

Press Release

InRoad Regional Workshop in Wroclaw, PL

Wroclaw, 13. June 2018

From 24 to 25 May 2018 Wroclaw Research Centre EIT+ held the 5th Regional Workshop **on Interoperability of funding instruments and governance of Research Infrastructures (RI)**. The aim of the Workshop was to further explore the different approaches taken by each RI to combine and manage the available resources. The workshop gathered 36 participants including managers, professors and administrative directors of RI. Moreover, the representatives of the Ministry of Science and High Education, responsible for the upgrading of the Polish National Roadmap of Research Infrastructure, and the representative of the National Contact Point (KPK) joined the fruitful discussions. Finally, different InRoad consortium members came to support the development of common recommendations for the European RI ecosystem in order to scheme the funding, along the whole life cycle of the RI.

In order to lead the discussion and drive to conclusions, the methodology of the workshop was based on the three case studies presented and followed by roundtable discussions. After each presentation, the participants were given the opportunity for a session of Q&A, followed by the debates around the six tables. The case studies were chosen in order to illustrate three different issues:

1. the ERIC status and combinations of funds including structural funds and issues of in-kind contribution coming from the extensive consortium partners - European Spallation Source;
2. the national financing as main source of funding - NGI The National Genomics Infrastructure, and;
3. the RI, which become a national prerogative in facilitating the construction phase after the application to ESFRI – Polish Synchrotron Light Source SOLARIS.

The participants commented on the case studies and discussed their "own cases", encouraged by the InRoad project moderators to reflect further on the problems and find common solutions to the identified bottlenecks. The challenge for the workshop was to develop solutions within the given set of EU rules in view of identifying difficulties in order to secure the finances, according to the needs, and giving concrete inputs to improve the interpretation of the regulations and the formulation of recommendations on funding mechanisms.

Overall, the discussions within the groups tackled the following points:

- the need for synchronization and alignment of policies and investments in RI on the national and European levels and its influence on the long term sustainability (LTS) of RI;
- the coordination of the various resources and financial management of various schemes on the accounting level understood as common accounting models, to be used during the financing of all the stages of the life cycle including the operational phase ;
- the harmonization of timing for planning the implementation of the structural cohesion funds allocated for regional development and EU funds to allow the efficient exploitation of available funding sources and the assurance of sustainability and stability for future life cycles stages as well as the needs of the RIs;
- the flexibility in planning to allow for interconnecting two financial periods of structural funds for designing and therefore updating the RI without separating the investments phase from further developments;



- the business models used by RI for internal purposes as managerial practices, and different approaches to the customers, which in case of RI can be the government and the society, as well as direct users including industrialists.

Among the issues related to the LTS of RI, some were challenging the audience. For example, regarding the costs of dismantling it was mentioned that this was sometimes a problematic issue to be foreseen and considered from the initial development stages of RI. Also, it was underlined that "*decommissioning depends on the type of activity*" but also on the general perception of the full life cycle. Commissioning/ operational phase is planned for no longer than 5 years, therefore political decisions could change the vision for the development in long term planning of decommissioning costs, often relevant in 50 years scale.

A number of concrete recommendations have been suggested, being that the following were the most vividly discussed: standardization of the procurements for RI in all the countries and clarification of state aid regulations. The idea is to converge different perception of the legal status in all the member states and associated countries in relation to public procurements, taxing and VAT from in-kind contribution etc.

More information

A full report on the Workshop will be released shortly.

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5th InRoad Regional Workshop

Interoperability of funding instruments and governance of Research Infrastructures

* *Case studies and recommendations* *

Wroclaw, 24th -25th May 2018

Venue: Wroclaw Research Centre EIT+ (Wrocławskie Centrum Badań EIT+),
Campus "Pracze" street Stablowicka 147, 54-066 Wroclaw, tel. to organizer
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Thursday, 24th May

12h00-13h00	Registration of Participants and Buffet Lunch
13h00-14h00	OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Piotr Dytko (President of Wroclaw Research Centre EIT+) ○ Drivers and trends in national Research Infrastructures roadmapping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Isabel Bolliger (University of Lausanne) ○ The expectations from the InRoad workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teresa Jorge (Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro)
14h00-14h45	CASE STUDY No 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ESS European Spallation Source ERIC – How to enhance the synchronization and interoperability of different funding schemes throughout each phase of a Research Infrastructure's life cycle? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ute Gunsenheimer (Head of External Relations & EU Projects), Naděžda Witzanyová, (Head of Unit International Cooperation, Nuclear Physics Institute of The CAS)
14h45-15h15	QUESTIONS TO CASE STUDY No 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Roundtable discussions, additional questions from the participants and formulation of the recommendations.</i>
15h15-15h45	COFFEE BREAK
15h45-16h30	CASE STUDY No 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SOLARIS Polish Synchrotron Light Source – Challenges and support to improve business planning on the national level and the links with ESFRI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michał Młynarczyk (Deputy director for administration and finance)
16h30-17h15	QUESTIONS TO CASE STUDY No 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Roundtable discussions, additional questions from the participants and formulation of the recommendations</i>
17h30	Bus Departure to the City Centre
18h45	Sightseeing in Wroclaw starting from Plac Solny
19h30	Social Dinner Restaurant "Jasna" street Pawła Włodkowica 18



Friday, 25th May

8h30	Bus Departure from bus stop Kazimierza Wielkiego (see the map) to WRC EIT+ (Campus Prace)
9h15-10h00	CASE STUDY No 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o NGI The National Genomics Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ellenor Devine (NGI-facility SNP&SEQ technology platform)
10h00-10h45	QUESTIONS TO CASE STUDY No 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Roundtable discussions, additional questions from the participants and formulation of the recommendations</i>
10h45-11h15	COFFEE BREAK
11h15-12h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The role of public and private funding in designing and operational phase of EPOS-PL (Poland) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dr inż. Dorota Olszewska (Project Manager, Assistant Professor, Institute of Geophysics Polish Academy of Sciences)
12h00-12h45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The National Roadmap of Research Infrastructure; the process and the role in the research and innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dariusz Drewniak (Counsellor General, Ministry of Science and High Education)
13h00-14h00	Lunch
14h00	Departure

