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Editorial

EuroRIS-Net+: RIs moving forward

EuroRIS-Net+, the European Network of National Contact Points for the "Research Infrastructures (RIs)" programme, provides value-added services for transnational cooperation of NCPs, effective implementation and visibility of RIs programme. The Network develops observatory functions for European, national and regional infrastructures policies, programmes and initiatives. It also supports and encourages the dialogue between RIs NCPs and other stakeholders of the RI ecosystem.

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Project News

Trainings & Triplings: more than 25 NCPs involved!

14 new National Contact Points have been trained by experienced colleagues, under the frame of EuroRIS-Net+ project, and can now provide more information and services to all organisations interested in Research Infrastructures.

The **1st High Level Training & visit to CERN** took place on 29-30 January 2013, in Geneva, Switzerland. The Training, organised by EURESEARCH, was attended by 23 NCPs. During the Training, ESFRI delegates presented the recent development on RIs. A panel discussion followed, with Programme Committee members sharing information and views on Horizon 2020. The presentations are available on the Observatory:

<http://observatory.euroris-net.eu/euroris/files/subview?cat=TYPE&id=275&label=Presentation>

The **2nd High Level Training** will take place on 16-17 September, in Athens. The focus will be on e-Infrastructures and ERICs. All presentations will be available on the Observatory.

19 NCPs have also been involved in the **tripling activities** of the Network. Presentations are available on the Observatory.

Browse Frequently Asked Questions on Research Infrastructures on: <http://euroris-net.eu/faqs>



Workshop on Research Infrastructures in Lisbon

The **workshop “Research Infrastructure towards 2020” will take place on 5 July, in Lisbon**. Research Infrastructure” has been an evolving concept across the EU and has been understood and translated to national realities mainly through medium to long term strategies that can be found in National Roadmaps. Understanding how this concept has evolved so far, also to include e-infrastructures, and how it has and will be translated into practice by EU, national and regional policies is a key issue and will underpin the future landscape of Research Infrastructures in Europe. The path taken in a number of countries across Europe to produce their National Roadmaps, the methodologies and how they face the future programming period (2014-2020) will be presented. In this context, inter-linkages with Smart Specialization strategies and sub-national regions across Europe are some of the crucial issues put forward. For registration, please contact: Ricardo Migueis (ris@fct.pt).

The results of the **workshop “RIs in the new European Landscape”**, which took place in Vienna, Austria, on 4 December, are already online. The event, organized by NCP Turkey-TUBITAK and hosted by NCP Austria-FFG, focused on Improving Visibility and Access to RIs, RI activities in the context of Horizon 2020, JPIs and FET Flagships in conjunction with RIs. For more information, please check: <http://observatory.euroRis-net.eu/euroRis/files/subview?cat=TYPE&id=275&label=Presentation>

Awareness meetings in Poland and Czech Republic

Two special awareness events about Research Infrastructures have been organised in May 2013 in Gliwice (Poland) and Ostrava (Czech Republic). Why were these locations chosen and not others? Being relatively large academic centres, both towns attracted relatively few Transnational Access (TA) users during the 6th Framework Programme. This led to the interpretation that maybe the knowledge about Transnational Access is still not sufficient among researchers.

The analysis concerning TA users from different countries and towns was possible thanks to the European Commission which gave us access to relevant data on infrastructure users who benefitted from opportunities offered by Integrating Activity projects. The data concerning the 7th Framework Programme would be, clearly, more indicative but it is not accessible yet as many FP7 projects are still running.

Silesian Technical University, Gliwice – 22nd May 2013

The participants – ca 30 – came not only from Silesian institutions but also from neighbouring academic centres. Four presentations were delivered. Anna Łukaszkiwicz- Kierat (STU, Gliwice) briefly introduced the Regional Contact Point and the services offered. Wieslaw Studencki (NCP, Warszawa) highlighted the main features of the FP7 Research Infrastructures Programme, the types of projects available under this program, as well as the involvement of Polish institutions under this programme. Marit van der Zee (FFG, Wien) made an interesting presentation focusing on the main issues of free Transnational Access: how it works, how to look for it and how to use the search tools offered by the EuroRIS-Net+ project. Finally, Dominika Raróg-Ośliżłok (STU, Gliwice) compared the main aspects of FP7 and its successor – Horizon 2020.





Technical University, Ostrava – 23rd May 2013

Most of the participants here – ca 25 – represented the Technical University but there were also some delegates from the local enterprises and local administration. Three presentations were included in the agenda. Ondřej Daniel (NCP, Prague) gave information about the activities of the Technology Center addressed to individual researchers. Wiesław Studencki (NCP, Warsaw) presented the Transnational Access opportunities and made a short overview of the EuroRis-Net+ project. The closing presentation by Kateřina Mrázková (TU, Ostrava) gave information about the Czech EURAXESS services.

