

SFIC Benchmarking WG

Presentation of the preliminary draft report to MLE experts

Bucharest, 16 September 2019

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Why did we do it?

- **SFIC:** provide strategic advice on international S&T cooperation within the context of the European Research Area
- **Top action priority (2015-2020)** for international cooperation: development and implementation of joint strategic approaches and actions for international STI cooperation on the basis of Member States' national priorities
- The **Benchmarking WG:** contribute to a more coherent and integrated approach among MS/AC/COM

What did we do?

- 2 main strands:
 - The collection of available **National Action Plans** (NAPs) and the comparison of their chapters for ERA priority 6 with regard to different predefined categories;
 - The design, implementation and analysis of a **survey** sent to all SFIC delegations on frameworks, structures and activities of EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries in their S&T cooperation with third countries.

How did we do it?

- **NAP comparison:**

- categories: preamble, priorities, geographical areas, focused thematic issues, instruments/tools/measures/supporting programmes, indicators, most important actors

- **Survey:**

1	Your country:												
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3		S&T agreements			Joint structures			Joint activities					
	Country name	Type of agreement, please specify (intergovernmental S&T agreement, treaty, interinstitutional MoU, etc.)	Specific topic of the agreement, if any (please specify)	Other ministry/relevant body involved in the implementation of the agreement, if any (please specify)	Joint Science and Technology Cooperation Committee Meetings	Representation bureaus (RPOs, universities, etc.), if any (please specify)	Science counsellors abroad, if any (please specify)	Other structure (please specify)	Joint calls, if any (please specify number and focus/topic)	Joint mobility schemes, if any (please specify)	Joint networking activities, if any (please specify)	Other activities (please specify)	Evaluation of impact in place, if any (please specify)
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What are the results?

NAP comparison:



Out of the **African countries**, South Africa is frequently mentioned by many countries with NAPs as a priority country to develop international cooperation activities. Northern African countries are mentioned as a priority by ES, EL, HU, IT, MT, PT; Africa in general is stated as priority by FR, NL, and CH; and the rest of the countries have stated the Portuguese speaking African Countries (PT) and Ethiopia and Côte d'Ivoire (CH).



Out of the **Asian countries** China, India and Japan are frequently mentioned by most of the countries with NAPs; followed by South Korea by AT, CZ, DK, ES, FI, HU, IE, RO, SE, SI, CH; and South East Asian countries by AT, BE, FI, HU, IE, LU, NL, SE.



Out of the **Latin American countries**, Brazil is frequently mentioned by most of the countries with NAPs; followed by the geographical area of Latin America in general and several countries by AT, BE, ES, CH, FI, HU, CH). Specific countries like Argentina is stated by AT, FI, HU, PT, RO, SI and Mexico by FR, HU, SE, SI.



