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Delegations will find attached PPT presentation given during the informal videoconference of the members of SFIC on 27 May 2020.
Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC)

2nd China Survey
May 2020
After the Plenary in March 2020, we decided to launch a 2nd China survey to get more details related to scientific networks, specific expertise, etc. available in MS/AC.

Survey has been launched on 25th of March with a deadline of 16th of April and a short extension.

18 countries have participated in the Survey: AT, BE, CH, DE, EE, FI, FR, HU, IS, IT, LU, LT, MT, NL, NO, PL, PT, SK

Draft results provided to MS for comments/corrections etc.

Very rich information - What follow-up could we make within SFIC and with the EC ???
More than 80% of the responding countries do have institutionalised academic or higher education networks with China.

More than half of the responding countries are having strategies, guidelines etc. in place, reaching from general high level arrangements to national “Task forces” or ministerial and inter-ministerial expert groups.
From the 18 responding countries only 3 have responded that they take part in R&I activities related to the Belt and Road Intitiative. However, there seems to be a lack of information on that issue, as 5 responding countries did not know whether there are related activities in their country.

11 out of the 18 responding countries said that they do have specialised institutions related to knowledge on China. Examples of such institutions are part of the report.
The nine countries who have information on campuses, research labs etc. have provided extensive information which can be found in the report.

From the 18 responding countries 13 do have respective Councillor(s) in China. While all of those countries are represented in Beijing, four also have representatives related to science, technology, innovation or education in Shanghai; there are two representations/outposts in Guangzhou and one in Chongqing.
Priority fields named by at least two responding countries
Where to go next?

Wide field of competencies in the MS/AC on China & Strong presence of MS/AC in China

How to best use this potential?

Focus on scientific fields on MS/AC level versus fields for the Joint EU-CN Roadmap in development?

Black Box Belt and Road Initiative - worth exploring further?