



Iceland – National Embedment

1. RI definition	
In which points does the National Roadmap deviate from the ESFRI Roadmap?	
Categories	National Roadmap
Funding	
Categorisation of RI	
Access to RI	
Organisation within national procedure	
No definition available, since a National RI Roadmap has not been published.	

2. RI players in the national R&I system
<p>The RI players within the R&I system</p> <p>The Science and Technology Policy Council is responsible for setting public policy in matters of science and technology in Iceland. The Council is chaired by the Prime Minister and its members include the Minister of Education, Science and Culture Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs, the Minister of Tourism, Industry and Innovation as well as 16 representatives nominated by different ministries and higher education institutions and by the social partners. The Council sets the official science and technology policy for a three-year period. The Council's deliberations in each of the two fields are prepared by its working committees, the Science Board and the Technology Board. The Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS) cooperates closely with the STCP and administers among other funds the Icelandic Research Infrastructure Fund. The fund is governed by a board which decides on the allocations.</p> <p>National relevance of RI</p> <p>Public competitive funding of research infrastructure has mostly been based on bottom-up needs of individual scientists/research groups. The aim of a first draft version of a National RI Roadmap developed in 2009 was to strengthen the Icelandic science and research community. This should be achieved by ensuring national access to electronic journals and databases as well as high-speed internet connections to international research networks in Europe and North-America (Skogland, 2016, p. 28). Currently a roadmap process is being prepared at the ministry of education, science and culture.</p> <p>Embedding of RI in the national R&I system</p> <p>Responsibility for RI mainly lies with the STPC (under supervision of the Ministry of Education Science and Culture) which appointed a committee to develop a Roadmap in 2009 and decided on the implementation of a Roadmap in its most recent strategy (2017)</p>

3. RI in the National R&I System
<p>The R&I system of Iceland is organised top-down. The Ministry for Education, Science and Culture is the key ministry in charge of R&D policy in Iceland supported by other ministries. Several other public bodies are responsible for promoting research and innovation in Iceland, including the Icelandic Centre for Research (Rannis), which has an important role at operational level in funding R&I e.g. administering the public competitive funds such as the Research infrastructure fund. The Science and Technology Policy Council (STPC) is the main policy-making body responsible for design and coordination of R&D policy. (Skogland, 2016, pp. 10-12)</p>



4. Major national strategies for international cooperation in R&I and strategic integration of RI

The STPC is in charge of developing the official national science and technology policy for a period of three to four years. The latest published strategy from 2017 (English translation will be available in 2018) is an action plan including the implementation of a national roadmap for RI. In 2015, the Ministerial Action Plan "Frumkvæði og framfarir" was launched. The plan lists 22 measures with the aim to strengthen innovation in the country (Skogland, 2016, p. 15). A Roadmap on development of the Research Infrastructures in Iceland was prepared in 2009 by a committee appointed by the STPC, yet was never formally introduced.

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