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■ Editorial

The first semester of 2010 has been a time period full of Research Infrastructures (RIs) policy and dissemination events, in which the importance of RIs was highlighted, recognised as playing a catalytic role for the development of the ERA and the links of R&D to society and the economy.

In the current issue, you can find information on the outcomes of important RI events in which EuroRISNET participated actively throughout this period, contributing dynamically both in the dissemination of the benefits of RI programme to research communities, and to the broader dialogue with all FP7 thematic areas covered within Research Infrastructures programme.

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1. EuroRISNET participation and booth support at ECRI 2010 event, March 23-24, 2010, Barcelona, Spain

The Sixth European Conference on Research Infrastructures (**ECRI2010**) took place in Barcelona on March 23-24, 2010, under the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU. The day before the opening, on Monday, 22nd of March, the ALBA Synchrotron was officially inaugurated, with the presence of the Spanish Minister of Science and Innovation, Cristina Garmendia and the President of the Spanish Government, José Luis Zapatero.

This very significant conference on RI policy focused on:

- Promoting a new European Strategy for RIs in the framework of the future Strategy for the EU2020
- Prioritising the ESFRI-RoadMap, being proposed to establish a process for the political decision-making of the selection and location of new RIs, taking into account the already existing ones
- The e-infrastructure for Science
- The Management and funding of the RIs within context of the ERA
- The Governance and future of RIs within the ERA

Among ECRI2010 **conclusions**, the role of Research Infrastructures in stimulation of the economy, through business involvement in preparation, construction and operation phases, as well as the need to establish clear priority criteria - not only for selecting the right locations for research infrastructures, but also for their use - and to guarantee they are defined on the basis of scientific and technological excellence, taking into account the major public challenges and requirements, were highlighted.

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The need to ensure long-term funding for these infrastructures, both in terms their construction and operation is directly related to the fact that current estimates suggest that by 2014 these future projects could involve investments of around 20,000 million Euros in construction and around 2 billion Euros in operation.

The ESFRI forum, having already identified 44 priority RI projects, will continue to play an important role in this strategy, as a bridge between the Member States and the European Commission. Considerations for further collaboration with e-IRG were also discussed.

All stakeholders particularly the scientific community, should be involved in decisions made about these facilities, from concept to creation, and that there is a need to reach consensus on priorities within the different areas of knowledge, keeping in mind that this decision-making process requires a regional, national and local approach, within a reasonable timeframe, in order for Europe to maintain and increase its international lead at the cutting edge of knowledge.

EuroRISNET, as the network of RI NCPs, participated at the conference and supported a promotion booth for the network, providing dissemination material (RI success stories, the DVD "RIs: Why so important", e-newsletter issues etc.) and more specific information services for RI programme and the EuroRISNET added-value services, especially regarding bottom-up requirements from scientific communities, international cooperation and transnational access.



More info, see www.euroris-net.eu or <http://www.ecri2010.es/en/content/conclusions>

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2. Cross-border St Gallen event, June 14-15, 2010: NCP project EuroRIs-Net leads to International Information event on Research Infrastructures.

What started as an idea of three NCPs during one of the project meetings, ended in a highly successful two-day information event on Research Infrastructures in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

Although there are many regions with high potential in most countries, the Info days are usually held in the capital city. This means a disadvantage for researchers in the regions. To change this, the NCPs from Switzerland (Euresearch), Germany (German Aerospace Centre/DLR) and Austria (FFG) decided to have a combined Info day in St. Gallen. Due to the high importance of the event within the NCP project EuroRIs-Net, the project decided to support the event financially.

Despite the fact that the Infoday was focused primarily on the three organizing countries, on 14-15th of June, 50 participants from 5 countries came to St. Gallen to listen to a wide range of speakers. The two speakers of the European Commission, Mr. Christian Kurrer from DG Research and Mr. Bernhard Fabianek from DG INFSO informed the audience on the forthcoming calls and provided information on future activities. Furthermore, an experienced evaluator presented her view on the requirements of successful proposals and two coordinators gave a clear insight on the structure and the management of projects. An interactive panel discussion with high level experts on the design of the work programme completed the information provided to the audience. According to the feedback of the participants it was the combination of speakers, telling about their experiences and an interactive panel discussion made the event a success.



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The decision of three countries to combine their Info days offered the opportunity for the participants to do extensive networking. The event facilitated this activity by providing enough time for personal talks during the breaks. The feedback on these networking breaks was very positive and many participants used the possibility also to talk to the speakers personally. Also during the speeches and panel discussion, questions arose from the audience and led to lively discussions.