The events in both Gliwice and Ostrava were very well organised by the respective Regional Contact Points who promoted the meetings and invited not only scientists working in universities and research institutions, but also interested representatives of enterprises and local administration. In both cases, the presence of the younger generation prevailed and this gives a very optimistic prospect for the future.

Many FP7 Integrating Activity projects are still running, offering Transnational Access to research infrastructures, free of costs. All researchers working in EU member states or Associated Countries and representing all research fields, are invited to benefit from this opportunity. More information, and details on deadlines, links, contacts, etc., can be found at the EuroRis-Net+ website <http://www.euroris-net.eu/transnational-access-opportunities>

EuroRis-Net+ Observatory: new content & reports

Information on RIs projects, organisations and persons involved in RIs, policy documents, presentations, factsheets, etc. are already available on the **EuroRis-Net+ Observatory**. Find out more about Research infrastructures in European and third countries, download snapshots of RIs statistics, key participants, indicators per thematic category, etc. on: <http://observatory.euroris-net.eu/euroris/>

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European events & Networking

EuroRis-Net+ participated in the **10th e-Infrastructure Concertation meeting** (7 March, Brussels) & **“Week of Innovative Regions”** (5-7 June, Cork).

The Network was also invited to meetings of other RI Networks, such as the “High-level conference on 'Promoting Africa-EU Research Infrastructure Partnerships' (8 March 2013, Brussels: presentation of EuroRis-Net+), the MERIL Workshop & Steering Committee meeting (23 April, Barcelona) & COPORI Workshop on “Research Infrastructures and Structural Funds” (15 May, Brussels). More info is available on the Observatory.



Publication on transnational access to RIs for Czech Republic

Ondřej Daniel (Technology centre AS CR) published an article in Czech research review Echo on transnational access to RIs. A comparative analysis of international RIs used by Czech researchers and Czech RIs used by international researchers was based on the data from FP6. More info (in Czech) is available on:

<http://www.tc.cz/cs/storage/007134e72fd07411fa012bb8eb1db8e148808662?uid=007134e72fd07411fa012bb8eb1db8e148808662>



EU News and Events

EC Consultation on RIs: future activities for national infrastructures

The results of the EC Consultation on possible topics for future activities for integrating and opening recently published. The Commission received 547 submissions representing 246 different topics. The assessment was carried out with the assistance of 50 independent experts. More info:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/pdf/final-report-CEI-2013.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none>

e-IRG Amsterdam Workshop Summary Published

Around 100 participants attended the e-IRG workshop organized in Amsterdam on 3-4 December 2012. The workshop focused on: Trust as basis for Data Access and Sharing, Foundations of Data Organizations, Building Blocks as Basis for a Global Infrastructure, Data Services for Research, Assessment of Data Services: Certification as a Means of Providing Trust, Governance Models and Policies, Research Data Alliance Governance Model and Policies, Content Working Group, Governance Working Group, Services Working Group, e-IRG Blue Paper on Data, Data is the Currency of Modern Science (source: <http://www.e-irg.eu>).



<http://www.e-irg.eu/images/stories/reports/e-irg-workshop-summary-amsterdam-dec2012-vfinal.pdf>

Handbook on RIs by RAMIRI project

A useful Handbook on Research Infrastructures has been published under the RAMIRI (Realising and Managing International Research Infrastructures) project. The project aimed to deliver training and networking programme for people involved in planning and managing international research infrastructures within the European Union (and Associated States).



The Handbook is an introductory instrument for quick access to the main definitions and references related to Research Infrastructures. Many of these issues are similar to those affecting Research (as distinct but strongly interacting with Development and Innovation) and have to deal with the perceived or expected socio-economic results, with the ensuing management aspects.

Find out more on: <http://www.ramiri-blog.eu/index.php?n=Main.HomePage>

Open Research Data on the Horizon...and beyond

A workshop on "Open Research Data on the Horizon ... and beyond" will be held on 10 September 2013, in Garching, Germany. The goal of this workshop is to discuss European aspects of global research data sharing and exchange as well as inject new ideas and European achievements.

More information:

<https://rd-alliance.org/open-research-data-horizon-%E2%80%A6-and-beyond.html-1>



EUDAT 2nd Conference



The 2nd EUDAT conference will take place on 28-30 October, in Rome, Italy. It brings together international data infrastructure providers and practitioners from research and enterprise to discuss the Collaborative Data Infrastructure (CDI) supported by EUDAT. More info:

<http://www.eudat.eu/news/something-everyone-2nd-eudat-conference>

Mapping ICT across Sub-Saharan Africa

iMENTORS has started to map in a virtual observatory the levels of connectivity, types of networks, data infrastructures, e-tools, and projects, etc. that are currently available for researchers in Sub-Saharan Africa.

iMENTORS, an FP7 funded project launched in April 2012 by Stockholm University and Gov2u, is a web-based platform serving as a knowledge repository for sharing and aggregating data on e-infrastructure projects throughout sub-Saharan Africa. The platform is going live on 15 July. Want to learn more about iMENTORS? Sign up for the [iMENTORS newsletter](#)

