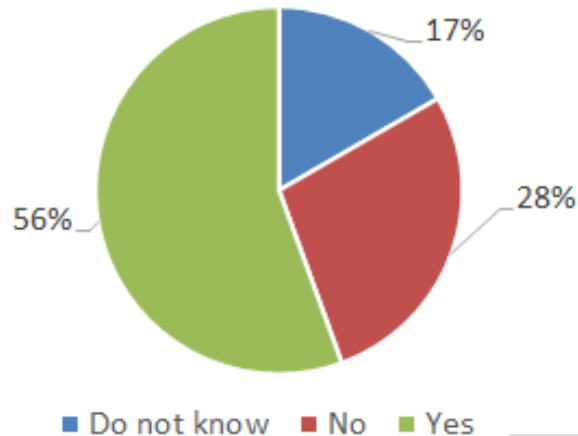
Survey has been launched on 25th of March with a deadline of 16th of April and a short extension.

18 countries have participated in the Survey: AT, BE, CH, DE, EE, FI, FR, HU, IS, IT, LU, LT, MT, NL, NO, PL, PT, SK

Draft results provided to MS for comments /corrections etc.

Very rich information - What follow-up could we make within SFIC and with the EC ???

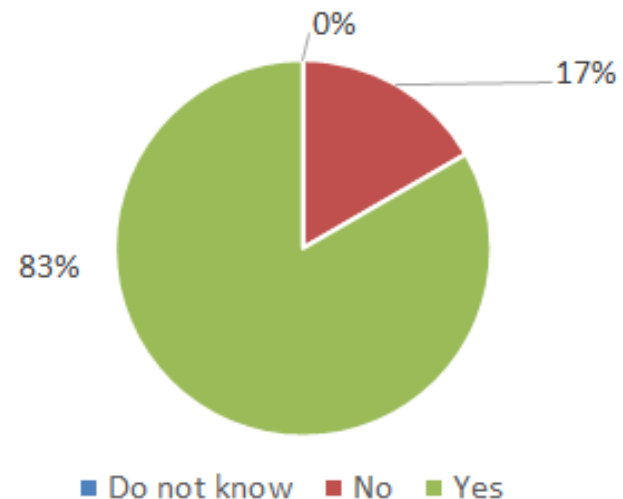
Has your country/region developed/outlined strategies or guidelines, set up expert groups or utilized other means of strategic development/coordination regarding cooperation with China?



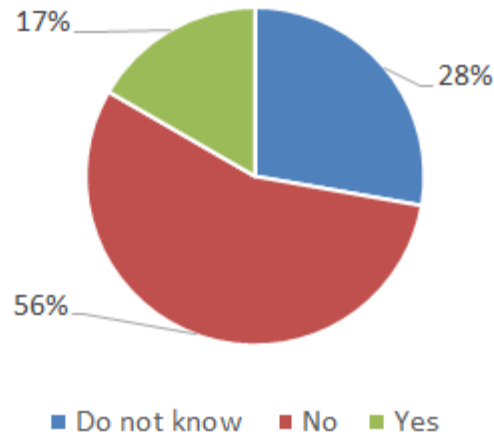
More than half of the responding countries are having strategies, guidelines etc. in place, reaching from general high level arrangements to national “Task forces” or ministerial and inter-ministerial expert groups.

More than 80% of the responding countries do have institutionalised academic or higher education networks with China

Does your country/region have any institutionalised academic/higher education/research networks with China?



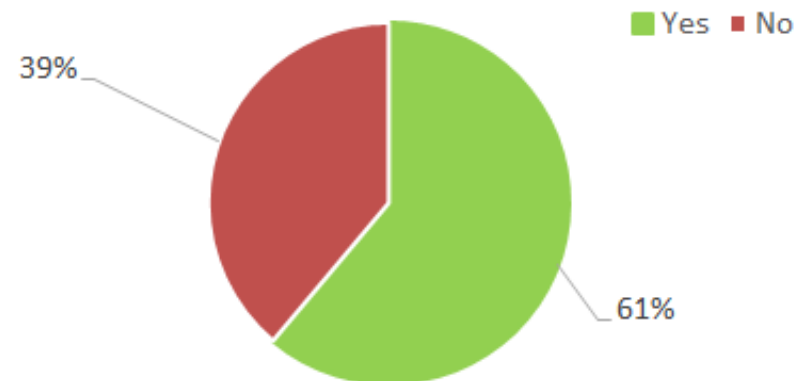
Is your country taking part in any STI related programmes/projects/initiatives in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative?



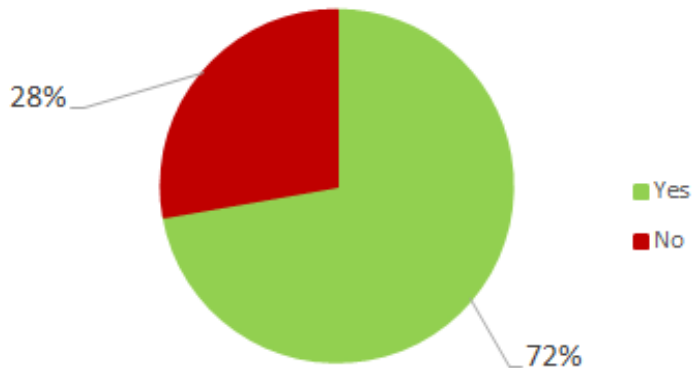
11 out of the 18 responding countries said that they do have specialised institutions related to knowledge on China. Examples of such institutions are part of the report

From the 18 responding countries only 3 have responded that they take part in R&I activities related to the Belt and Road Initiative. However, there seems to be a lack of information on that issue, as 5 responding countries did not know whether there are related activities in their country.

