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■ Editorial

We welcome you to the Spring issue of our e-newsletter with "fresh" news: On Tuesday, 3 May 2011, the ESFRI-Chair Mrs Beatrix Vierkorn-Rudolph delivered to the European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, Mrs Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, the **ESFRI Strategy Report and Roadmap Update 2010**. As indicated in the reports of the relevant ESFRI Thematic Working Groups, the roadmap was updated with **six** more projects, three in the area of Energy (*more information on pages 3-4, below*) and three in the field of Biological and Medical Sciences.

Together with this expected ESFRI roadmap update, in the current issue of our e-newsletter, you can read up-to-date information on Research Infrastructures. Enjoy!

■ Recent RI related events

1. e-IRG workshop, April 4 & 5, 2011, Budapest, Hungary

The e-Infrastructure Reflection Group (www.e-irg.eu) organises workshops twice a year in collaboration with the country holding the EU presidency. Workshops are **open** to all, and function as incubators for feeding new information and trends into the work of the e-IRG plenum. The more recent **e-IRG open workshop** was held in **Budapest, Hungary**, on **4**th and **5**th **April 2011**.

The e-IRG workshop, organized in the frame of the Hungarian EU Presidency, addressed the following topics: The ERA and e-Infrastructures, e-Infrastructure trends, e-Infrastructure relations and partnerships, and e-Infrastructures and FP8, presented and discussed in plenary sessions.

In addition, the Cohesion and Regional aspects and the e-IRG Recommendations were discussed in two panel sessions.

In relation to Regional and cohesion aspects of e-Infrastructure development, Commission focus was given primarily to current EC initiatives and also to future scenarios. Many presentations highlighted the importance of the needs of users (incl. Industry), which should be better observed, already in the planning stage of Research Infrastructures, to achieve successful and viable implementations.

Our network representatives Daniela Mercurio (RI NCP, IT – APRE), Manfred Halver (RI NCP, AT – FFG) and Barbara Vizkelety (RI NCP, HU – NIH) attended the event and exchanged information with the speakers and participants of the event on the state-of-play and the future of European e-infrastructures.

More information on the event, as well as the presentations / conclusions, can be found at: http://www.e-irg.eu/e-irg-workshop-budapest-4-5-april.html

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2. Open Access at 3rd EuroRIs-Net Training, April 8, 2011, Bonn, Germany

On 7 April 2011, Prof Dr Norbert Lossau, Director of the Goettingen State and University Library, Germany, and scientific coordinator of the Open Access Infrastructure for European Research (OpenAIRE) project presented the project's objectives and management structure at the 3rd EuroRisNet training event in Bonn, Germany. OpenAIRE exemplifies management of large-scale projects very well as it unites 38 partners from 27 countries. The goal of OpenAIRE is to support the implementation of the Open Access pilot launched by the European Commission in August 2008, and the European Research Council's Guidelines for Open Access of December 2007. This Open Access pilot commits researchers to deposit their research publications in an institutional or disciplinary Open Access repository, to be made available worldwide in full text. Projects funded under FP7 are requested to deposit peer-reviewed papers in online repositories and to provide open access within 6 or 12 months after publication depending on the thematic area. Among other things, OpenAIRE has built up a portal and e-Infrastructure for the repository networks. "The implementation of a Europe-wide infrastructure for Open Access is a milestone for the success of Open Access", says Dr. Norbert Lossau. Therefore, the cooperation between the National Contact Points and OpenAIRE is very important as the NCPs are a valuable source of information about FP7 projects and ERC researchers and important disseminators of information because they can reach many different stakeholders - above all the researchers receiving grants. In return, OpenAIRE is able to support the NCPs in their dissemination efforts towards researchers and research coordinators regarding the OA policies of the EC/ERC and provide tools/recommendations for practical implementation. Researchers and institutions with questions about the Open Access pilot and the deposition process will find support at the Europe-wide helpdesk based on a network of national open access desks in 27 countries.

More information can be found at www.openaire.eu.
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3. EuroRIs-Net participation at the 7th Southeast European Congress and Exhibition on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, April 13-15, 2011, Sofia, Bulgaria

EuroRIs-Net participated at the 7th Southeast European Congress and Exhibition on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, which was successfully held in Sofia, Bulgaria, on April 13 – 15, 2011. The event was dedicated to energy efficiency, energy-efficient equipment and technologies in agriculture, environmental protection, energy efficient construction, renewable energy sources for heating, e-mobility, e-cars, e-bikes, hybrid vehicles, etc. 326 companies from 31 countries took part as exhibitors, as well visitors from many EU and third countries. Researchers, engineers, as well as representatives from construction companies decision makers, citizens etc visited the exhibition.