A special workshop on Integrating Activities at the end of the event targeted at proposal writers and explained the specifications of the funding scheme “combination of Collaborative Projects and Coordination and Support Actions”.

We look back on a very successful event in wonderful surroundings and look forward to similar events in the future.

The agenda (including the names of the speakers) and the presentation can be downloaded at:
http://www.euresearch.ch/index.php?id=603&tx_seminars_pi1%5bshowUid%5d=730

3. EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF2010), 2 - 7 July 2010, Torino, Italy

The fourth **ESOF – Euroscience Open Forum** was held from **2 to 7 July 2010** at the **Lingotto** in Torino, Italy.

ESOF is an important event that is held every two years and is dedicated to scientific research and innovation and to their impact on society.

It involves leading scientists and young researchers: the past and the present. One of the key objectives of ESOF2010 has been to provide career openings and targeted programmes for postgraduates and young researchers. In that sense, ESOF2010 in Torino has been an **open laboratory** to experiment scientific, technological, and multimedia innovation and a window on the world of the young and most creative. EC representatives, JRC as well as several FP7 projects and networks participated at the various forum activities.

EuroRISNET participated with a dissemination booth - shared with People Network - and our representative NCPs from BG and MT, had the opportunity to diffuse and communicate information on the Research Infrastructures programme and the research infrastructure services offered to scientific communities to the numerous scientists that visited the stand and showed particular interest to this programme. EuroRISNET partners were invited to participate to all official EC sessions and shared up-to-date information on both Programmes. More information at <http://www.esof2010.org/>

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4. EuroRISNET presentation during SEERA_EI event, June 21, 2010, Athens, Greece

EuroRISNET role and activities, focused on stimulation of participation of research communities in the RI Programme, were presented at a National Dissemination Workshop, organized by SEERA_EI (South East European Research Area for e-Infrastructures, <http://www.seera-ei.eu>) coordinator, GRNET and the General Secretariat of Research of Technology, in Greece, in order to discuss the structure of national funding for e-infrastructures, examine programme complementarities and network the scientific communities' stakeholders of the relevant prominent sectors. SEERA-EI will capitalise on previous initiatives and projects (e.g. SEEREN, SEE-LIGHT, SEE-LIGHT), link national-level programme managers and provide an open forum for information exchange, in order to enable coordination of national programmes in e-Infrastructures, setting in parallel a framework for a common regional agenda. EuroRISNET will aim to cooperate with this specific project for the common goals and objectives, regarding the efficient research infrastructure services to the research & scientific communities.



5. Dialogue between EuroRIS-Net and other NCPs networks

EuroRISNET participated in a series of other NCP networks' meetings, in order to exchange ideas and discuss cooperation between NCP networks' projects, namely:

- **NMP Team**, 29 April 2010, Brussels, represented by Mrs Daan du Toit, RI NCP, South Africa, Minister Counsellor (Science and Technology), South African Mission to the European Union, DST
- **PeopleNetwork**, 25 May 2010, Brussels, represented by Felix Cincarevsky (felix@iserd.org.il), RI NCP Israel, ISERD (task leader of the "Dialogue with other NCP networks" activity of our project)
- **Idealist**, 10 June 2010, Cagliari, represented by Mrs Dora Farmaki, EKT/NHRF, project coordinator

Fruitful dialogue was driven and collaboration opportunities were discussed, aiming to promote the benefits offered by Research Infrastructures, in order to enhance Research Excellence. The multiplier benefit of RI project Call topics dissemination to other NCP networks, as well as targeted information transfer related to access to Research Infrastructure services and visits are straightforward actions, to be elaborated with other NCP networks as well.

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6. The EuroRIs-Net New Success Stories

The EuroRIs-Net project website includes information on success stories related to FP6 and FP7 projects, with the aim of increasing stakeholders' understanding of the RI programme, encouraging them to participate, and demonstrating the useful input of NCPs. Two new success stories from Canada and UK have been added to the project website:

- **GLOBAL** – Making the World a Smaller Place, NCP Canada, April 2010
- **European Social Survey (ESS)** - Monitoring Social Change in Europe - NCP UK, April 2010

For more information please visit: http://www.euroris-net.eu/success_stories

■ Forthcoming RI – related events and EuroRIsNET participation

1. ICT 2010: Digitally Driven, Europe's most visible forum for ICT research and innovation, will be organised at Brussels EXPO, from **27 to 29 September 2010**, under the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU. At this specific event, visitors are going to:

- Discover latest research trends in information and communication technologies
- Identify European priorities for 2.8 billion Euros research funding in ICT (2011-2012)
- Meet potential research and business partners at dozens of networking sessions
- Venture through our 5000 m² exhibition of Europe's latest cutting edge ICT research

Our project will be represented, hosted in cooperation with Idealist booth and will contribute at the dissemination of the RI-related ICT topic on Exa-scale computing, software and simulation, as Objective in FP7 ICT Call 7 (ICT- 2011.9.13) to be issued in September 2010 with deadline in January 2011.

