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■ Editorial

This October, EuroRIS-Net project completes its mission – in setting up the European Network of National Contact Points of Research Infrastructures - and the new project EuroRIS-Net+ - European Network of National Contact Points for Research Infrastructures moving forward - begins. The network of RIS NCPs will have the opportunity to open dialogue with RIS stakeholders and present its contribution to the implementation and support of the RIS programme, during the final workshop which is being organized on 11th October 2011, in Athens, Greece, in combination to the closure and kick-off meeting of the respective projects.

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1. EuroRIS-Net in WIRE2011, held on 6 – 9 June 2011, in Debrecen, Hungary



WIRE 2011 The “Week of Innovative Regions in Europe (WIRE)” Conference 2011 (WIRE 2011), organized under the Hungarian Presidency, offered a perfect environment to meet the protagonists of the development of FP7 Regional Programme and Research Infrastructures programme and analyze their implementation, the coming future, etc.

EuroRIS-Net operated a booth, through which it presented the dissemination and support services it offers on the RIS Programme. It was also represented at the Workshop on **«Assessment and new challenges of Research Potential»**. The workshop was organized from the

ResPotNET Project (European Network for Research Potential NCPs), funded by the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Commission, on 9 June 2011, in Debrecen, Hungary, as a side event of the WIRE 2011 Conference. EuroRIS-Net supported the event which attracted National Contact Points, Programme Committee Members, project coordinators, representatives of local authorities, etc.

During the workshop, an assessment of the running REGPOT projects was made, whereas interactions of the FP7-Research Potential programme (REGPOT) with the Research Infrastructures programme were discussed.



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The following debate has focused on issues related to the current environment of the Regional FP7 Programmes, and the possible synergies among the main existing programmes.

Regarding RIs, Ricardo Migueis, the Portuguese NCP & PC Member for Research Infrastructures, gave a presentation of the EuroRIs-Net network. Similarly to the general conclusions of the WIRE Conference, he also stressed the importance of smart specialization. A Research Infrastructure represents a core structuring action in a region, in order to increase the regional competitiveness in knowledge access. The S³ (Smart Specialization Strategies) highlight the need to engage the main stakeholders in this process. In that way it is easier to produce innovation in a region, with a multiplying impact on pan-European innovation.

For more information on the WIRE II conference – including conference presentations, summary and conclusions, please visit: <http://www.wire2011.eu>. On the last day of the WIRE 2011 conference, on 9th June 2011, the DEBRECEN DECLARATION, contributing to European competitiveness, through integrated research and innovation policy Clusters and research infrastructures working together, was adopted. You can find the declaration at:

<http://www.wire2011.eu/upload/document/34/Debrecen%20Declaration.pdf>

2. EuroRIs-Net participation at EuroNano Forum 2011 held at Budapest World and Trade Centre from 30th May to 1st June 2011

EuroNanoForum was this year's must-attend event for the European nanotechnology community, which attracted 1200 attendees to see close-to-market nanotechnology developments. Participants gained critical knowledge about nanotechnology developments, built partnerships, learned about funding opportunities and met new business contacts. The event took place in Budapest's Congress and World Trade Centre from 30th May to 1st June 2011.

EuroRIs-Net presented the network, its achievements, as well as its contribution towards dissemination of Research Infrastructure transnational access calls and other important activities. NCPs from three countries represented the Network at the event, namely Serbia, Romania and Malta.

EuroNanoForum was a place to build partnerships and do business. With a fully integrated exhibition, pre-arranged meetings with potential partners and customers during a full day of matchmaking, the Forum offered lots of opportunities. Research Infrastructure NCPs were glad to have used them successfully, and proud to say we have made new connections and disseminated results and future initiatives within RI calls.



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Many people from all over the world were interested in RIs calls, as well as for our work as a network of RIs NCPs.



More information on EuroNanoForum 2011 can be found at <http://www.euronanoforum2011.eu/>.

3. EuroRIs-Net organised RI NCP Meeting, on 5 July 2011, Brussels, Belgium

EuroRIs-Net, in cooperation with the European Commission, organized its first RIs NCP meeting, on the occasion of the launch of the Call 10 of the RIs Programme (*more information below*), on 5th July 2011, in Brussels. The event was successfully led by ISERD (RI NCP Israel) with the support of STIS/BELSPO (RI NCP Belgium) and AgentSchap (RI NCP, The Netherlands) under the coordination of the FFG (RI NCP Austria), with considerable contribution from other RIs NCPs of the network. Both DG Research and Innovation & DG INFSO call coordinators and project officers cooperated with our network for the successful organisation and implementation of the event. European Commission representatives showed and discussed in detail the Call 10 topics with RI NCPs. A specific session focusing on complementarities and collaboration opportunities with other RI CSA projects was organised. All presentations are available at http://www.euroris-net.eu/News/project_news/.

