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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)

Date: 6 June 2018
Time: 10.30
Venue: COUNCIL
       JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
       Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. "Tour de table" of national and Commission activities
   
   Expected outcome: Information by delegations and the Commission on topics of particular interest to SFIC members
3. **Work programme of the current and incoming Presidencies**  
   *Expected outcome:* Information from the Bulgarian and Austrian delegations

4. **Review of ERA governance in 2018**  
   *Expected outcome:* Information from the Chair on latest developments

5. **PRIMA**  
   *Expected outcome:* Presentation of the joint research and innovation programme by its Chairman/Director, and exchange of views

6. **ENRICH - European Network of Research and Innovation Centres and Hubs**  
   *Expected outcome:* Presentations by representatives of the European research and innovation centres in the United States, Brazil and China, and exchange of views

7. **State of play of SFIC working groups**  
   - Toolbox Working Group  
     *Expected outcome:* Information from the rapporteur on the state of play

8. **Research and Innovation Observatory (RIO)**  
   *Expected outcome:* Information by the Commission on the feasibility of including international cooperation criteria, and exchange of views

9. **The future of SFIC working groups**  
   - Proposal for an *ad hoc* working group for a benchmarking exercise on strategies and roadmaps for international cooperation in R&I  
     *Expected outcome:* Discussion about the setup and the mandate to be given to the proposed *ad hoc* working group (*Doc. WK 3459/2018*)  
   - Possible further new working groups dedicated to thematic issues, geographical areas or specific countries  
     *Expected outcome:* Launching of a reflection group on setting up possible further new working groups
10. Service Facility

*Expected outcome:* Update by the Commission on the operation of the INCO service facility

11. Participation of third countries in Framework Programme 9

*Expected outcome:* Update by the Commission on elements in the upcoming proposal for a new framework programme for research and innovation

12. Any other business

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