Does your country/region have any specific institutions like Centres of Excellence or similar dealing with issues of contemporary China that could contribute to advancing the strategic knowledge about China and its R&I system?



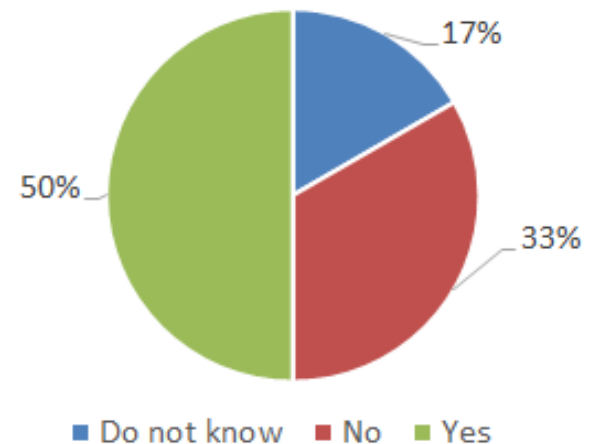
Does your country/region have Science/Education/Innovation Counsellor(s) in China?



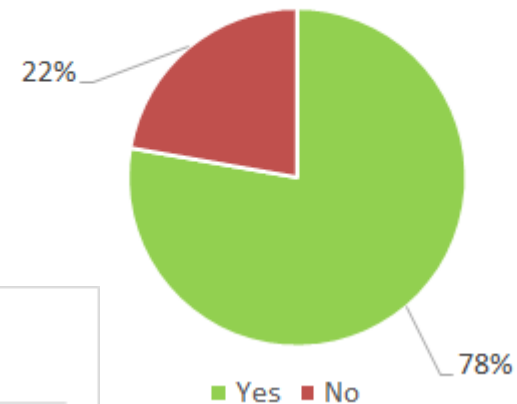
From the 18 responding countries 13 do have respective Counsellor(s) in China. While all of those countries are represented in Beijing, four also have representatives related to science, technology, innovation or education in Shanghai; there are two representations/outposts in Guangzhou and one in Chongqing.

The nine countries who have information on campuses, research labs etc. have provided extensive information which can be found in the report.

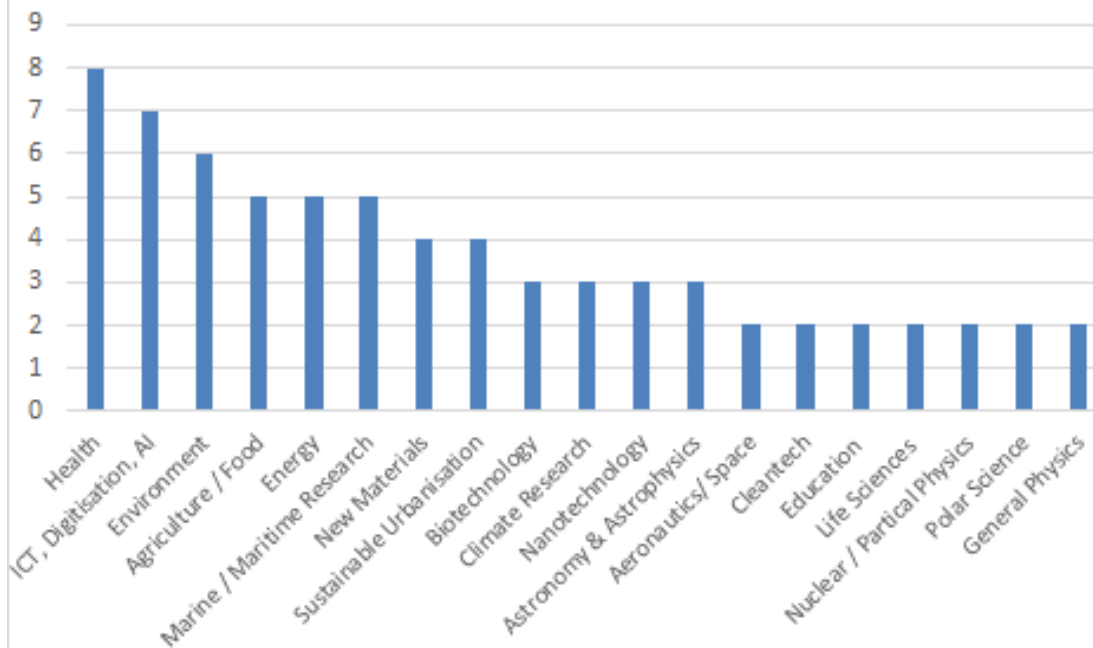
Are you aware which campuses, research labs, liaison offices have been established by your academic institutions/research centres in China?



Do you have an overview about the main priority topics (for example priorities in the science and technology dialogue) of collaboration with China in your country/region?



Priority fields of cooperation with China



Priority fields named by at least two responding countries

Where to go next?



Wide field of competencies in the MS/AC on China & Strong presence of MS/AC in China

How to best use this potential?



Focus on scientific fields on MS/AC level

versus fields for the Joint EU-CN Roadmap in development?



Black Box Belt and Road Initiative

- worth exploring further?