Following this event, EuroRIs-Net has undertaken the collection of specific background information on pan-European initiatives for submission of proposals for RIs projects in all open topics, in collaboration with relevant EC officers. Specific information will be given by RIs NCPs to the call participants interested to particular proposal topics or support existing proposal schemes, based on availability of information.



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4. Cross-border events for Call 10

4.1. Awareness Cross-border event, 15th September 2011, Nicosia, Cyprus

Research Promotion Foundation (RPF), RIs NCP in Cyprus, organises a cross-border event for the RIs programme, supported by EuroRIs-Net, in cooperation with the Italian and the Greek partners of the network. The cross-border event will be an **Information Day for Call 10**, organised on **15th September 2011** in Nicosia, Cyprus.

The main focus of the event will be the new Call for Proposals (FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2012-1) which was announced on 20th July 2011. In addition, during the event, RIs National Delegates, representatives from Ministries, as well as experts, will present SSH projects such as STACHEM, Dariah, and CHARISMA and ESS. Exchange of experiences on the coordination of national initiatives to European policies as well as collaboration opportunities will be made between relevant RIs stakeholders from Cyprus, Italy and Greece. More information at: http://www.euroris-net.eu/Events/euroris_project_events/.

4.2. Awareness Cross-border event, 20th September 2011, Budapest, Hungary

European scale Research Infrastructures are one of the mayor pillars for the construction of a real European Research Area (ERA). As for each topic in the European Commission expects a single project proposal, networking is a crucial factor! NIH (Hungary) and FFG (Austria) therefore are jointly organising the information & networking event "Research Infrastructures - Crossing Borders: Budapest" with the help of the European Research Infrastructures NCP Network EuroRIs-Net. The event will be organised at the Hotel Novotel Budapest Centrum, Rakoczi ut 43-45, 1088 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. More information will be available at www.euroris-net.eu. Austrian event page (in German): http://rp7.ffg.at/resinf_crossingborders

5. EuroRIs-Net final workshop, 11th October 2011, Athens, Greece

The final workshop of the EuroRIs-Net project is scheduled for **11th October 2011**, in Athens, Greece. The scope of this workshop, organised in combination with the closure meeting of EuroRIs-Net and the kick-off of the new project EuroRIs-Net+, is to discuss the current challenges that *Research Infrastructures* (RIs) address - being a key component of the ERA and the Innovation Union – and the contribution of RIs stakeholders (including the RIs NCP network) in this direction.

Through an open dialogue with RIs stakeholders, EuroRIs-Net will highlight the added value achieved and the opportunities emerging through good practice exchange among RIs NCPs and RIs policy structures at the national level, at round table discussions with national / regional authorities and RIs operators.

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Discussion will focus on the necessity to support synergy and complementarity in RIs' funding linked to the smoother and more viable implementation and usage of RIs, as well as an increase in regional competitiveness. Case studies from national / regional practices will be presented to demonstrate successful paradigms. The international experience will be presented through a relevant case study from a RIs NCP from the ICPCs of our network.

In that sense, the workshop will provide a dialogue setting for the creative exchange of information among RIs stakeholders, mainly focussing on RIs operators, national and regional programme managers, scientific communities and the broader Innovation and Technology sector, highlighting the need for further collaboration and exchange of best practices already followed in successful RIs projects. More specifically, the role of e-Infrastructures will be analysed, in terms of their horizontal impact to RIs' faster implementation and usage. Discussions will focus on how successful implementations of RIs can create 'research market' opportunities for industry (in parallel to the need for good practice adaptations, also at the NCP level), as well as on human capital, training, and innovation as an important accelerator of results.

The meeting will take place in the premises of the National Hellenic Research Foundation. The participation in the workshop is free of charge, there is, though, limitation on participant numbers so we encourage you to register the soonest possible. More information on the venue, registration and agenda can be found on: www.euroris-net.eu/workshop2011/.

6. Announcement of new project EuroRIs-Net+

EuroRIs-Net+ is the new project supporting the European Network of RI NCPs, funded by DG INFSO. The contract has been signed by the European Commission on 11.7.2011 and the network is quickly moving towards the start of its implementation. Starting date is 1.10.2011. The main objective of EuroRIs-Net+ is to provide value-added services, through the Network of NCPs for Research Infrastructures.