You can find more information at: http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ict/2010/

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2. On **September 30th 2010**, an ***International Conference on Research Infrastructures*** is organized from **APRE** in collaboration with the European Commission, the Italian Ministry of Research, the National Research Council and the National Institute of Astrophysics, within the framework of the EuroRIS-NET project.

The aim of this conference is to provide explicit information on current and visionary benefits of RIs, discuss their international collaboration perspectives and contribute in a vivid dialogue among RI stakeholders. The event will be held at “Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (**CNR**)”, in **Rome, Italy**, on **September 30th 2010**.

The **first session** of the event has the aim to illustrate European and national strategies and actions on Research Infrastructures (RIs). Representatives of the European Commission-DG Research, e-IRG, Italian Ministry of Research, Italian RI Programme Delegates, Italian Research Institutions and Council, as well as successful RIs proposers will also take part in that session.

The **second session**, organized within the scope of EuroRISNET's ongoing dialogue with RI stakeholders, will be a **round table** entitled “**A vision of the socio-economic benefits of research infrastructures at international level**”. EC Representatives, NCP networks coordinators, RI operators and industry, scientific communities' representatives, as well as representatives from the International Cooperation countries (such as Canada, USA, South Africa, Russia etc.) are expected to attend, in order to provide their own experience and contribute to a constructive dialogue on current status and expectations related to the socio-economic benefits of research infrastructures at international level. Attendees are expected to interact with invited speakers and moderators of the round table, in order to analyze existing indications on the socio-economic impact of research infrastructures at the international level and discuss ways in which international collaboration on RIs could support the enhancement of the expected benefits for society and the economy.

For agenda and registration, please visit: <http://www.apre.it/Eventi/giornata.asp?id=951>. More information on the event will be soon available at the EuroRISNet project website (www.euroris-net.eu).

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3. **5th Meeting on the Internet Governance Forum, 14-17 September 2010, Vilnius, Lithuania**

The 5th Meeting of the Internet Governance Forum, **IGF 2010**, will take place on 14-17 September 2010, in Vilnius, Lithuania, this year. Our project will be represented with a dissemination booth and a presentation of the project and its value added services to RI stakeholders.

The main theme of the meeting will be IGF 2010 – Developing the Future Together. This theme reflects the open and inclusive nature of the IGF with its multilateral, multi-stakeholder, democratic and transparent approach to discussions of Internet-related public policy issues. The Vilnius meeting will help articulate a view of how we can use the Internet for the benefit of all humankind, and how we can further address the challenges and risks ahead.

The IGF Multistakeholder Advisory Group has prepared the following programme for the meeting:

- Managing critical Internet resource
- Security, openness and privacy
- Access and diversity
- Internet governance for development
- Taking stock of Internet governance and the way forward
- Emerging issues: cloud computing

The experience of the IGF illustrates the complex nature of public policy issues related to Internet governance. While the IGF has no decision-making power, it has built bridges by bringing together people and institutions with diverse interests. Perhaps the greatest strength of the IGF is that it encourages stakeholders with diverse experiences to discuss concerns and move towards a common understanding.

The EuroRIs-Net project will have a booth at the IGF booth village and will be represented by network members.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.intgovforum.org/cms/>

Other specific information on the event will also be available at the EuroRIsNet project website (www.euroris-net.eu).

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1. PRACE Research Infrastructure inaugurated: World-class Supercomputing Service for European Science

In **Barcelona**, in **June 9th, 2010**, EC Deputy Director General Zoran Stancic and representatives of 19 nations established **PRACE**, the Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe, which boosts European supercomputer capacities and opens them up to scientists across Europe, through the creation of a persistent **pan-European** High Performance Computing research infrastructure and related services. Four nations have agreed to provide 400 million Euro to implement supercomputers with a combined computing power in the multi Petaflop/s range over the next 5 years, being welcomed by European Commission, which complemented this funding by up to 70 million Euros within FP7, supporting the preparation and implementation of this infrastructure.

The Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe (PRACE) unites the European Commission and 20 countries across Europe in a **unique initiative** which will enable researchers to use super fast computers located in other countries to make up to 1000 trillion calculations per second for their research projects. These leadership class systems will help European scientists and engineers to remain internationally competitive.

Please find more information at: <http://www.prace-project.eu/news/prace-research-infrastructure-inaugurated-world-class-supercomputing-service-for-european-science>

2. Launch of OpenAIRE project

The **kick off** of the project **OpenAIRE** (<http://www.openaire.eu/>) was implemented on 13 and 14 January 2011 in Athens, Greece. 70 people from the 38 OpenAIRE partners participated in the meeting

OpenAIRE will deliver *“an electronic infrastructure and supporting mechanisms for the identification, deposition, access, and monitoring of FP7 and ERC funded articles”*.

Articles will be deposited directly by authors either to existing institutional/thematic repositories, which will be subsequently harvested into the OpenAIRE information space or to OpenAIRE's own repository, established to host the so-called repository-orphan publications.

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Thematically, OpenAIRE focuses on peer-reviewed publications (primarily, journal articles in final or pre-print form, but also conference articles, when considered important). Geographically, however, it has a definitive “European footprint” by **covering the entire European Union**.

All deposited articles and data will be freely accessible worldwide through the OpenAIRE portal, as products of EU-funded research, connecting research input (project contracts) with research output (publications and data). Document and usage monitoring tools will provide statistically-significant trends and measure the impact of OA and the FP7 pilot. The electronic infrastructure built by the project is based on software services of the D-NET package (DRIVER and DRIVER-II projects) and the **Invenio** digital repository software (produced by CERN). These will be further enhanced and complemented with services developed within OpenAIRE.

OpenAIRE will establish support structures to assist researchers in complying with the pilot through a **European Helpdesk System**, reaching out to almost all EC member states with the establishment of **National Open Access Desks**. Finally, OpenAIRE will explore the requirements, practices, incentives, workflows, data models, and technologies to deposit, access, and otherwise manipulate research datasets from five scientific disciplines.

Future meeting is planned at the Berlin 8 Open Access Conference jointly hosted by Chinese Academy of Sciences, China, and Max Planck Society, Germany, which will be held in October 25-27, 2010, in Beijing, China.

3. E-ELT site chosen

On 26 April 2010, the ESO Council selected Cerro Armazones as the baseline site for the planned 42-metre **European Extremely Large Telescope (E-ELT)**, world’s **Biggest Eye on the Sky**. Cerro Armazones is a mountain at an altitude of 3060 metres in the central part of Chile’s Atacama Desert, some 130 kilometres south of the town of Antofagasta and about 20 kilometres from Cerro Paranal, home of ESO’s Very Large Telescope.

It should be mentioned that the European Investment Bank’s Board of Directors has offered a credit facility of up to EUR 300 million towards the construction of the best performing telescope in the world (<http://www.eib.org/projects/news/eib-offers-loan-for-earths-most-powerful-telescope.htm?lang=en>). The E-ELT is one of the flagship projects identified by the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures in 2006 as being of pan-European interest for the continent’s scientists and researchers. EIB plans to part finance its loan using a special facility for research infrastructures set up in partnership with the European Commission’s 7th research framework programme.

More information at: <http://www.eso.org/public/news/eso1018/>

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4. The Large Binocular Telescope – Making the invisible visible

The Large Binocular Telescope (LBT) partners in Germany, the U.S.A. and Italy are pleased to announce that the first of two new innovative near-infrared cameras/spectrographs for the LBT is now available to astronomers for scientific observations at the telescope on Mt. Graham in south-eastern Arizona. After more than a decade of design, manufacturing and testing, the new instrument, dubbed LUCIFER 1, provides a powerful tool to gain spectacular insights into the universe, from the Milky Way up to extremely distant galaxies. LUCIFER 1 has been built by a consortium of German institutes and will be followed by an identical twin instrument that will be delivered to the telescope in early 2011.

