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**ERAC-SFIC**

### **COMMUNICATION**

#### **NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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Subject: European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) -  
Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC)

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Date: 10 March 2021

Time: 10.00

Venue: Videoconference

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#### **1. Welcome and adoption of the agenda**

#### **2. Tour the Table**

Delegations are invited to send ahead of the meeting written input that will be shared with all delegations – see attached form.

Exceptions:

PT delegation – Update of the Portuguese Council Presidency activities explicitly invited.

EC – Update from the European Commission on recent INCO-activities.

### **3. International innovation activities**

Delegations are invited to provide written input ahead of the meeting – form to follow

### **4. ERA related activities and updates**

- Current SFIC status
- De-briefing from the ERAC Steering Board
- Current ERA-related developments – news regarding the governance discussion etc.

### **5. Report on Africa related activities**

- Report of the WG Rapporteurs about the current status quo
- Analysis of the Innovation Survey
- EC current info (EU-Africa summit etc.)

### **6. Report of the Science Diplomacy Task Force**

- Report about the current status quo
- First analysis of the MS Survey
- EC current info

### **7. Update on China**

- Update by the European Commission

### **8. Update on the Guidelines regarding “foreign interference”**

- Update by the European Commission

### **9. SFIC Work Programme 2021/2022**

- Update and next steps (creation of ad-hoc groups, fact sheets etc.)
- ERA- rapporteurs

### **10. Debriefing from the Thematic Workshop**

### **11. EUREKA – report by the AT Presidency**

### **12. Any other topics (including news related to the OECD)**

### **13. Conclusion of the SFIC virtual Plenary Meeting**

NB: Council documents are available on Delegates Portal.

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