

Press Release

2nd Regional Technical Workshop in Rome on National Funding: build awareness on policy perspectives

Rome, 4 December 2017

The second InRoad Regional Workshop took place from Monday 27 November noon to Thursday 28 November noon, at the National Research Council (CNR) of Italy in Rome. This is the second Regional Workshop following the first one held in Prague from 8 to 9 November. The next three workshops are already scheduled in Portugal (February), Germany (March) and Poland (April) in 2018.

The purpose of the workshop was to discuss policy aspects linking Research Infrastructure (RI) roadmapping with national funding as well as with other funding instruments. The aim was to build awareness across the different types of stakeholders such as RI managers, funders and policy-makers from different countries such as France, Portugal, Germany, Ireland, Spain, the Czech Republic and Hungary. The workshop collected emerging views across countries including different types of users of RI in order to contribute to the ongoing reflection about the long-term sustainability of RI in Europe. As a result, the participants agreed on three key aspects for the long-term sustainability of RI:

1. Firstly, the participants agreed that there is need to develop a more comprehensive 'user strategy' to highlight the multi-disciplines research activities that are emerging and need to be engaged in RI to meet their research interests. This user strategy can become an essential component for large facilities and for distributed RI in the long-run. The participants also concluded that there is a need to promote an action programme to integrate RI and e-RI.
2. Secondly, the workshop highlighted the importance of monitoring the map of the research labs, as well as supporting research organisations within the respective countries, in order to strengthen the role for the research organisations and their scientific communities in providing services for excellent scientific experiments. This aspect was also seen as key with regard to funding. Respectively, the experience of cascade funding was presented towards the participants as a new mechanism to open the participation to call for proposals. .
3. Thirdly, the workshop raised awareness that that there are bottlenecks in the way the European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF) are operated. The participants pointed out that there is a need to revise and adapt the use of ESIF for RI in order to foster the role of RI as drivers of regional innovation ecosystems.

Furthermore, the workshop benefited from the attendance of representatives from distributed RI and their specific country nodes. They provided concrete elements for a reflection about different aspects of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). They also raised the critical issue of the requested business plans within the framework of ESIF in order to describe the planned impacts regarding direct applications in industry and commercial activities. The suggested solution was to address the development of a 'sustainability plan' in order to propose the overarching plan of all types of expected impacts rather than the specific business actions.

The next InRoad regional workshop will take place in Aveiro, Portugal, on the 6th February 2018 followed by other workshops in March and April 2018, in Poland and in Germany.

The InRoad Project team thanks the CNR team for organising and hosting this successful event and all the participants for having accepted the InRoad Invitation and pro-actively having taken part in the discussions. The workshop findings will be collected into a report for dissemination.

More information

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Agenda

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National Research Council of Italy (CNR) - P.le A. Moro 7, Rome - Marconi Hall

27th November Afternoon (14.00-18.00)

First Session	Welcome and Introduction
14.00-15.00	Corrado Spinella (CNR-DSFTM) Isabel Bolliger (UNIL) <i>Key results from InRoad Survey on National Roadmapping</i> Teresa Jorge (CCDR) <i>Funding within life-cycle orientation of RIs of Pan-European relevance</i>
15.00 -15.30	Coffee break
1st PANEL	Perspectives on National funding and RI roadmaps for Pan-European RIs including Macro regional considerations
15.30-17.00	Aim: to discuss major elements and issues for high-level research for breakthrough innovation and long-term sustainability. Moderator: Sauro Longhi (GARR) Speakers: Ornella De Giacomo (CERIC-ERIC), Maurizio Peruzzini (CNR-DSCTM), Carlo Mariani (Univ. La Sapienza), Lorenzo Avaldi (CNR-ISM), Alberto Morgante (CNR-IOM), Floriana La Marca (EIT-RM), Virginia Coda Nunziante (CNR-RELINT)
17.00-18.00	Discussion
18.00	Closing of the first day
20.00	Social Dinner
28th November Morning (9.30 - 13.30)	
2nd PANEL	R&I policy mechanisms supporting RIs services
9.30-10.30	Aim: to discuss the need of flexible and targeted mechanisms to facilitate access to RIs to users and support RIs of Pan European interest. Policy incentives for R&I and cross-country interactions requires EU harmonization. Moderator: Roberto Senesi (Univ. Tor Vergata) Speakers: Jacqueline Allan (JIIIP), Roberta Fantoni (ENEA), Attila Havas (HAS), Gian Matteo Fornaro (APRE), Maria Sabrina Sarto (Univ. La Sapienza), Olga Skalska (Funding Box)
10.30-11.00	Discussion
11.00 -11.30	Coffee break
3rd PANEL	Dialogue with Individual RIs Monitoring and Life-cycle development
11.30-12.30	Aim: to contribute to share experiences, practices and local initiatives fostering an ecosystem of pan European RIs open to research, industry users and policy makers. This to accelerate high-level research and scientific discovery to meet breakthrough innovation. Moderator: Augusta Maria Paci (CNR-DSCTM) Speakers: Antje Keppler (IPS, <i>Euro-BioImaging</i>), Alberto Luini (CNR, <i>Euro-Bioimaging</i>), Carmela Cornacchia (CNR, <i>ACTRIS</i>), Ornella De Giacomo (CERIC-ERIC), Luca Pezzati (CNR, <i>E-RIHS</i>), Lilli Freda (INGV, <i>EPOS</i>)
12.30-13.30	Discussion for Key Messages
Closing, Light Lunch and Departures	