



Belgium – Research Infrastructure: Fact sheet

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

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

2. Link to the roadmap
Not applicable or no information presently available.

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
	x

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

4. Players and their responsibilities in the national RM procedure

The following table gives an overview of the main ministries and institutions, as well as their main functions regarding the RM procedure.

Administrations in charge of science policy at the federal, regional and community levels (shared competence) which are involved in the inter-federal coordination in the field of research infrastructures:

Federal:

- BELSPO - SPP Politique scientifique / POD Wetenschapsbeleid
- DG Energy of the SPF Economie/FOD Economie (a few energy or physics-related RI)
- Flanders
- EWI - Departement Economie, Wetenschap en Innovatie - Vlaanderen
- FWO - Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek

French-speaking community:

- DGENORS Ministère de la Communauté française de Belgique
- F.R.S.-FNRS - Fonds national de la recherche scientifique

Wallonia:

- Department of Research Programmes Service public de Wallonie - Direction générale opérationnelle de l'Economie, de l'Emploi & de la Recherche (SPW)

Brussels:

- Innoviris.Brussels

A coordination/consultation commission involving all these actors is organised for deciding on the Belgian position in international matters. The commission specialised in research infrastructures is called CIS/INFRA.

	Responsibility for RM	decision-making	funding	Scientific evaluation	Economic evaluation
BELSPO	x	x	x	x	in preparation
DG Energy of the SPF Economy		x	x	x	x

¹ No official national roadmap yet but a list of priorities validated by all Minister responsible for science policy/research.

EWI	x	x			x
FWO	x		x	x	x
DGENORS	x	x	x	x	
F.R.S.-FNRS		x	x	x	
SPW	x	x	x	x	x
Innoviris	x	x	x	x	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	Coordination commission
2	Call	No common call but calls at the level of the different institutions involved
3	Landscape analysis	Coordination commission
4	Mapping	Coordination commission
5	Eligibility Check	See step 2
6	Science-driven Evaluation	See step 2
7	Economic evaluation	See step 2
8	Evaluation of societal relevance	See step 2
9	Decision	Coordination commission
10	Validation	Interministerial conference

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

6. Criteria of the decision-making process in the RM procedure		
<p>The national roadmap in preparation will not be based on a national call for proposals. It will first give an introduction to the Belgian R&D landscape and its interfederal context. It will then present the most relevant Belgian RIs as well as the Belgian participation to the ESFRI RIs. Finally, it will list the future priorities of membership for Belgium (to be validated by the Interministerial Conference on Science Policy, i.e. the different ministers of research). The participation of Belgium in ESFRI RIs is based mainly on the evaluation organised at the level of the different Belgian entities (Federal authority, Communities, Regions).</p>		
Eligibility criteria	Evaluation criteria	Feasibility criteria
Not applicable or no information presently available.	Not applicable or no information presently available.	Not applicable or no information presently available.

Source: Data derived from InRoad Consultation and additional documents provided through the 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	x	
Evaluation procedures	x	
Strategic decision-making	x	
Timing of national and European RM		
Life cycle management		
RI funding instruments		
Monitoring and evaluation of RI	x	
Prioritisation of RI		
Evaluation/monitoring of current participation of a country in a RI	x	

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

8. Timelines and Life-cycles: Publication and updates

National roadmap in preparation.

Since 2011, a list of priorities for the participation of Belgium in pan-European research infrastructures has been validated by the conference of ministers for science policy. The initial list has been updated/complemented in 2012 and 2014.

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

9. Main purposes of the national RM on RI

- 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	x	x	x
Regional budget			
ESIF managed at regional level			
Research funding agencies	x	x	x



Research Organisations	Performing			
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

Not applicable or no information presently available.

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

12. RI Funding Sources

Not applicable or no information presently available.

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

Research Infrastructure Life-cycle	Concept Phase	Design Phase	Preparation Phase	Construction/Implementation	Operation Phase	Termination Phase	Others (e.g. upgrade, repurposing)
Funding source							
Funding instrument							
Responsible funders/funding bodies							
Covered costs							
Period of time covered (years)							

Not applicable or no information presently available.

13. Details on national funding mechanisms

Not applicable or no information presently available.

14. National Operational Program Information

Total amount (EU amount and National amount)	All Programs (€M)	
	Programs with ERDF (€M)	
EU amount	All Programs (€M)	
	Programs with ERDF (€M)	
Thematic objective 1 (Research & Innovation)	Total funds (€M)	
	ERDF (€M)	
Investment category - ERDF	058. Research and innovation infrastructure (public) (€M)	
	059. Research infrastructure and innovation (private and scientific parks) (€M)	

Not applicable or no information presently available.

15. Changes of funding schemes of RI

Not applicable or no information presently available.