More information at <http://esciencenews.com/articles/2010/04/22/making.invisible.visible>

5. 1st INCO Conference “Supporting Research Integration”, 10 June 2010, Athens, Greece

The recent economic crisis has underlined again the need to invest on a knowledge based economy and highlighted the need for global action. Global action is also a necessity for addressing several challenges (environmental, health, societal, etc) that require immediate attention. Addressing this need of an interconnected world, the European Union has invested in the development of the International Scientific Cooperation (INCO) over the last 25 years to address the needs and opportunities, and to contribute to peace and prosperity for European citizens. The European Commission (EC) has specifically come forward with a Communication (A Strategic European Framework for International S&T Cooperation) that identifies general principles and specific orientations for action: to strengthen the international dimension of the European Research Area (ERA); to improve the framework conditions for international S&T cooperation; and to promote European technologies in the world.

In his presentation “Realising the ERA, Key challenges”, Dr Leonidas Karapiperis (DG Research) mentioned that over 75% of global research investment is made outside the EU and therefore Europe must invest more in research infrastructures so that Europe’s researchers stay at the forefront of research development. However it is important to meet the key challenges related to research infrastructures and more specifically:

- To overcome fragmentation in Europe in the field of Research Infrastructures
- To improve the efficiency of services and access to European Research Infrastructures
- To cope with their increasing cost and complexity
- Better implement global Infrastructures
- To further develop and better exploit the potential of e-infrastructures
- Better linkages to innovation.

For further information please visit: http://www.ncp-incontact.eu/nkswiki/index.php?title=Main_Page

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■ Other forthcoming RI-related Events

1. International Conference on Airborne Research for the Environment (ICARE), Toulouse, October 25th -31st 2010

For the 10th anniversary of the European network of airborne facilities for research in environmental and geo-science, an international conference will be organized in Toulouse on October 25th-31st 2010.

Scientists involved in airborne research are invited to share experiences at expert workshops and contribute to a forward-look on user requirements and operator development strategy. A special focus will be on open access to airborne research infrastructures, joint development of a heavy-payload/long-endurance aircraft, and availability of a stratospheric aircraft in Europe and the development of UAS for environmental research.

An exhibition of European and US research aircraft will be organised at the Toulouse airport (including flight demonstrations). Up to 80 stands will be available for airborne research scientists and SME's to display their capabilities. Specific sessions will be focussed on the implementation of Open Access to research infrastructures, as well as to EUFAR project more specifically, as related to a forward-look on user requirements and operators' development strategy. EuroRISNET will support and participate to this event.

For more information please visit:

<http://bo.eufar.net/wiki/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/EufarCMS/FlyerICARE2010?skin=view>

2. e-Challenges 2010

The eChallenges e-2010 Conference takes place in the beautiful city of Warsaw, coinciding with Chopin's 200th Anniversary. This is the twentieth in a series of Annual Conferences supported by the European Commission, which regularly attracts over 650 delegates from leading commercial, government and research organisations around the world to share knowledge and experience, lessons learnt and good practice in the areas of **e-Infrastructures**, ICT for Networked Enterprise & RFID, eGovernment & eDemocracy, eHealth, Collaborative Working Environments, Living Labs, Digital Libraries and Cultural Heritage, Technology Enhanced Learning, Intelligent Content & Semantics, High Performance Computing Applications, Security and Identity Management and Mobility.

The goal of e-2010 is to stimulate rapid take-up of Research and Technology Development (RTD) results by industry and in particular SMEs, and help open up the European Research Area (ERA) to the rest of the world. More information at: <http://www.echallenges.org/e2010/>

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1. DG INFSO Information Day on RI **Call 9**, in June 11th 2010.

The main focus of this information day was the presentation of the **9th Call for proposals** of the e-Infrastructures activity, under the FP7 Research Infrastructures Programme

Main topics presented are listed hereafter:

- INFRA-2011-1.2.1: e-Science environments
- INFRA-2011-1.2.2: Data infrastructures for e-Science
- INFRA-2011-2.3.5: Second implementation phase of the European High Performance Computing (HPC) service PRACE
- INFRA-2011-3.4: Coordination actions, conferences and studies supporting policy development, including international cooperation, for e-Infrastructures
- INFRA-2011-3.5: Trans-national cooperation among NCPs

Also, information on the submission and evaluation details was given, additionally to the preliminary presentation of DG Research RI **Call 8** and the role of **EEF** (European E-infrastructures Forum), whose first report on ESFRI project requirements for Pan-European e-infrastructure resources and facilities was presented to the audience.

Presentations from the **Information Sessions** and from the **Networking Session** as well as the **list of participants** are available on the event's webpage http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/e-infrastructure/events-20100611_en.html via the headings 'Agenda' and 'Networking'.

