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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: 26 September 2018

Time: 10.00

Venue: COUNCIL
JUSTUS LIPSIUS BUILDING
Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 BRUSSELS

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Exchange of views with the Director-General Jean-Eric PAQUET of the Commission’s DG RTD on international cooperation in Horizon Europe

Expected outcome: Presentation of international aspects of Horizon Europe and exchange of views.

Doc. to be issued
3. Exchange of views with GPC on monitoring of activities

*Expected outcome:* GPC has developed a methodology on the monitoring of activities regarding the ERA priorities. This experience may help SFIC to set up a monitoring of the ERA priority 6. Possible areas of cooperation could also be explored.

Doc. ERAC-GPC 1303/18

Lunch break (1h)

13.30

4. State of play of SFIC working groups

**Toolbox Working Group** / Research and Innovation Observatory (**RIO**)

*Expected outcome:* Information on the state of play and on the next steps.

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**Ad hoc working group on benchmarking**

*Expected outcome:* Approval of the revised draft mandate (WK 10658/2018). Information from the chair on the way forwards and nomination of rapporteur.

Doc. WK 10658/2018

5. Way forward for SFIC in view of ERA review report

*Expected outcome:* A discussion on the way forward for SFIC, in particular regarding the ERA review report, and possible measure to boost it

Doc. to be issued

6. Role of SFIC in international cooperation post-2020

*Expected outcome:* discussion on role of SFIC in Horizon Europe and discussion of the draft opinion.

Doc. to be issued
7. Service Facility

*Expected outcome:*
- Update by the Commission on the operation of the INCO service facility;
- Update by the German delegation on the telco on the request for a conceptual framework for monitoring international cooperation and next steps.

8. Any other business