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NOTE

From:	SFIC Secretariat
To:	SFIC delegations
Subject:	Mandate of the SFIC Working Group on Brazil

Delegations will find annexed to this Note the mandate of the SFIC Working Group on Brazil as approved by the SFIC plenary on 19 May 2014.

MANDATE OF THE SFIC WORKING GROUP ON BRAZIL

1. The Working Group on Brazil has the objective to advise the SFIC (Member States, Associated Countries and the Commission) on areas for which there is potential for a more coordinated approach vis-à-vis Brazil adding value to existing successful cooperation activities.

2. The Working Group will follow a step-by-step approach (where each step has a value on its own), focusing in particular on the following activities:
 - a) Collecting and sharing information on EU/MS/AC S&T activities towards and with Brazil, including framework conditions for mobility schemes and innovation activities while taking into account the ongoing bilateral and bi-regional projects under the FP7/H2020 involving Brazil, as well as considering the dimension of reciprocity in the STI cooperation. This could be done in collaboration with the EU/MS/AC science counsellors in Brazil and other actors and stakeholders such as different existing networks.

 - b) Analysing the variety of on-going successful cooperation activities and recommending areas where there is potential for a more coordinated approach vis-à-vis Brazil, which would add value to existing successful cooperation activities.

 - c) Developing a SFIC Roadmap towards Brazil based on the set of recommendations for joint actions emerging from the SFIC Brazil workshop on 17 June 2013 and other initiatives connected with the SFIC work (such as projects funded by the EU and SFIC Members/Observers, documents, studies, events). The Roadmap should include an Action Plan with activities to take place during the two to three next years based on voluntary participation of SFIC Members and Observers as well as taking into account the variable geometries in the future activities.

- d) Contributing to the development of the specific activities included in the SFIC Roadmap towards Brazil and its Action Plan and ensuring an annual follow-up and reporting of its implementation.
 3. The Working Group shall contribute to and take account of the EU Multi-Annual Roadmap for Brazil and activities in Horizon 2020, as appropriate.
 4. The Working Group is set up for a period of 2 years, commencing on 19 May 2014. This period can be extended after assessment and approval by the SFIC Plenary.
 5. The SFIC Rules of Procedure (ERAC-SFIC 1351/14) are applicable to this Working Group.
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