EuroRIs-Net participated by disseminating information material through the EuroRIs-Net stand, organised and supported by Victoria Damyanova (RI NCP, BG - SU-NIS). This activity contributed in raising awareness of the EuroRIs-Net project and the RI Programme towards energy industry and academy sector representatives, while EuroRIs-Net services were further promoted to a wider audience from industry and academy.
More information on:

http://www2.viaexpo.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=30&Itemid=40&lang=en

4. Presentations and conclusions of the ENERI conference available – putting forward new research infrastructures targeting energy

 ENERI 2010 - Belgian EU Presidency Conference on Infrastructures for Energy Research, November 29-30th, 2010, Brussels, Belgium

The Conference on Infrastructures for Energy Research (ENERI 2010) was an event of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU organised by the Belgian Science Policy Office, in cooperation with DG Research of the European Commission and the Department of Economy, Science and Innovation of the Flemish Government. It took place in Brussels on November 29th and 30th, 2010.

ENERI 2010 was the **first** European **thematic** conference on Research Infrastructures.

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During the two days, detailed information was provided on the Update 2010 of the ESFRI Roadmap and the three new pan-European research infrastructures which have been identified in the **energy** field:

- a wind research facility (**Windscanner**) will be built in Denmark;
- a concentrated solar power installation (**EU Solaris**) will be realised in Spain;
- and a new type of nuclear research reactor (**Myrrha**) will be constructed in Belgium;

as well as other new and existing energy research infrastructures.

The conference clearly stated that new and existing energy research infrastructures are clearly needed for the implementation of the Strategic Energy Technology (SET) Plan and for building solid knowledge and technological foundations of future innovation partnerships in the energy field.

Among the conclusions, the conference stressed the need to implement the co-development of the Research Infrastructure policies in the Energy domain and of the SET-Plan, looking for increased synergies with the Joint Programming activities of the European Energy Research Alliance and the European Industrial Initiatives, in the context of a strengthened Innovation Union.

The presentations as well as the **conclusions** and recommendations are available on the conference website: http://www.eneri2010.be/

5. AAAS Annual Meeting 2011 – Advancing science, serving society,
February 17-21, 2011, Washington, DC, US

Climate change, biodiversity, carbon emissions, or natural hazards: by nature, environmental research must address challenges ignoring geographical borders, at the frontier of classical scientific disciplines and at the forefront of the international political agenda. Besides the global nature of these challenges, the scale and complexity of the resources needed and the development of information and communication technology have made necessary and enabled increased international collaboration in research and knowledge sharing. Developing world-class research infrastructures for environmental research is therefore one of the priorities of European authorities.

The symposium enabled a debate on future transatlantic cooperation in environmental research and more specifically in the field of geosciences observation systems. Mr Hervé Péro, Head of Unit, Research Infrastructures, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission, moderated the **Symposium Track: Climate change** "Research Infrastructures: the emergence of key players for environmental research". Also, EPOS (Research Infrastructure and E-Science for Data and Observatories on Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Surface Dynamics and Tectonics) (*http://www.epos-eu.org/*) was presented by Mr Massimo Cocco, National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology, Rome, Italy.

Presentations are available now at the website of the AAAS event:
http://aaas.confex.com/aaas/2011/webprogram/meeting2011-02-21.html and
at the EC site: http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index_en.cfm?pg=events

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■ Forthcoming RI related events

1. ICT Proposer's day - EuroRIsNET participation e-infrastructures Networking Session, May 19-20, 2011, Budapest, Hungary

ICT Proposers' Day 2011 is the second major biennial event organised by DG INFSO after the ICT Event promoting ICT in general and networking in particular. Under the auspices of the Hungarian EU Presidency, the event will take place **in Budapest** at the Hungarexpo Fair Centre from **19th** to **20th May**.

The event is dedicated to **networking and partnership building** for ICT calls 8 and 9 of the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Commission offering more than 1 billion EUR of EU funding.

