Delegations will find annexed to this Note the mandate of the SFIC ad hoc working group for a benchmarking exercise on strategies and roadmaps for international cooperation in R&I, as approved by the SFIC Plenary on 26 September 2018.
MANDATE OF THE SFIC AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR A BENCHMARKING EXERCISE ON STRATEGIES AND ROADMAPS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN R&I

1. In view to develop appropriate joint strategic approaches and actions for international R&I cooperation in line with the ERA roadmap- priority 6, the SFIC ad hoc working group for a benchmarking exercise on strategies and roadmaps for international cooperation in R&I - hereafter the "INCO benchmarking WG" - has the objective to carry out a benchmarking of national initiatives, frameworks and roadmaps in EU Member States and Associated Countries for R&I cooperation with third countries.

Where relevant, the INCO benchmarking WG will benefit from the Toolbox Working Group's gathered information/data concerning roadmaps стрategies and will make full use of its deliverables.

2. The INCO benchmarking WG will focus in particular on the following activities:

a) To collect and to map out the various approaches in the drafting of national roadmaps and strategies for international cooperation in R&I, i.e. countries, perimeter, themes, etc.;

b) To compare the different approaches, i.e. motivation, process, timeframe, priorities, indicators, existence of international benchmarking processes, etc.;

c) To identify transferrable good practice and joint approaches where relevant, i.e. synergies between countries and/or the EU, innovative approaches, etc.

3. The INCO benchmarking WG will provide the following deliverables:

a) Survey and comparative report on national approaches on international strategies in R&I;
b) Identification of key elements in support of priority 6 of ERA;

c) Draft SFIC opinion on international strategies in R&I.

4. The INCO benchmarking WG is set up for a period of 12 months, commencing on [26 September 2018].

5. The SFIC Rules of Procedure (doc. ERAC-SFIC 1355/16) are applicable to the INCO benchmarking WG.

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