These services will facilitate transnational cooperation of NCPs, promoting the effective implementation of the RI programme, highlighting opportunities offered by Research Infrastructures - at the European and international level - and their impact on e-science.

The Network will develop observatory functions for EC and national Research Infrastructures policies, programmes and initiatives, supported by an efficient dialogue scheme for RI NCPs with the RI ecosystem and a sustainable and comprehensive RI Knowledge Repository.

Specifically:

- Provision of high level services to our clients (RI scientific communities, industry and public stakeholders) and promotion of best RI NCP practices will be supported through training, peering and helpdesk activities for all RI NCPs, whereas development of systematic partnering activities will increase collaboration among RI stakeholders

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• Increased visibility of the RI programme to all thematic areas of FP7 will empower and support bottom-up approaches for scientific and user communities in the RI programme, facilitated through cooperation with other NCP networks, with direct benefit on focused scientific communities.

Moreover, the network will implement targeted dissemination activities to improve visibility of the project's services and the RIs programme, contributing to the broader use of Research Infrastructures.

An interactive platform for communication among the Network, EC, RIs policy bodies and RIs stakeholders will constructively support policy design, through a dialogue - among RIs ecosystem "actors" - which will facilitate diffusion of RIs policy bodies' recommendations to the relevant public authorities and, vice-versa, will permit collection and analysis of integrated data on countries' participation in Research Infrastructures, to support, wherever possible, their integration within the ERA.

7. EGI Technical Forum 2011, 19-23 September 2011, Lyon, France



The EGI Technical Forum 2011 will be held in Lyon, on 19-23 September 2011. The event will be hosted by EGI.eu and the "Institut des Grilles" of CNRS, the French National Grid Initiative. The Technical Forum will provide an overview of the EGI community and review the community's plans and progress towards the adoption of a federated virtualised infrastructure for European researchers. The event will be co-located at the Open Grid Forum and Grid 2011. It will provide a unique

opportunity to appreciate the current developments in e-Infrastructures in Europe and the standards development activity and longer-term computer science research being undertaken in this field.

In parallel, the **9th e-Infrastructure Concertation Meeting** (by invitation only) takes place on 22-23 September. The meeting aims to introduce the new e-Infrastructures projects starting in 2011, to take stock of progress in e-Infrastructures and to discuss future perspectives on data, cloud technologies and e-Science environments, HPC and Software.

EuroRIs-Net+ is going to participate in the event and present the goals and objectives of the network to the broad range of RI stakeholders present at the meeting. See more at <http://tf2011.egi.eu/>

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8. EuroRIS-Net is going to have a booth in three presidential conferences in Poland, during September 2011

The three events are as follows:

- Environmental (Bio) Technologies (www.envbiotech11.polsl.pl/), 5-8th September, Gdansk
- Future Materials for Grand Challenges (<http://www.fumat2011.eu/Default.aspx?id=1>), 22-23 September, Warsaw
- Science - Passion, Mission, Responsibilities (<http://www.mariecurie2011.pl/Default.aspx?id=3>) 26-27 September, Warsaw, organized in the framework of Marie-Curie Fellowship

The above conferences will be supported by the RIs NCP Poland and the EuroRIS-Net project will be represented in order to further promote and disseminate the RIs programme among researchers / policy makers participating in those events.

9. EuroRIS-Net+ plans to participate in RI-related events

- Innovation Convention, December 5-6 2011, EC, Brussels, http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm?section=ic2011
- CONFERENCE on DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING AND VISUALISATION SYSTEMS (DC-VIS), 21 – 25 May, 2012, Opatija, Croatia, <http://www.mipro.hr/>

EuroRIS-Net will also participate in "**Ukrainian S&T infrastructure: development and perspectives for UA-EU cooperation**" which will be held in Kiev on 20th October within the BILAT-UKRAINE project (www.bilat-ukr.eu). The objective is to present access opportunities to the RIs.

10. The EuroRIS-Net 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 RIs programme, encouraging them to participate, and demonstrating the useful input of RIs NCPs. Since May 2011, two new success stories (from Switzerland and Germany) have been added to the project website, namely:

- **LAGUNA** - basic science hand in hand with engineering - NCP Switzerland, June 2011
- **Euro-BioImaging**: European Research Infrastructure for Imaging Technologies in Biological and Biomedical Sciences- NCPs Germany/Austria, August 2011

More success stories and interviews with successful and prominent RIs stakeholders will be published on the project website, at http://www.euroris-net.eu/success_stories

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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. In all meetings, the dialogue was fruitful and collaboration opportunities were discussed, aiming to promote the benefits offered by Research Infrastructures, in order to enhance Research Excellence. The multiplier benefit of disseminating the RIs Call topics to other NCP networks, as well as targeted information transfer related to access to Research Infrastructures services and visits are straightforward actions, to be elaborated with other NCP networks for the benefit of the scientific community and industry.