Unit F3 "GÉANT & e-Infrastructures" is organizing a special networking session on **e-Infrastructures from 10:45 till 12:15 on 20th May 2011**. The session will address priorities in the **Research Infrastructures / e-Infrastructures WorkProgramme 2012** for Coordination and Support Actions proposals. The related Call is expected to open *end of July 2011* and close in *November 2011*. The networking session will focus in particular on **e-Infrastructure services for simulation and prototyping**. We invite you to **register** for participation in the **ICT Proposers' Day 2011** event through the website http://ec.europa.eu/ictproposersday/

If you are **interested in presenting your proposal idea** in this session, you can submit a short presentation **until 6th May 2011 through the event website**. European Commission staff will inform you whether your presentation will be added to the event programme shortly before the event. Invited speakers will be given a 10-15 minute timeslot. All presentations, selected and non-selected, will be published on the event website. The remaining part of the event is dedicated to networking among the participants. You are also invited to promote your proposal ideas through distribution of your dissemination materials at the **e-Infrastructure booth**, located in front of the meeting rooms "Einstein" and "Fermi". The European Commission staff will be happy to assist you in that. Head of Unit, Mr Kostas **Glinos, Head of Unit,** as well as **Mr Timothy Heap** and **Ms Sonia Spasova** will be present during the event, to answer all your questions about **e-Infrastructures**. EuroRIs-Net representatives (in cooperation with Idealist and EEN partners) will further assist participants in relation to the RI programme and collaboration opportunities, whereas the Ideal-ist network is organising a brokerage event in cooperation with the Enterprise Europe Network with pre-arranged Face2Face meetings (Find your ICT Partners in Face2Face meetings will be organised both on 19th and 20th May) within the ICT Proposers' Day 2011. More at http://www.ideal-ist.net/news/ict-proposers-day-2011-with-pre-arranged-face2face-meetings

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2. Workshop on Assessment and new challenges of Research Potential. Gathering of Coordinators, PC Members and NCPs of Regional and RIs FP7 Programmes (ResPotNET WIRE II Side event), June 9, 2011, Debrecen, Hungary

A Workshop on **Assessment and new challenges of Research Potential** will be organised by the RESPOTNET Project (the network of Res Pot NCPs, financed by the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Commission) which will be supported by the *Gathering of Coordinators, PC Members and NCPs of Regional and RIs FP7 Programmes,* as a WIRE II 2011 Side Event, to be held on 9th June 2011 in Debrecen (Hungary), Kölcsey Convention Centre, Section Hall. The project **EuroRIs-Net** is going to have a booth at the **WIRE 2011** conference (http://www.wire2011.eu) which will be organised in Debrecen, Hungary, on 7-9th June.

The event is targeted at National Contact Points and Programme Committee Representatives from the Research Potential, Regions of Knowledge and Research Infrastructures FP7 Programmes, REGPOT Project Coordinators, as well as potential participants in REGPOT, Research Infrastructures and Regions of Knowledge. The EU2020 Strategy creates a new scenario in the formulation of the targeted objectives of "Research Potential" and "Regions of Knowledge", the Regional Programmes of the 7th Framework Programme of RTD, and is also framing the actual discussion on the orientation and content of the future FP and the impact of its seven Flagship Initiatives on it.

In this context, WIRE II is offering a perfect environment to meet the protagonists of the development of "Regions of Knowledge" and "Research Potential" Programmes and analyze their implementation, the immediate future, as well as possible synergies with other programmes such as the "Research Infrastructures". As it is a high-level European event under the Hungarian Presidency, expected to attract stakeholders and potential REGPOT proposers from all over Europe, WIRE II will host as a side event the Workshop "Assessment and new challenges of Research Potential. Gathering of Coordinators, PC Members and NCPs of Regional and RIs programmes". The event, organized by the RESPOTNET network, will make an assessment of the up-and-running REGPOT projects, and will discuss the current environment of the Regional FP7 Programmes". EuroRIs-Net will contribute through a session discussing possible synergies among EC programmes promoting the RDI (specifically among the *REGPOT, REGIONS and Research Infrastructures Programmes).*

Participation in the Workshop is free of charge, but prior registration is required (please visit www.wire2011.eu) for the invitation letter, preliminary agenda and registration form). Registrations should be preferably made not later than **Wednesday 25th of May.**

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3. DC-Net: International Conference, June 23-24, 2011, Budapest, Hungary

DC Net Digital Cultural Heritage Network

An **international conference** will be held in Budapest during the **Hungarian Presidency on 23-24th June** in the framework of the DC-NET project, which is an ERA-NET project supporting cooperation for research infrastructure in the digital cultural heritage field.

