



Austria – Research Infrastructure: Fact sheet

1. Is there a National Roadmap for RI in place?		
Yes	No	In planning
x		

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

2. Link to the roadmap
https://www.bundeskanzleramt.at/DocView.axd?CobId=54964 [Last access: 09/2017].

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

3. RI definition deviates from ESFRI RI definition (If yes, please check RI definition in the Annex).	
Yes	No
N/A	N/A

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

4. Players and their responsibilities in the national RM procedure					
	Responsibility for RM	Decision-making	Funding	Scientific evaluation	Economic evaluation
Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW)	x	x	x		
Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT)	x		x		
Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF)	x		x		
Federal Chancellery (BKA)	x				
Austrian Council for Research and Technology Development (RFTE)	x				
Regional governments			x		

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation and additional documents provided through the Consultation on RI (2017).



5. Steps and Actions in the national RM Procedure		
Step	Action	Responsible actor
1	Planning/ Preparation of Guidelines	Federal Ministries and bodies in question
2	Call	
3	Landscape analysis	
4	Mapping	
5	Eligibility Check	
6	Science-driven Evaluation	
7	Economic evaluation	
8	Evaluation of societal relevance	
9	Decision	Federal Government
10	Validation	

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

6. Criteria of the decision-making process in the RM procedure		
Eligibility criteria	Evaluation criteria	Feasibility criteria
N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

7. Towards harmonisation and synchronisation of RM Procedures		
The respondents are interested in...	...an exchange of experience for the following topics.	...increased coordination for the following topics.
Involved players and responsibilities		
Planning and design of RM		
Inventory/landscape analysis		
Evaluation procedures		
Strategic decision-making		
Timing of national and European RM	x	
Life cycle management	x	x
RI funding instruments		
Monitoring and evaluation of RI		
Prioritisation of RI		

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

8. Timelines and Life-cycles: Publication and updates						
An	Austrian	Research	Infrastructure	Action	Plan	"Österreichischer ForschungsinfrastrukturAktionsplan 2014-2020" was published in February 2014. There have been no updates so far: https://www.bundeskanzleramt.at/DocView.axd?CobId=54964 [Last access: 09/2017].



Source: Data derived from RM, Desk Study, ESFRI Homepage.

9. Main purposes of the national RM on RI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An identification of scientific needs and existing gaps responding to the changing R&D and socio-economic demands • An inventory of existing RI • A guide with strategic RI priorities for setting research policy priorities • An input for funding decisions on RI between institutional, regional and national stakeholders • A list of strategic priorities, which are foreseen for funding • A planning instrument to prepare for the negotiations at European (ESFRI) and international levels

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

10. Organisation and main indicators for funding of RI	Planning	Construction	Operation
National budget	x	x	x
European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)			
European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) managed at national level			
Regional budget			
ESIF managed at regional level			
Research funding agencies			
Research Performing Organisations			
European Investment Bank			
Horizon 2020	x	x	x
Others			

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

11. Responsible Organism(s) for RI Funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Ministry for Science, Research and Economy (responsible for budget and grants) • Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (responsible for budget and grants)

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

12. RI Funding Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National budget used throughout RI life cycle • Regional budget • European Investment Bank which is used for CERN and ESO • H2020

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

Research Infrastructure Life-cycle	Concept Phase	Design Phase	Preparation Phase	Construction / Implementation Phase	Operation Phase	Termination Phase	Others (e.g. upgrade, repurposing)
Funding source	1. National budget	1. National budget; 2. EC	1. National budget; 2. EC	1. National budget; 2. EC	1. National budget	-	1. National budget
Funding instrument	- Budget	- Budget; - H2020 calls	- Budget; - H2020 calls	- Budget; - H2020 calls	- Budget	-	- Budget
Responsible funders/funding bodies	- Ministries	- Ministries; - EC	- Ministries; - EC	- Ministries; - EC	- Ministries	-	- Ministries
Covered costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Period of time covered (years)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

13. Details on national funding mechanisms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RI funding decisions are linked with country's strategic priorities such as the Strategies, the Action Plan and Performance Agreements; Funding instruments are designed for potential combination among them; Competitive funding of national RI is linked to mandatory co-funding by universities and research organisations; No new additional instruments are being designed to fund RI in Austria.

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

14. National Operational Program Information		
Total amount (EU amount and National amount)	All Programs (€M)	10,654,5
	Programs with ERDF (€M)	2,065,6
EU amount	All Programs (€M)	4,921,4
	Programs with ERDF (€M)	536,3
Thematic objective 1 (Research & Innovation)	Total funds (€M)	275,2
	ERDF (€M)	206,2
Investment category - ERDF	058. Research and innovation infrastructure (public) (€M)	37,6
	059. Research infrastructure and innovation (private and scientific parks) (€M)	0,0

Funding information of research infrastructures covering the period 2014-2020 gather inputs from the consultation survey, as well as from the Open Data Portal for European Structural and Investment Funds from the European Commission (<https://cohesiondata.ec.europa.eu/> [Last access: 09/2017]) and the Operational Programmes, for the categories of investment 058. and 059. (dedicated to research infrastructures) (http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/atlas/programmes/ [Last access: 09/2017]).



15. Changes of funding schemes of RI

Austria does not plan to change the funding scheme of RI.

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

16. Relevant issue(s) not addressed

Further development plans are strictly dependent on available budgetary provisions.

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation on RI (2017).