NCP network coordinators or their representatives have been invited to participate in the closure meeting of EuroRIS-Net, in order to exchange information on good practices that emerged during the first 4 years of FP7 and discuss elaborated synergies and collaboration opportunities for the future. Data related to existing RIs infrastructures and their approach towards users will be also discussed, based additionally on indications from the questionnaire "New users for existing RIs", available at: <http://www.euroris-net.eu/questionnaire/>

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)

Thematic interests related to Call 10 topics have been already disseminated to the other NCP networks, in order to further support networking among stakeholders and raise awareness of the new RIs funding opportunities.

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Presentations from the 2011 Learning Programme of RAMIRI project

The first learning programme of RAMIRI Project was successfully implemented on 14-15 June 2011, in Amsterdam. The relevant presentations are available to download at: <http://www.ramiri.eu/2011-resources>. Next training is scheduled on 24-25 October 2011, in Trieste.

The 2012 learning programme will be held in Prague and Trieste. Dates of these two workshops are yet to be confirmed, information will be available at <http://www.ramiri.eu>.

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You can already apply for the 2012 programme, or submit an open application (to attend either the 2011 or 2012 programme), if you wish. More information on how to apply can be found at <http://www.ramiri.eu/howtoapply>.

RAMIRI will deliver broadly the same course in 2011 and 2012. Each workshop, however, will benefit from the expertise of local speakers and projects.

NEKIFUT: Hungarian Research Infrastructure Register on line



The National Research Infrastructure Register is a searchable database providing information on major research infrastructures (RIs) in Hungary in all fields of science.

The Register intends to be a tool for the research, education and innovation community looking for services offered by these infrastructures. It will also provide information, including the ways and conditions of access, on foreign RIs (primarily those in the European Union) available to Hungarian scientists.

The Register is available in English in order to inform all interested scientists of the world about RIs open to international collaboration in Hungary. More information in: <https://regiszter.nekifut.hu/en>.

Inauguration Meeting for PAERIP (Promoting African European Research Infrastructure Partnerships)

The inauguration meeting for the PAERIP project (www.paerip.org) held on 19-20 May 2011, in Brussels, highlighted PAERIP's importance and potential as a mechanism for increasing science capacity, a key feature of science policy in Africa, and as an attribute of joint Africa-EU partnerships.

There is currently significant political attention on promoting science and technology (S&T) partnerships between the European Union (EU) and African Union (AU). The Joint Africa-EU Strategy, which was further refined at the recent 2010 Tripoli Summit, notably includes a dedicated partnership initiative on science, information society and space initiative. Several collaborative efforts are currently being implemented under this Partnership, which has acted as an effective platform to promote and build technological capacity, innovation and space knowledge as it seeks to harness the potential of S&T to contribute to Africa's sustainable development in addition to addressing shared global challenges. One of the expected outcomes of the 2nd action plan of the Africa-EU Strategy is an improved pan-African infrastructure and facilities for R&D. PAERIP specifically focuses on addressing this outcome by providing content through undertaking a series of relevant studies, which will inform the policy dialogue and subsequent action plans.

PAERIP, through engagement to ESFRI strategic view, will commence with an initiative to promote research infrastructure partnerships between Europe and Africa by auditing the status quo of current research infrastructures in order to develop a baseline for future research infrastructures in both continents, and will support international cooperation and policy initiatives related to research infrastructure projects at the global level or, with specific interest, at the continental level.

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The project will also include a specific focus on analysing the socio-economic impacts of research infrastructures, either resulting from the utilization of existing infrastructures (e.g. seed banks for agricultural research) or the construction of new facilities (e.g. resultant employment creation). PAERIP will be forward-looking as its results will serve to inform the preparation of both the research infrastructure and international cooperation activities of the new Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation, the EU's successor to the Seventh Framework Programme. The project will actively seek to develop synergy between research infrastructure cooperation and other related policies, notably those related to cooperation between Africa and Europe (thus the project's strong focus on the Joint Africa-EU Strategy) whilst also considering synergies between the Framework Programmes and development cooperation instruments, such as the European Development Fund (EDF), which could be leveraged to support research infrastructure partnerships.

