

## Press Release

### Successful Horizon 2020 RI Support Project Meeting

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On 8 June 2017, the European Commission (EC) DG for Research and Innovation kindly invited all running Horizon 2020 Research Infrastructure (RI) support projects to Brussels in order to present the status of their projects and identify synergies and collaboration opportunities between them. InRoad, as one of the newest Horizon 2020 RI support projects, was able to connect with its peer projects [MERIL-2](#), [RItrain](#), [RISCAPE](#) and [STR-ESFRI](#) and present the first achievements of its own.

The two project coordinators of the [Swiss National Science Foundation](#), Martin Müller and Max de Boer, [presented](#) InRoad's organisational structure, the project's framework, the deliverables and contemporary achievements. The two coordinators particularly highlighted the potential results of the InRoad consultation, where a total of 30 out of 46 Member States (MS) and Associated Countries (AC) responded so far. At the end of each presentation, the project coordinators discussed the synergy and collaboration possibilities. The EC took note of the developments of the project and highlighted the links between the project and ongoing work on RI long-term sustainability. InRoad's outputs could feed into the process and nourish coming discussions at European level, under the Bulgarian and Austrian Presidencies of the European Union. Additionally, InRoad identified the following synergy and collaboration possibilities with each project:

First of all, [MERIL-2](#), a project aimed to map the European RI landscape, presented their portal that provides valuable information about openly accessible RIs across all scientific fields. Especially the data collection and analysis methodologies of MERIL-2 were interesting for InRoad, due to its future task to analyse the results of the InRoad consultation. Moreover, the data available on the portal will potentially help InRoad to better understanding the decision-making and priority setting process, when evaluating the different roadmapping processes.

Secondly, [RItrain](#), a tailored-made training in form of an Executive Master for future managers in RIs, aims to improve the managing and leadership skills of RI staff. Here, InRoad envisioned the possibility to exchange its research insights in the training programme to foster the student's understanding of the RI decision-making and funding processes.

Thirdly, [RISCAPE](#), which aims to map the global RI landscape and also stands at the beginning of the project-lifecycle, offered similar collaboration opportunities as the MERIL-2 project. Particularly the data analysis and the methodologies are of great interest for InRoad.

Last but not least, [STR-ESFRI](#), which reinforces and supports the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) with resources, workshops, tools and expertise, provided highly valuable science communication experience and networking opportunities with RI stakeholders. A future STR-ESFRI 'exchange of experience workshop' could include some material from InRoad.

In general, the projects are all eager to exchange their best practices in terms of communication, data management and common terminology.



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