

Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation - SFIC

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SFIC

- **Composed by government representatives from EU 28 Member States, 13 associated countries and the European Commission**
- **Gives Strategic Advice to EU-Member States (associated countries), European Council and the European Commission on S&T Cooperation outside Europe**

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Mandate:

- Platform for sharing information and 'best' practice on bilateral cooperation
- Networking/Liaison with stakeholders
- Identifying common priorities
- Agree on joint/coordinated actions and implementation

Working methods:

- Opinions/advice
- Strategic research and Innovation Agendas
- Working Groups (Brazil, China, US, Russia)
- Seminars and workshops (SA, roadmaps)

SFIC Toolbox

- **The aim is to make a practical guide to international cooperation**
- **Experiences from Member States' bilateral cooperation**
- **An overview of relevant instruments for international cooperation, mapping the content of MoUs and S&T agreements**
- **SFIC “recommendation table” matching instruments to countries**

Example of SFIC Activities

- **Support to policy dialogues (EU/Member States with third countries) including Joint Committee Meetings**
- **Contribute to the EC's multi-annual roadmaps (Japan and other countries)**

Example of SFIC Activities (Japan)

- The chair visited Tokyo in April and meet JST, JSPS and MEXT – seminar at EU-representation and JST.
- Chair of SFIC WG (Toolbox) visited Tokyo end of May to present the Toolbox.
- These visits will be discussed and followed up by SFIC

SFIC can be used by as a platform
SFIC would be happy to further collaborate
with JEUIPSTE and any interested
Stakeholder

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm?lg=en&pg=sfic-general>