GRDI2020 workshop, 18-19 October 2011, Brussels

The GRDI2020 Project is organising a workshop entitled "Global Research Data Infrastructures: The Big data Challenges" on 18-19 October 2011 in Brussels. The objective of this workshop is to debate and discuss the future of Research Data Infrastructures, in light of the GRDI2020 roadmap (see below) preliminary findings and recommendations and the next EC Framework programme - HORIZON 2020, as well as RDI initiatives on a global level. The first version of the GRDI2020 roadmap was published in January 2011 and its main purpose is to:

- launch some new ideas
- address mainly data challenges and a limited number of system, application, and organization challenges

Please visit the project website (www.grdi2020.eu) for more concrete information on the event, as well as on the launch of the Roadmap Consultation Area of the GRDI2020 channel related to the GRDI2020 Roadmap "Global Scientific Data Infrastructures: The Big Data Challenges"

Joint workshop CERN/ERF/ESS on Energy management in Large Scale Facilities



Energy Management for Large-Scale Research Infrastructures

CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, ERF, the European Association of National Research Facilities, and ESS, the European Spallation Source, are jointly organizing the first Joint Workshop on Energy Management for Large-Scale Research Infrastructures.

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The event will take place on 13-14 October 2011 at Sparta in Lund, Sweden.

Volatile energy costs, a tight budget climate and increasing environmental concerns are all inciting large-scale research facilities across the globe to develop mid- and long-term strategies aimed at achieving for the future a reliable, affordable and sustainable energy supply that is carbon neutral.

The workshop will bring together international experts on energy and representatives from laboratories and future projects all over the world in order to identify the challenges and best practice in respect of energy efficiency and optimization, solutions and implementation as well as to review the challenges represented by potential future technical solutions and the tools for effective collaboration.

More at: <http://ess-scandinavia.eu/energyworkshop>

Transnational Access Calls

How does it work? What is the benefit?

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- ⇒ Are you looking for access to unique collections?
- ⇒ Do you need sophisticated computer services?
- ⇒ Do you wish you to take part in a research vessel escapade?

All this is free of charge! Have a look at http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index_en.cfm,

click "Projects" and find a list of Integrating Activities projects or ICT-based e-Infrastructures. You will find dozens of projects offering free Transnational Access or services to European researchers.

Depending on a project website, the Transnational Access information is indicated by a link or a bookmark. Some projects periodically announce calls, others apply a continuous application process. Apart from the costs of research itself, travel, accommodation and subsistence costs may be reimbursed.

The information about currently open Transnational Access calls is accessible through the EuroRIS-Net website, in a special section. This is a new service provided by EuroRIS-Net. The aim of our project is to make TA calls clearly visible at the EuroRIS website and provide updated information to the scientific community and industry. The information provided will soon be categorized per scientific domain with the current open transnational calls, which also includes brief info about the projects. The update will be done on a quarterly basis.

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New name for the future EU funding programme for research and innovation: HORIZON 2020



"**Horizon 2020**" is the new name for the future EU funding programme for research and innovation.

Following the "You name it" competition, Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn announced on 21st June, the new name for the future EU funding programme for research and innovation.

The full name of the legislative proposal for the new programme will therefore be: "**Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation**". It will enter into force on 1 January 2014, after the end of FP7 on 31 Dec 2013.

The new name is an important symbol of a new departure and a new adventure. "Horizon 2020" is the new, integrated funding system that will cover all research and innovation funding currently provided through the Framework Programme for Research and Technical Development, the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). These different types of funding will be brought together in a coherent and flexible manner.

This will be a smarter way to support researchers and innovators in Europe – so as to further boost excellence and to help ensure that good ideas reach the market and generate sustainable economic growth and new jobs. Research and innovation funding will focus more clearly on addressing global challenges. Needless red tape will be cut out and participation made simpler.

Research, Innovation and Science Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn made a statement on the outcome of the competition to name the future EU funding programme for research and innovation: **Horizon 2020**

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Three names were shortlisted. Horizon 2020 received 3 055 votes against 2 785 for Imagine 2020 and 2 478 for Discover 2020. 8 318 votes were received. The Commissioner also noted that the new name is an important symbol of a new departure and a new adventure and "Horizon 2020 is not just a new name for the same Framework Programme." In the press release on her statement you can further read:

"It is the name for the new, integrated funding system that will cover all research and innovation funding currently provided through the Framework Programme for Research and Technical Development, the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). These different types of funding will be brought together in a coherent and flexible manner".

