



InRoad

'Towards better synchronisation of priority settings and evaluation mechanisms for research infrastructures beyond National relevance'

2nd Stakeholder Engagement Workshop

Renaissance Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Ixelles - Brussels, Belgium

15th-16th January 2018

Workshop context

InRoad is a project funded under Horizon 2020 that aims to support Research Infrastructure (RI) policy development in terms of exchange of best practices for national roadmap drafting and evaluation procedures for RI in order to promote comparability and synchronisation of national procedures and a possible harmonisation evaluation mechanisms.

InRoad will:

1. **identify and share best-practices** and common trends of national RI roadmapping procedures and evaluation mechanisms;
2. **contribute towards a better synchronisation** and the possible harmonisation of those procedures in European countries and at European level;
3. **support RI policy development** by establishing a trustful dialogue and an intensive exchange of information about national RI roadmapping procedures, monitoring and evaluation and sustainable approaches for RI, in line with the objectives of the European Research Area (ERA).

On 2nd May 2017, InRoad successfully launched its consultation for five weeks to collect information about national Research Infrastructure (RI) policies. This included decision making, funding and business models and their link to roadmapping processes from EU Member States (MS) and Associated Countries to Horizon 2020 (AC). The aim of the consultation was a comparative analysis of national RI policies in order to facilitate engagement, mutual learning and improve coordination among policy and decision-makers in Europe, thus contributing to RI long-term sustainability. In total, 79% of all MSs and 28% of all ACs responded. In June, the partners analyzed and discussed the first results of the consultation at the consortium meeting in Coimbra, Portugal.

The detailed results served as a basis for the regional workshops in Prague and Rome in November as well as the Compendium of the first National Research Infrastructure Road Mapping Procedures (NRIRMP) analysis and the InRoad Consultation Report at the end of November.

Concretely, the InRoad Consultation Report 'Prioritisation, evaluation and funding of research infrastructures in Europe' gives a general overview of the InRoad consultation results. Different policy messages are also introduced. Moreover, an InRoad Compendium Comparative Perspective is included, divided into three parts:

- 1) national decision-making on research infrastructures;
- 2) public funding for RI;
- 3) "business plans" for RI.

The report concludes with a specific chapter addressing the lessons to be learnt and a way forward.

Workshop objectives

- 1) Interactively discuss, review and validate the InRoad Consultation Report including linked preliminary policy insights with the attendants.
- 2) Critically discuss, review and validate the InRoad policy brief in the light of the European Commission's report about the long-term sustainability of research infrastructures.
- 3) Gather feedback from the participants on the further activities of InRoad, especially with regard to:
 - The second series of regional workshops: suggestions for RI topics in the area of roadmapping, funding and business modelling that need to be tackled in the next regional workshops.
 - InRoad Case Studies: advices for case studies in the area of RI roadmapping, funding and business models.
 - Areas of further investigation for InRoad.
 - How to disseminate the findings.

Documents for preparation

1. **Briefing Note:** Within this briefing note the aims and purpose of each session are described. Additionally, concrete questions for the audience to prepare are included. The briefing note will be send out one week before the workshop.
2. **InRoad consultation report:** During the workshop, InRoad will present the consultation report 'Prioritisation, evaluation and funding of research infrastructures in Europe' and introduce different policy messages based on the findings. These results and policy messages will be discussed in an interactive round with you as well as other prominent guests.
3. **InRoad response to the LTS report:** InRoad aims to contribute to mutual learning and stronger coordination among policy and decision-makers in Europe concerning different aspects relevant to RI roadmapping. The goal is to work towards a better harmonisation and synchronisation of procedures and funding streams, thus contributing to the long-term sustainability of the RI ecosystem in Europe. InRoad therefore directly contributes to some of the recommendations listed in the European Commission report 'Sustainable European Research Infrastructures'. The purpose of this note is to contribute to the Commission action plan in areas where InRoad has expertise and where the InRoad consortium members believe that further actions must be taken by the Commission and Member States when addressing RI Long-Term Sustainability
4. **InRoad newsletter:** Within our newsletters ([issue 1](#) and [issue 2](#)) you can look up all the key information and developments of the project.



Programme

Monday 15 January 2018

12:00 – 13:00	Registration and light lunch
13:00 – 13:10	Welcome and presentation of InRoad: objectives and activities Martin Müller , InRoad coordinator
13:10 – 13:30	Opening keynote: challenges and gaps for a more effective coordination of national RI policies John Womersley , Director-General European Spallation Source
13:30 – 14:00	Presentation of InRoad first findings - Main findings from the InRoad consultation report and the regional workshops as well a preliminary policy insights Isabel Bolliger , University of Lausanne
14:00 – 14:15	Coffee break
14:15 – 16:00	Panel and Audience Discussion on InRoad preliminary policy insights Panel Members: Riitta Maijala , Vice President for Research at the Academy of Finland Christian Chardonnet , Head of Department Large Research Infrastructures at French Ministry of Higher Education and Science David Bohmert , ESFRI Executive Board Member
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	InRoad second data collection round: case studies and interviews Stéphanie Lecocq , CNRS Presentation and audience discussion on InRoad second data collection round <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Identification of areas of further investigation;- Main challenges and bottlenecks ahead;- Linking InRoad's outputs to the interests of participants.
18:00 – ...	Networking reception

Tuesday 16 January 2018

9:00 – 9:15	Opening words: wrap up of day 1 and introduction to day 2 Martin Müller , InRoad coordinator
9:15 – 9:45	The European Commission perspective on Long-term Sustainability of RI Philippe Froissard , Deputy-Head of Unit Research Infrastructures, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation
9:45 – 10:00	InRoad's response to the European Commission Long-term Sustainability report InRoad Advisory Board
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 11:30	Sustainable funding for research infrastructures: findings from the regional workshops in Prague and Rome and outlook for Hamburg Carme De Andres Sanchis , Helmholtz Association
11:30 – 12:00	Closing keynote: filling the gaps and challenges with InRoad Barbara Haering , Board member of ETH Board
12:00-...	End of workshop and light lunch