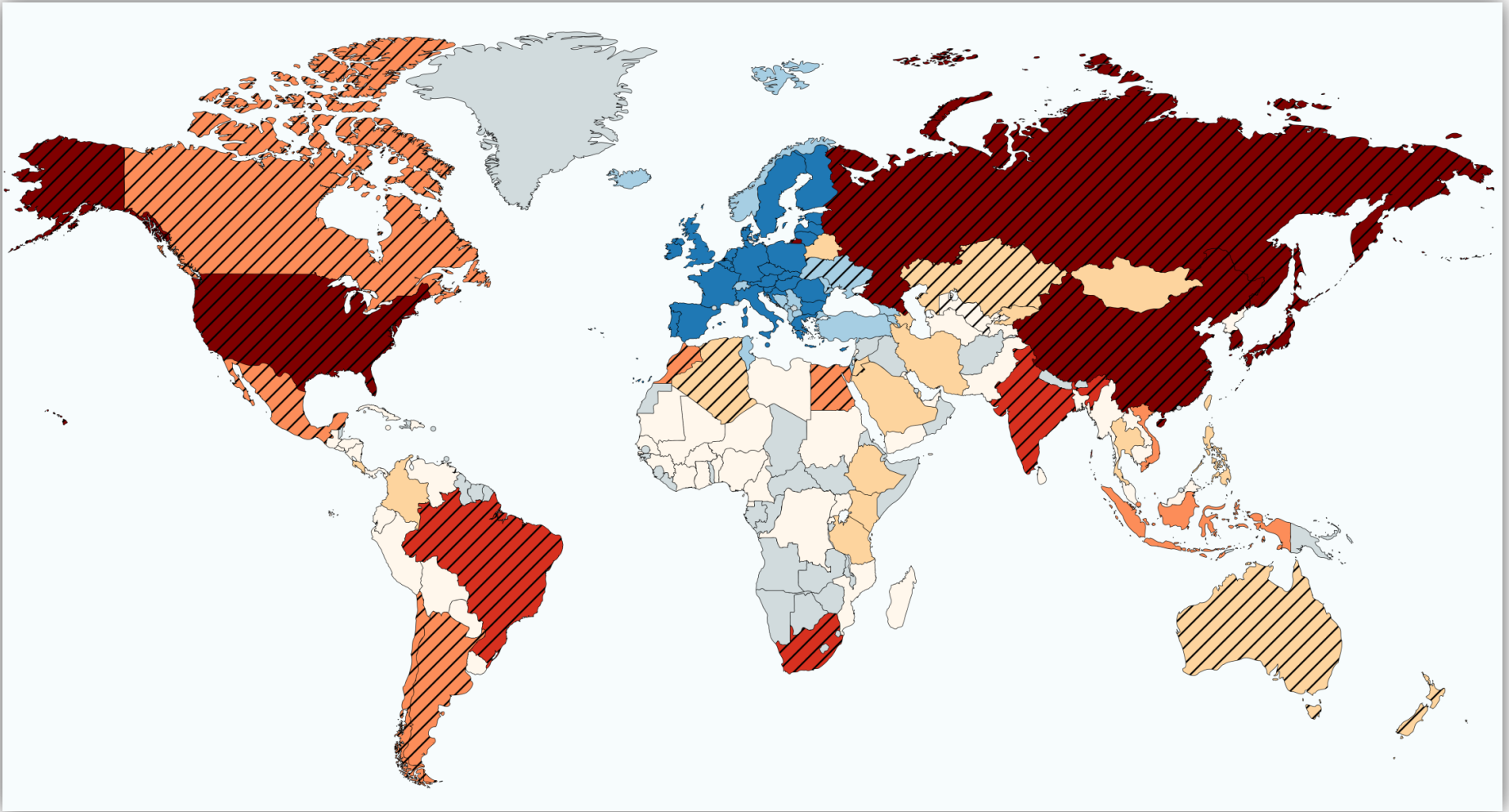
Out of the **Northern American** countries, USA is frequently mentioned by most of the countries with NAPs; followed by Canada stated by BE, FR, SE, NO.



Other countries highlighted for international cooperation activities are Russia, mentioned by AT, CZ, FI, FR, IE, HU, NO, Eastern and South Eastern European Countries, stated by AT, SI, HU; Australia by FI and FR; Saudi Arabia by HU, IE, Turkey by EL and HU; and Ukraine by HU and RO.

Survey:





What's next?

16-17 September	presentation and discussion of the draft report with MLE experts in Bucharest
20 September	sending the draft report (after including MLE feedback) to SFIC delegates
4 October	presentation and discussion of the draft report during the SFIC Plenary
4 November	deadline for written feedback from SFIC delegates on the draft report
12-13 November	possible further discussions with MLE experts in Stockholm?
18 December	adoption of the final report during the SFIC Plenary
Spring 2019	SFIC workshop on the outcomes of the benchmarking exercise?

Your feedback?

- Your comments on the work of the Benchmarking Working Group would be welcome (methodology, content, outcomes, ...).
- Is the report useful for your own work within the MLE?