More at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=younameit

Innovation through research!

"€7 billion boost for research and innovation will create jobs and growth". Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn announced on 19 July there will be nearly €7 billion to kick-start innovation through research. 53 calls are expected to be published in all, of which 39 are published on 20 July 2011.

The **budget for research infrastructures** in these calls is **€90 million**, of which about half is reserved for contributing to the development of new research infrastructures or major upgrades, such as the High Performance Computing PRACE (Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe) project. See the Work Programme 2012 for Research Infrastructures at:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/pdf/wp2012_research_infrastructures.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none

Research Infrastructures Call 10 announcement

Research Infrastructures programme Call 10: FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2012-1 is published on 20 July 2011 with a budget of approximately 90M Euros and deadline set at November 23, 2011. For more information, please visit:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/capacities?callIdentifier=FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2012-1>. More FP7 calls open on July 20th, 2011, are available at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_calls?

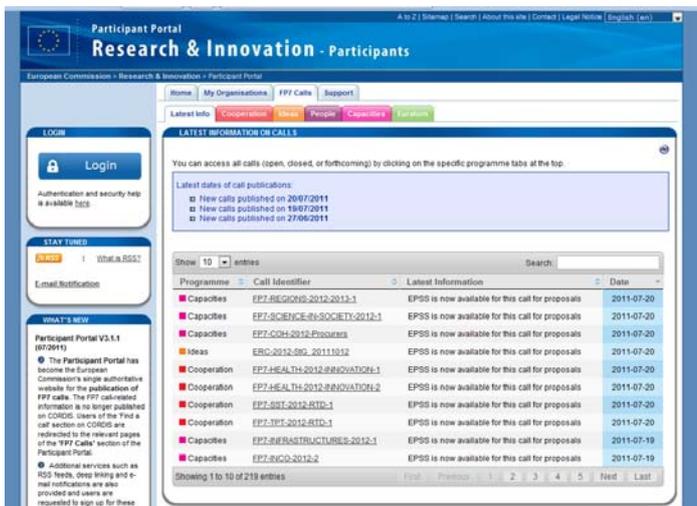
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Programme	Call Identifier	Latest Information	Date
Capacities	FP7-REGIONS-2012-2013-1	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2011-07-20
Capacities	FP7-SCIENCE-ITS-SOCIETY-2012-1	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2011-07-20
Capacities	FP7-COH-2012-Procurement	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2011-07-20
Ideas	ERIC-2012-SGS_20111012	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2011-07-20
Cooperation	FP7-HEALTH-2012-INNOVATION-1	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2011-07-20
Cooperation	FP7-HEALTH-2012-INNOVATION-2	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2011-07-20
Cooperation	FP7-SST-2012-RTD-1	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2011-07-20
Cooperation	FP7-ITP-2012-RTD-1	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2011-07-20
Capacities	FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2012-1	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2011-07-19
Capacities	FP7-ERIC-2012-2	EPSS is now available for this call for proposals	2011-07-19

For your information, please also visit:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/index_en.cfm

Outcome of call FP7-Infrastructures-2011-1 (Call 8)

Since May 2011, a short description of projects in the negotiation process at the time, has been available at: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/pdf/call8-shortdescriptionofprojects.pdf>

This refers to

- 13 new I3 projects (more information available at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index_en.cfm?pg=ri_projects_fp7
This table contains a list of Networks of RIs funded under FP7 as Integrating Activities.
- 4 Design Studies,
- 5 Implementation phase projects – for implementation of common solutions for clusters of ESFRI infrastructures in the fields of a) Social Science and Humanities, b) Life Science, c) Environmental Sciences, d) Physics, Astronomy and Analytical Facilities and
- 1 ERA-NET, 8 CSA projects

Consultation workshop: "Horizon 2020" - Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and the future of RIs in the Common Strategic Framework, 4th July 2011, Brussels, Belgium

A consultation workshop on the possible content of "Horizon 2020" - Common Strategic Framework for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and the future of RIs in the Common Strategic Framework, was held on Monday, 4th July 2011, in Brussels, Belgium.