The main objective of the DC-NET project is to develop and to strengthen the co-ordination among the European countries of public research programmes in the sector of digital cultural heritage. The project will integrate the research capacities of the participant member states, will identify their commonalities and will valorise existing programmes and projects in order to initiate the deployment of a wide and comprehensive European e-Infrastructure that will increase the research capacities of the digital cultural heritage community.

The DC-NET project will contribute to the coordination of the research priorities of the Ministries of Culture, their Agencies and other cultural bodies (museums, libraries, archives, audiovisual, archaeological sites, etc.) across Europe in the area of the eInfrastructures targeted at the digital cultural heritage. **The project will coordinate the manner in which cultural actors can and should engage with national and European e-Infrastructures to generate innovative services, tools and data sets to support the research of multidisciplinary communities.** A plan of joint activities for e-Infrastructure-enabled research in the sector of digital cultural heritage will be generated and the joint activities will be initiated.

The Budapest Conference will focus on the Europe-wide cooperation of heritage institutions as important actors of cultural heritage research and the e-Infrastructure providers with special emphasis on long term cultural preservation as a test bed for the new opportunities which e-Infrastructures can bring to cultural heritage. The Conference will raise awareness of the potential of e-Infrastructures for the cultural heritage and will lay down the basis of a Joint Activities Plan to promote coordinated efforts for more tailored eInfrastructure services made available to cultural heritage bodies.

The Conference also **intends to extend DC-NET partnership to as many member states as possible**, and publish a memorandum on the necessity of coordination to establish an e-infrastructure at European level for cultural heritage institutions.

For more information consult the conference website: http://dc-net.oszk.hu or the DC-Net webpage: www.dc-net.org.

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4. Conference on the Role of e-Infrastructures on Climate Change Research, May 16-20, 2011, Trieste, Italy

International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) organizes a conference on the role of e-infrastructures on Climate change research, in Trieste, Italy. More information can be found at: http://users.ictp.it/~smr2238/

5. SEERA-EI HPC policy workshop, May 17, 2011, Sofia, Bulgaria

An HPC policy training event is organised this May in Sofia, Bulgaria, within the scope of SEERA-EI training series on best practices. The topic of the first training of the SEERA-EI series is the Bulgarian National Roadmap on Research Infrastructures with a special focus on HPC activities and programmes, in the European and regional context. A brief overview of the pan-European HPC ecosystem and other regional initiatives is going to be presented, as well.

More info at: http://www.seera-ei.eu/

6. Conference on the Common Strategic Framework for EU research and innovation funding, June 10, 2011, Brussels, Belgium

The conference is aimed at anyone interested in the development of the next Strategic Framework Programme for Research and Innovation of the European Union. Stakeholders from research institutions, industry, universities, non-governmental organisations, scientists and politicians are especially invited to take part in making EU funding more attractive and easier to access for participants.

The conference will feature high-level speakers from the European Commission, science organisations, universities, entrepreneurs and governments from across Europe and beyond. More information will be announced soon, at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/csfri/index_en.cfm?pg=events.

7. International Information Day & Brokerage Event for the 5th Call Space in FP7, July 18th - 19th, 2011, Riga, Latvia

Official Information day of the 5th Call for Space programme will take place in Riga, Latvia, on 18th and 19th July 2011. The EuroRIs-Net project will be presented, in relation to the forthcoming Work Programme 2012, during this information day, to highlight cooperation opportunities among research communities and promote the usage of research infrastructures in relation to the interests of the Space programme community.

8. 2nd European Summit on the Future Internet, incorporating the Future Internet Summit Award, June 6th, 2011, Luxembourg

The Interdisciplinary Centre for Security, Reliability and Trust (SnT), University of Luxembourg - is delighted to announce the 2nd European Summit on the Future Internet, which will take place on 6th June 2011 at the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce.

The event features the first 'Future Internet Summit Award' (5/3/2 kEUR, for the three first prizes) which will be presented to the proposers of the most innovative technologies, services and applications that have the potential to radically shape the Future Internet. Areas of particular interest include advanced usage scenarios in domains such as: health, environment, energy, transport and content delivery. An international jury will select the winners who will be invited to present their ideas to the Summit participants.

