



Iceland – 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
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
Ministry of Education, Science and Culture Department of Education and Science					
Science and Technology Policy Council (STPC)					
Other relevant ministries					
Research Institutes and universities					
Research infrastructure fund					

Not applicable or no information presently available.

¹ A national roadmap is presently in the preparation phase in accordance with the STPCs Strategy and action plan 2017-2019. Information presented in the Fact sheet reflects the present situation of RI financing.



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

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

6. Criteria of the decision-making process in the RM procedure ²		
Eligibility criteria	Evaluation criteria	Feasibility criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants are not eligible to apply for installation or build-up of instruments that cost less than 2 million ISK. Price quotes from the manufacturer/service provider must accompany the proposal to confirm the amount applied for. Salaries can be applied for in connection with Build-up and Upgrade/operation up to 5 million ISK, given that this does not exceed 75% of the total cost of salary used for this purpose. Applications for retroactive funding will be rejected. If the total cost increases by 5% or more, the grantee must get permission from the Infrastructure Fund before proceeding with the purchase. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable or no information presently available. <p>(detailed information in 2.3 Annex Part 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The infrastructure is important for research progress in Iceland and for the proposer's research. The infrastructure creates new possibilities in research and/or is related to research projects already being funded by the Icelandic Research Fund. The infrastructure is important for education and training in the relevant scientific field. The infrastructure facilitates cooperation between institutions, or between institutions and companies. Budget plans are realistic. Infrastructure realised with support from the fund is accessible to other research groups as capacity allows.

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

² Information applies to the Research infrastructure fund procedure.



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	x	x
Inventory/landscape analysis	x	
Evaluation procedures	x	
Strategic decision-making	x	
Timing of national and European RM	x	x
Life cycle management	x	x
RI funding instruments	x	x
Monitoring and evaluation of RI	x	x
Prioritisation of RI	x	x

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

8. Timelines and Life-cycles: Publication and updates
In April 2017 the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture published a report pointing out the need of a national roadmap for RI in Iceland. In the fall of 2017, the Science and Technology Policy Council published its Strategy and Action Plan for 2017 – 2019 where one of the action points was the implementation of a national roadmap for RI. The preparation phase has started at the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture and the roadmap is expected to be ready by 2019.

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

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

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	x	x	x
European Investment Bank			
Horizon 2020		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"> • The Ministry of Education, Science and Culture through grants • Other relevant ministries through grants • The Infrastructure Fund through grants

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

12. RI Funding Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National budget • Research Performance Organisations • Horizon2020

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	1. National budget	1. National budget; 2. H2020	1. National budget; 2. H2020	1. National budget	1. National budget
Funding instrument	-	-	-	- Infrastructure Fund	- Infrastructure Fund	-	- Infrastructure Fund



Responsible funders/ funding bodies	- Research Institutes; - Universities	- Research Institutes; - Universities	- Research Institutes; - Universities	- Research Institutes; - Universities	- Research Institutes; - Universities	- Research Institutes; - Universities	-
Covered costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Period of time covered (years)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

13. Details on national funding mechanisms

- The funding decisions are not related to strategic priorities at the moment, but this is likely to change in the near future as there is a development process for a roadmap for Iceland.

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

14. Changes of funding schemes of RI

- There is a plan of new funding schemes.
- The plan is to make allocations from the Infrastructure Fund more closely linked to a national RI strategy than they currently are.

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