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Representatives of the EU Member States, major stakeholders, large-scale infrastructures and Integrating Activities projects were present in the meeting to discuss and fine-tune the European Commission's proposals. Some key messages were conveyed:

- Research Infrastructures will be integrated in the block of activities regarding "Excellence in Research" of Horizon 2020;
- Higher interdependency between the framework programme and structural funds will be sought;
- Contextualization of Research Infrastructures in the regional policy and innovation strategies is crucial and should be based on the S3 – Smart Specialization Strategy;
- Regional Partner Facilities (research infrastructures of a minor dimension are crucial support structures for larger-scale RIs);
- Aim to implement 60% of the ESFRI projects by 2015;
- Research Infrastructures should be test beds for industrial innovation;
- E-infrastructures are central in the deepening and interconnectedness of the ERA;
- Investment in human capital and science communication through RIs;
- Research Infrastructures are strategic for the EU to be seen and act as a global player in science and technological development.

The minutes of the workshop have already been published and are available at the website of the Horizon 2020 thematic workshops:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=workshops

CORDIS launches new interactive service to promote partnership building in research

CORDIS, the Community Research and Development Information Service launched its new Partners Service on 28 June 2011. The interactive platform is designed to help users promote expertise and organisations, find business or research partners, create groups, join networks and find the right components for funding bids and proposals.

Developed in cooperation with a range of stakeholders, the service builds on three fundamental ideas: personalization, collaboration and networking.

The service combines a vast array of social media tools, CORDIS resources and back-office technologies. Users also have a great deal of flexibility for building an internet-based presence which best suits their needs, featuring expertise, knowledge and abilities. There is also room to link to projects, work and publications elsewhere on the web.

Enhanced search facilities help users to find partners for projects and other cooperation, while an automated matching function keeps users aware of recent initiatives which they might like to be a part of. The service also provides access to basic data on the latest funding opportunities, and links to related official information.

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Active engagement is a key component of successful projects, and this is also reflected in the platforms design. Users have the opportunity to build and expand their networks by participating in discussions, offering support in on-line groups or creating cross-disciplinary networks.

The new CORDIS Partners Service ensures that project participants will be just a click or two away from a world of possibilities and potential partners: cordis.europa.eu/partners

Updated **CORDIS service** brings project partners together for FP7. A revamped Partners Service addresses the specific needs of potential participants and other users of CORDIS, the Community Research and Development Information Service.



Please note that the basic partners' profile information of the old service users (contact and organisation data, expertise description) will be migrated to the new partners' service. As a new feature, the service has added the FP7 research themes and sub-programmes as categories so users can tailor their profiles and searches to the specific research community or area of expertise for which they are looking.

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CORDIS prepared an extensive help section with tutorial videos to help people get started with the application. It is available on all pages via the 'About partners' button:

(http://cordis.europa.eu/guidance/services/partners_en.html).

The system offers the identification of National Contact Points so that users of the service can find support more easily.

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■ Forthcoming RI-related Events

ASEPS 2011 – Asia-Europe Physics Summit, 26-29 October 2011, Wroclaw, Poland

European Physical Society, in cooperation with three physical societies from Poland, Germany and France is organising the "Asia-Europe Physics Summit". The conference will be held on 26-29.10.2011 in Wroclaw, Poland. The Wroclaw Research Centre EIT+ is an organizational partner of the event. More info at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index_en.cfm?pg=events

e-Challenges 2011, 26th – 28th October 2011, Florence, Italy

The eChallenges e-2011 Conference (twenty-first in a series of Annual Conferences supported by the European Commission and hosted by national governments) takes place in Florence, Italy. The conference regularly attracts over 600 delegates from leading commercial, government and research organisations around the world to share knowledge and experience, lessons learnt, good practice and innovation.

eChallenges provides an international forum to share success stories and lessons learnt from applied Information and Communications Technology (ICT) related research at European level (FP6 & FP7) as well as Regional, National and Commercial initiatives. International cooperation and discussion of commercialisation, exploitation & interoperability issues are key aspects of the programme.

The goals of e-2011 are to promote ICT knowledge sharing and innovation between commercial organisations, government agencies and the research community, exchange experiences about the current state of eAdoption at a sectoral, national or regional level and stimulate rapid take-up of Research and Technology Development (RTD) results by industry and in particular SMEs.

You can find more information in <http://www.echallenges.org/e2011/>

Regarding Research Infrastructures, e-Challenges2011 offers two special sessions on eInfrastructures & Smart Grids (issues arising and applications paradigms)

International Forum B2B meetings TOSM – ITN, 18.10.2011, Torino, Italy

The Enterprise Europe Network is participating in the international forum b2b "TOSM – ITN" 2011. The forum is being organized in combination with two events: the ITN exhibition (regarding smart infrastructures, smart grids, GPS, Galileo, GIS, telematics and navigation services), www.itnexpo.it/eng/ and TOSM (www.tosm.it/) related to the promotion of ICT Management Applications).

