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Delegations will find attached the PowerPoint presentation concerning the item 6 of the SFIC plenary agenda of 18 December 2019.
Horizon Europe – global cooperation

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EUA has 840 members based in 48 countries (as of 1 Jan 2020)
Main objectives

- Facilitates dialogue on higher education & research
- Represents the interests of higher education sector
- Ensures the voice of universities is heard in EU policy making & in the EHEA
- Support its members with a range of services (strategy development, thematic peer groups & focus groups, events and publications)
Why is global cooperation important for EUA?

Voice of the European university sector

Capacity building
• Promoting an inclusive global research and higher education community

Interregional dialogue
• Europe-Asia
• EU-LAC
• Transatlantic dialogue
The research agenda is bigger than the EU

An agenda that ‘flows over’ the borders of the Union and creates bridges to our neighbours and beyond
Association to Horizon Europe – a welcome global opening

Draft Article 12(d) provides a flexible basis for negotiations
- Implicitly different ‘scopes of association’
- Fair and equal contributions and benefits
- Soft ‘Europe First’ approach ”take into account the objective of driving economic growth in the Union through innovation”
  ✓ Better remain soft – knowledge is not a zero-sum game

Governance – does contributions and benefits include influence?
Some countries are too big for association

GDP-based contribution to Horizon Europe - percentage of whole programme

This is what we are used to
We still also need to think about capacity building

If the ERA wants to be a global player, it needs to think about capacity building partnerships (though not necessarily through Horizon Europe)

• More partners achieving ‘critical mass of research’

Source: CODOC – cooperation on doctoral education between Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe (EUA 2012)
What 'co-competition' with a geopolitical Commission?

Technical sovereignty
- Protecting your knowledge
  ✓ Makes assumption that ‘sensitive’ knowledge is easily definable in a time of transversal technologies
  ✓ Acknowledges a real, new security element of research cooperation
- Living up to the competition
  ✓ Making the right, common investments
  ✓ Creating a strong common structure (ERA + innovation-based industrial strategy)
Thank you for your attention