All details are available from: http://www.future-internet.uni.lu

The summit will focus on: rethinking the handling of personal data, issues and bottlenecks in cloud computing, requirements for trusted service environments, new ways to stimulate innovation and co-creation, and the drive towards massively distributed sensor networks. Another core area of the summit will be the contentious issue of net neutrality and how this impacts on the ability to cope with the rapidly increasing volume of traffic, business models and security. The summit will provide an ideal forum for the presentation and discussion of the issues, trends and actions confronting the future of the Internet.

The objective of this scientific meeting is to bring together some of the world leaders in secure and trustworthy ICT to discuss recent advances and challenges in the field of Internet technology.

Register now to secure a place. Participation is free of charge, but places are limited. Please note that we operate a "first-come, first-served" policy. For registration:
http://www.future- internet.uni.lu/index.php?option=com_ckforms&view=ckforms&id=1&Itemid=55

9. SPRERS: 2nd Workshop on Software Services: Cloud Computing and Applications based on Software Services Timisoara, Romania 6-9 Jun 2011

SPRERS (proposing a set of actions aiming to strengthen the capacities of research and development teams from **new member states** in the particular field of software services, as well as to support a better alignment of their activities to the European framework programmes for ICT) organises Workshops on Software Services, which intend to be an open forum for academics, practitioners, and vendors, allowing them to discuss the current trends and scientific and technological challenges in software services. The 2nd WoSS is dedicated to Cloud computing and Applications. http://sprers.eu/events/2nd-woss

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■ Ongoing dialogue between EuroRIs-Net and other NCP networks

EuroRIs-Net has already actively participated in a series of other NCP networks' meetings (to improve synergy and knowledge sharing among NCP networks), in order to exchange ideas and discuss cooperation opportunities (e.g. Net4Society, People, NMPTeam, ResPotNET and Idealist).

Recently, on April 8th, 2011, in Bonn, at DLR offices, EuroRIs-Net and Idealist2011 representatives participated in a joint knowledge sharing meeting, aiming to a) explore cooperation opportunities, mainly at the level of the e-infrastructures, data infrastructure development and usage, and b) draft concrete action plans which can directly benefit and multiply the effect of both networks to their target audiences (esp. ICT / e-Infrastructures areas) so that the benefits offered by Research Infrastructures to ICT communities will be better promoted, in order to enhance Research Excellence in the ICT research and innovation sectors.

The multiplier benefit of dissemination of the RI Call topics 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 for the benefit of the scientific community and industry.

For relevant information and planning of synergy events, please contact Mr Felix Cincarevsky (felix@iserd.org.il), RI NCP Israel, ISERD (task leader of the "Dialogue with other NCP networks" activity of our project).

■ RI News

1. RAMIRI (Realizing and Managing International Research Infrastructures) - Learning Programmes in 2011 and 2012

RAMIRI (Realizing and Managing International Research Infrastructures) is an EC-funded project run by a consortium of leading European research organizations: • *Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste* • *Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan* • *Imperial College London* • *Institute of Physics Prague* • *University of Amsterdam.* The project aims to develop and deliver a training programme, networking environment and best-practice reference for people from the European Union (and Associated States) who are involved in the setting-up and management of Research Infrastructures of pan-European and international importance. The **RAMIRI Programme** is a series of **2 residential workshops** in which participants have an opportunity to learn about areas of research infrastructure management from experienced practitioners through a combination of case studies, field visits, discussion and networking. The Programme also provides an excellent opportunity to develop a **community** of contacts across the European Union and beyond. More at http://www.ramiri.eu/

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2. The eI-Africa project successfully ended on March 31, 2011!

The **website** of the project will be maintained online and constantly updated: http://www.ei-africa.eu

The **LinkedIn group** of the project will remain active, at:
http://www.linkedin.com/groups?mostPopular=&gid=2592288

Transnational Access Calls

A **new section** on **Transnational Access Calls** will be established shortly in our project website www.euroris-net.eu. All relevant information will be updated and will be uploaded on the relevant EuroRIs-Net project website. I3 operators are invited to contact **Mrs Ebru Basak** (ebru.basak@tubitak.gov.tr) for any relevant information updates.

ERIC news

Contact points on national ERIC procedures

Procedures to obtain a formal commitment of a State to become a member of an ERIC or to host it, vary from country to country. The stakeholders of future ERICs are therefore advised to work, well in advance, with their national authorities when preparing an ERIC.