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Internet and Societies: new innovation paths

The PARADISO FP7 project is organising “Internet and Societies: new innovation paths” forward-looking high-level conference at the European Commission in Brussels (Charlemagne building), on September 7-9, 2011.

The event is free of charge but early registration (to be made online) is recommended because of limited room capacity at the venue.

Ms Neelie Kroes, VP of the European Commission and European Digital Agenda Commissioner, will open the conference on 8 Sept. at 9:30. Keynote speakers from Europe and the rest of the world will share their visions of the foreseeable interactions between the Internet and societal developments and of related new innovation paths. PARADISO recommendations on research to be developed under FP8 will be presented as well.

On 9 Sept. participants are invited to a workshop, during which the event topics will be openly discussed, so that event conclusions and recommended next steps can be based on contributions from the largest number of stakeholders.

More information about this event: <http://www.paradiso-fp7.eu/>

Innovation Convention 2011, 5-6 December 2011, Square – Brussels Meeting Centre

On 5-6 December 2011, the European Commission is holding its first **Innovation Convention** following the adoption of the Innovation Union Flagship initiative in October 2010.

This major event will gather **more than 1200 participants** involved in the innovation chain, including high-level policy makers, leading CEOs, deans of universities and research centres, bankers, venture capitalists, top researchers and innovators.

The programme of the Innovation Convention will include master classes and round tables on innovation, an interactive panel debate with global innovation players and the award of the Women Innovators Prize. During the exhibition, the EuroRIS-Net+ will have the opportunity to expose its goals and objectives on a Europe-wide basis and raise visibility to RIs stakeholders

A detailed programme as well as the registration page for the event will be put on line at:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm?section=ic2011

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ESFRI / E-IRG News

SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF RIs / Evaluation and impact of Research Infrastructures

How to best demonstrate the impact of RIs - Exchange of experiences between Preparatory Phase projects - European Workshop, 15 June 2011, Brussels



On 15 June 2011, representatives of 33 ESFRI projects came together in the Palais des Academies of the Royal Academy of Belgium to discuss how to best demonstrate the impact of Research Infrastructures. This 5th workshop for the exchange of experiences of preparatory phase projects was opened by Dr. Beatrix Vierkorn-Rudolph, chair of ESFRI. A report and presentations of the workshop are available at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/index_en.cfm?pg=impact_studies.

e-IRG meetings coming up

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 next open e-Infrastructure Reflection Group (e-IRG) Workshop will be held on 12-13 October 2011 in Poznan, Poland. The workshop will be organized by the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education under the auspices of the Polish Presidency of the European Union.

The first day of the workshop will present political, financial and international aspects of e-Infrastructure in Europe. The main topics will be: Sustainable e-Infrastructure fostering international and multidisciplinary cooperation; Synergies between structural funds, EU and national funding; Polish feedback for sustainable and reliable local infrastructure.

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On the second day the focus will be Technology aspects. Presentations about ESFRI requirements and Grand Challenges of different applications will be given as well as a session on Data Infrastructures with presentations from existing data-related projects. After lunch a panel discussion will follow about how to integrate the data infrastructure with the existing grid and HPC infrastructures and a panel discussion about users and infrastructure providers' demands vs. offers.

We invite all users and e-Infrastructure service providers, including HPC, grid, cloud and data to attend the e-IRG workshop. Special attention will be put on the new EC approach to build a sustainable Data e-Infrastructure in Europe.

Please visit the e-IRG website for the preliminary programme at <http://www.e-irg.eu/e-irg-events/e-irg-workshop-poznan-12-13-october.html>

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ESFRI / E-IRG related documents

ESFRI Working Group & other reports



Regional issues - ESFRI Working Group Report 2010, ESFRI - May 2011

Available at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/infrastructures/pdf/regional_issues.pdf

e-IRG reports

A press release of the e-IRG White Paper 2011 which describes its contents was launched in July 2011.

The 7th e-IRG White paper addresses some of the most interesting questions related to new and on-going e-Infrastructure challenges, such as:

- How do we deal with the increasing energy demands of computing?
- What software is needed to fully harness the power of future HPC systems?
- What are the appropriate governance models for e-Infrastructures?
- How can we facilitate access, discovery and sharing of large and diverse sources of scientific data?
- How can we further advance research networks, and adopt and implement new e-Infrastructure services?

The e-IRG White Paper 2011 is available on the e-IRG website at:

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

together with a summary of the comments received during the White Paper consultation phase.