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Delegations will find attached the "Standing Information Point - Release of the 2019 European Innovation Scoreboard and Regional Innovation Scoreboard" given by the Commission in view of item 7 of the agenda of the ERAC plenary in Brussels on 6 June.

## SIP NOTE - 42ND ERAC MEETING

### **Release of the 2019 European Innovation Scoreboard and Regional Innovation Scoreboard**

The annual [European Innovation Scoreboard \(EIS\)](#) released jointly by the Directorates for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW) and Research & Innovation (RTD) provides a comparative assessment of the research and innovation performance of the EU countries and selected third countries. It analyses the relative strengths and weaknesses of national research and innovation systems and helps countries assess areas in which they need to concentrate their efforts in order to boost their innovation performance.

This year, the [Regional Innovation Scoreboard \(RIS\)](#) 2019 will accompany the European Innovation Scoreboard. RIS assesses the innovation performance of European regions based on a limited number of indicators. Both reports will be released on 17 June 2019.

The European Commission has organised a “sneak preview” meeting with representatives of Member States and countries associated to Horizon 2020, to present –in advance of its release- the main results reported in the Scoreboards. The meeting will take place on 7 June 2019 from 10h00 to 12h00 at the premises of the European Commission (Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, Square Frère Orban 8, 1000 Bruxelles; floor 5, room 066).

It will take the shape of a joint meeting of country representatives under the aegis of the European Research and Innovation Area Committee and the Enterprise Policy Group (EPG) Subgroup on Innovation. As in previous years, the event will also count on the support of the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO). The Scoreboard team (MERIT-Maastricht University and its supporting consortium) will also take an active role on the technical aspects behind the Scoreboard measurement framework, approach and results.

The aim of the meeting is twofold. First, to provide participants with a confidential preview of key results of the 2019 edition of both reports (performance of countries and regions, EU performance in a global context - under strict embargo until publication). And, second, to inform them about the calendar for the release of the reports.

We anticipate that this year's EIS will reveal that innovation performance has increased for the EU as a whole and for most Member States. Further improvement is expected for the near future, but progress appears to be uneven within the EU.

For the 2019 edition of the European Innovation Scoreboard, no additional changes to the measurement framework have been made since the significant modifications two years ago. However, due to data revisions for some of the indicators, many of the results in this report are not comparable to those reported in previous editions of the EIS. The report also contains a set of contextual indicators introduced to the country profiles in the 2017 edition.

The website of the Scoreboards is:

- [European Innovation Scoreboard \(EIS\)](#)
- [Regional Innovation Scoreboard \(RIS\)](#)