



## **EU Member States joining forces for international R&I cooperation**

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# European Research Area

An open space  
for knowledge and

Strategic  
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Human  
Resources  
and  
Mobility

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Science  
and  
Innovation

Gender in  
Research  
and  
Innovation

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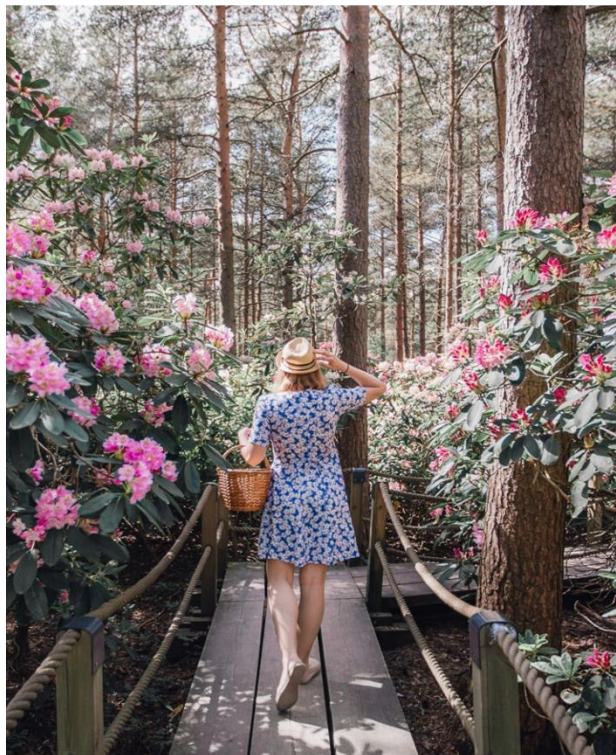
# Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC)

Basics facts about SFIC:

Dedicated configuration of ERAC

Mandate as of 2008

Chair rotating /MS



- international dimension of ERA
  - focus on the external dimension of the European Union and Member States' research and innovation activities,
- sharing of information
- consultation between its members
- identifying common priorities which could lead to coordinated or joint initiatives,
- coordinating activities and positions vis-à-vis third countries and within international fora.

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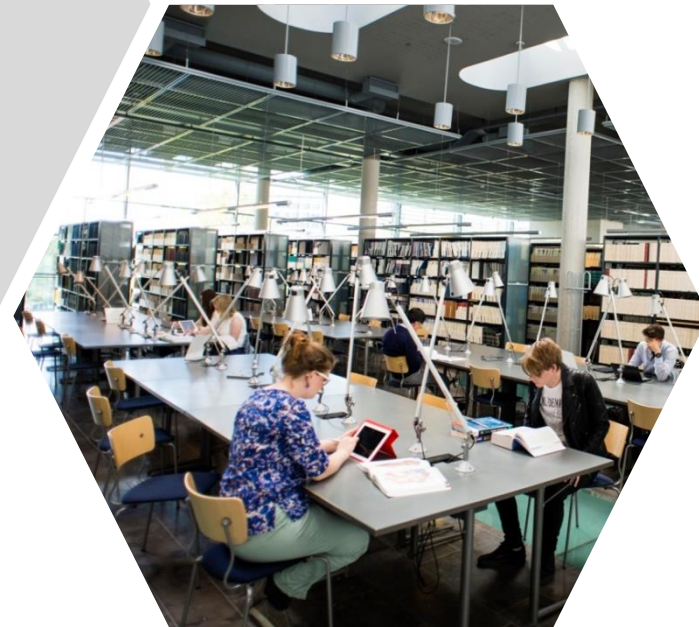


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Forum:

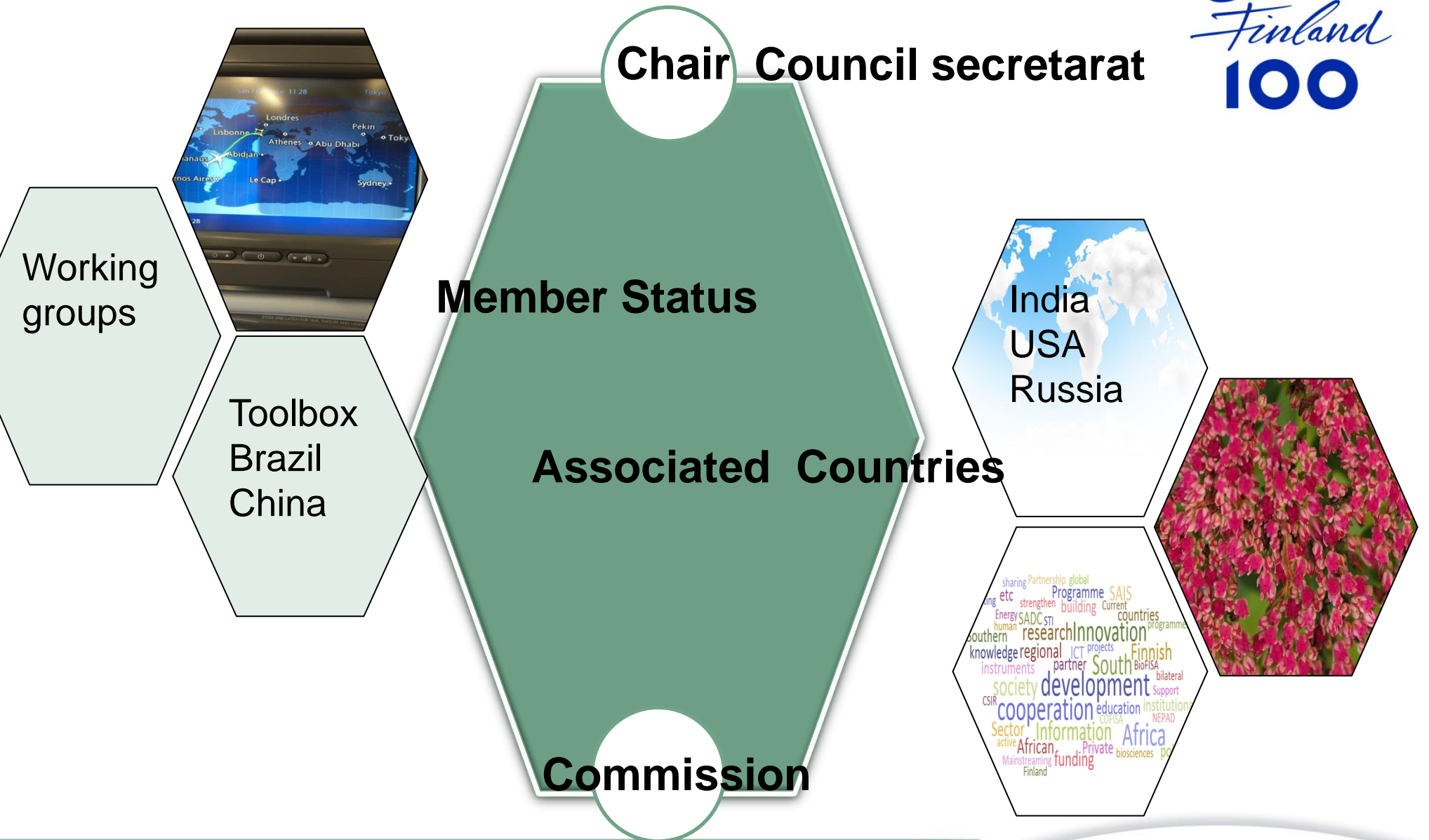
Member States  
and the  
Commission

Observers:

Associated  
Countries to  
the H2020



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Strategic and timely advice on international S&T cooperation to the Council and Commission – also MS level

Multi-Annual Roadmaps  
Bi-regional policy dialogues  
INCO Service Facility  
International dimension of the European Innovation Council (EIC)



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# Thematic/regional working groups?



Science  
diplomacy?  
Innovation?  
Reciprocity/  
mutual interest  
Open access to  
information



**EU-CELAC  
EU-AU  
EU-MEDA  
EU-ASEAN**

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# Toolbox for international cooperation wg



Develop a practical overview for MS, AC and COM in implementation of intern. STI agreements and STI cooperation

Toolbox document with instruments and best practice-examples of international cooperation in 2017



Survey: Countries: China, India, and the USA  
Topics/Themes: engineering and technology and natural sciences



Funding schemes and joint structures with third countries

National policies/strategies for intern. STI cooperation



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