For the list of the national contact points, please visit:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/pdf/list_national_contact_points_eric.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none

Commission awards first ERIC status to cross-border databank: SHARE

A major multi-national research databank on population ageing will be the first ever research infrastructure project to enjoy the new European legal status that will make it easier and simpler to run, the European Commission decided today. The first formal request to set up an ERIC was received by the European Commission on 20th December 2010. Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany and the Netherlands are the founding members of SHARE and have decided to join forces to build SHARE-ERIC, an infrastructure of micro data of households and individuals necessary to understand individual and societal ageing. Denmark, Spain, France, Italy and Portugal are expected to join soon, with Switzerland to have observer status. Other EU countries may sign up later.

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The Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) will become the first European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC).

This will give it many of the same advantages and tax exemptions enjoyed by major international organisations.

SHARE is hosted by Tilburg University in the Netherlands and aims to help researchers understand the impact of population ageing on European societies and thus to help policy makers make decisions on health, social and economic policy.

Further requests to become European Research Infrastructure Consortia are expected in the near future from at least eight other research infrastructures listed in the ESFRI roadmap. See more at the SHARE website (http://www.share-project.org/)

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Research Infrastructures Call for Tender

Call: Research Infrastructures: 2011/S 75-122111

Title: Clouds for Science and Public Authorities

Publication Date: 16 April 2011
Budget: € 150 000
Deadline: 06 June 2011 at 16:00:00 (Brussels local time)
Full documentation: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage

Commission gives green light to ELI Beamlines in Czech Republic

Architecture design of ELI

On April 20th 2011, the European Commission approved ELI, the Extreme Light Infrastructure, for structural assistance from the European Regional Development Fund in the Central Bohemia region of the Czech Republic.
ELI will be an international research infrastructure involving about 40 research and academic institutions from 13 EU Member States, forming a pan-European Laser facility that aims to host the most intense lasers world-wide. The ELI Beamlines which will be located in Dolní Břežany near Prague, will be one of the first three pillars of the ELI infrastructure. The other two ELI sites will be built in Hungary and Romania.

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ELI Beamlines is the first large project of the Operational Programme 'Research and Development for Innovation' to be approved. The EU financial contribution will amount to € 236 million.

The aim of ELI Beamlines is to create a facility that will pioneer a number of fields of research using ultra-high intensity lasers. The project intends to construct a modern, cutting-edge laser facility and realize many research and application projects. The centre should become operational by the beginning of the year 2016. More information at ELI project website (http://www.extreme-light-infrastructure.eu/)

ESFRI / E-IRG News

ESFRI Strategy Report on research infrastructures and Roadmap update 2010 issued on Tuesday, 3.5.2011.

Six new projects of research infrastructures have been added to the ESFRI Roadmap: three in the field of biological sciences and three in the field of energy. In all, there are 48 infrastructures in the Roadmap. Of these, 10 are currently under construction and a further 38 are foreseen. Sixteen of those are proceeding so well that construction could start by the end of 2012, thus achieving the EU's Innovation Union goal of starting to build 60% of the ESFRI infrastructures by 2015.

Over the next decade ESFRI will focus mainly on the practical implementation of the infrastructures identified in the Roadmap. It also intends to develop an evaluation methodology for pan-European Research Infrastructures and to address the issue of socio-economic impacts of those facilities. The Forum will also strengthen cooperation with European research and innovation organizations and with European industry. For the ESFRI roadmap update 2010, please visit http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/pdf/esfri-strategy_report_and_roadmap.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none or http://www.euroris-net.eu/ (Highlights)!

ESFRI – New publication:
Environmental Sciences Thematic Working Group Report / ESFRI, February 2011
Please visit:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/pdf/environmental_sciences_report_2011.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none

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e-IRG White Paper 2011 open for consultation!

The consultation phase for the e-IRG White Paper 2011 is open and we encourage the whole community - e-Infrastructure users, service providers and policy makers - to provide your valuable feedback and reflections. The e-IRG White Papers summarize on-going discussions around key e-Infrastructure areas and topics that require immediate policy actions, and form the basis for proposing formal e-IRG recommendations at the national and EU levels.

Comments **should** be submitted before 8th May using the following e-mail address: wp2011@e-irg.eu

e-IRG meetings coming up

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The **next e-IRG open workshop** will be held in 18-20 October 2011 (Poznan, Poland).

Closed **e-IRG Delegates Meeting** will be held in Budapest, 1st June, 2011.