Additionally to RI programme **Call 9** topics, an ICT programme topic (namely: Exa-scale computing, software and simulation, as Objective in FP7 ICT Call 7 - **ICT- 2011.9.13** (to be issued in September 2010 with deadline in January 2011) was presented as well, focused on research to be conducted in relation to **PRACE** e-infrastructure.

Useful documents to the relevant **RI Calls 8** (FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2011-1) and **9** (FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2011-2), announced on **July 20th, 2010** with deadlines **25/11/2010** and **23/11/2010** respectively, can be found at:

8th Call: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=364

9th Call: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=357

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2. FP7 INFORMATION DAY for the Public Private Partnerships in Brussels on 9.7.2010

In order to support the preparation of proposals, the Directorates General for Research, Information Society and Media, Energy, and for Mobility and Transport of the European Commission held this Joint Information Day on Research PPPs in Brussels. This information day was preceded by an Information Day on the Future Internet – PPP, which took place in Brussels on Thursday 8 July.

The aim of this event was to inform the participants about the progress regarding the research PPPs and the second Cross-thematic Coordinated Calls related to them. In particular, the research areas open and the conditions for participation were addressed. Idealist network support contacts with other potential proposers and partners: <http://www.ideal-ist.net/events/fp7-information-day-for-the-public-private-partnerships/>

More information at:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/foi/events/fippi10/index_en.htm

E-IRG News

- **E_IRG workshop, 17 June 2010, Madrid, Spain**

Over 70 participants attended the e-IRG workshop in Madrid, on 17 June 2010. The workshop was organised by the Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC) and the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas (CSIC), under the auspices of the Spanish Presidency of the European Union. More information, on <http://www.e-irg.eu/publications/e-irg-newsletter.html>

E-IRG useful presentations and new e-IRG Roadmap 2010

- [e-IRG Roadmap 2010](#) (Final version endorsed by the e-IRG delegates, 23 March 2010)
- Presentation at TERENA Conference (TNC'10): e-IRG supporting the shared use of e-Infrastructure as part of the European Research Area (Vilnius, 1st June 2010, Kees Neggers) [[pdf](#)]
- Presentation at TERENA Conference (TNC'10): e-IRG supporting the shared use of e-Infrastructure as part of the European Research Area (Vilnius, 1st June 2010, Lajos Balint) [[pdf](#)]

More: <http://www.e-irg.eu/publications/external-e-irg-presentations.html>

<http://www.e-irg.eu/publications/e-irg-recommendations.html>

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Support for RI Policy Development and Programme Implementation under FP7

Research Infrastructures policy development as well as support to programme implementation is offered, among others, by a number of ERA-NETs, NCP Network (EuroRISNET) and other projects.

For more information on **Support for RI Policy Development and Programme Implementation under FP7**, check new *Europa* site Research Infrastructures pages, to find information on:

- ✓ ERA-NET for research infrastructures
- ✓ ERA-NET for e-infrastructure
- ✓ Network of National Contact Points (EuroRISNET)

plus further information on Era-Net Actions and other related subjects, at:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/eranet_en.html.

The screenshot shows the 'PROJECTS' section of the European Commission Research - Infrastructures website. The page title is 'Support for RI Policy Development and Programme Implementation under FP7'. The content is organized into three main columns:

- ERA-NET for research infrastructures:**
 - ERA Instruments : Infrastructure funding in the life sciences (Project reference : 211926) [Webpage](#)
 - NuPNET: ERANET for nuclear physics infrastructures (Project reference : 202914) [Webpage](#)
 - ASPERA-2 : AstroParticle ERANet (Project reference : 235489) [Webpage](#)
- ERA-NET for e-infrastructure:**
 - SEERA-EI: South East European Research Area for e-infrastructure (Project reference : 228052)
 - DC-NET: Digital Cultural Heritage NETWORK (Project reference : 249610)
 - eInfraNET : European Network for co-ordination of policies and programmes on e-infrastructure (Project reference: 246651)
- Network of National Contact Points:**
 - EURORIS-NET: European Research Infrastructures Network of National Contact Points (Project reference : 212879) [Webpage](#)
- Others:**
 - ERIN: Towards a European Ruminant Infrastructure Network (Project reference : 227750) [Webpage](#)
 - RAMIRI : Realising and Managing International Research Infrastructures (Project reference : 226446) [Webpage](#)
 - RIFI: Research Infrastructures: Foresight and Impact (Project reference : 228293) [Webpage](#)
 - STACHEM: Science and Technology for Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean (Project reference: 228130) [Webpage](#)

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