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From:	ERAC Secretariat
To:	ERAC (European Research Area and Innovation Committee)
Subject:	ERAC videoconference on 10 September 2020 - Item 5 - Innovation Scoreboard 2020

Dear ERAC delegates,

Please find enclosed the document from the European Commission The Innovation Scoreboard 2020, with a view to the ERAC videoconference on Thursday 10 September (agenda item 5).

Best regards,

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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF ERAC DELEGATES

Subject: European Innovation Scoreboard

The European innovation scoreboard (EIS) provides a comparative analysis of innovation performance in EU countries, other European countries, and regional neighbours. It assesses relative strengths and weaknesses of national innovation systems and helps countries identify areas they need to address.

The European innovation scoreboard 2020, released on 23 June 2020, showed that innovation performance continues to increase at a steady pace within the EU. On average, the innovation performance of the EU has increased by 8.9% since 2012. In addition, since a few years, the performance among Member States has been converging, a trend that is growing.

Sweden continues to be the EU Innovation Leader, followed by Finland, Denmark and the Netherlands. This year Luxembourg (previously a Strong Innovator) joins the group of Innovation Leaders, while Portugal (previously a Moderate Innovator) joins the group of Strong Innovators.

This year's Scoreboard is marked by the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU. This has had a small impact on the EU's average innovation performance, and has not affected the relative performance of Member States in relation to EU's global performance.

At global level, the EU has surpassed the United States for the second year. The EU continues to have a performance lead over the United States, China, Brazil, Russia, South Africa, and India. Since 2012, the EU's performance gap with South Korea, Australia and Japan has increased.

New developments and issues with the current measurement framework call for a revision of the EIS. This revision reflects the need to: 1) better align the EIS dimensions with changing policy priorities, and to ensure that it includes indicators on key areas such as digital skills, social innovation and environmental sustainability 2) continuously improve the quality, timeliness and analytical soundness of indicators.

The revision process started already last year with the active involvement of the ERAC and EPG members through workshops and written consultations. The revised measurement framework will be introduced in the 2021 edition of the EIS and the Regional Innovation Scoreboard. The results of the revision process will be summarized in the EIS 2021 Methodology Report

The final workshop will take place towards the end of the year (November-December). The ERAC and EPG members will be invited in due time.

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