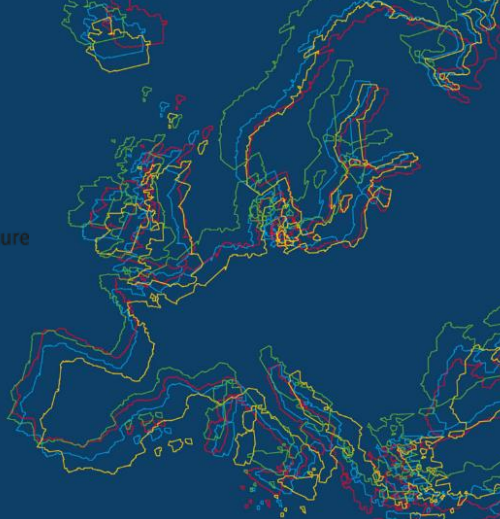




synchronising research infrastructure  
roadmapping in Europe



## InRoad

'Towards better synchronisation of priority settings and evaluation mechanisms for research infrastructures beyond national relevance'

## Validation Workshop

**From 01 to 02. October 2018**

Renaissance Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Ixelles - Brussels, Belgium



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## Event Summary

### European context

There is increasing awareness that the existing diversity of strategic priority-setting exercises, of funding instruments and cost models for research infrastructures (RI) in Europe is threatening the long-term sustainability of the RI landscape. Indeed, the issue was taken up during the Bulgarian Presidency Flagship Conference in Sofia and during the Competitiveness Council in May. The [conclusions](#) of Bulgarian Presidency Flagship Conference highlighted the need to align RI policies and investments at different levels in order to develop a more robust and coherent funding landscape for RI across the life-cycle and to increase the impact of RI as knowledge hubs. The latest Competitiveness Council [conclusions](#) also underlined the need to further consolidate the landscape of pan-European RI through coordinated decision-making, improved monitoring of the performance of RI, coherent use of funding and adequate transnational access policies.

### InRoad's contribution

The aforementioned issues are at the core of InRoad's activities. The aims of the project are to deliver recommendations and benchmarks for a better coordination of RI policies and funding mechanisms in Europe. To achieve this objective, InRoad is preparing a final set of policy insights and good practices that will be discussed during the workshop. The insights build upon the [InRoad consultation report](#), the [InRoad compendium](#), [workshops](#) and a series of case studies and interviews. They will touch upon 4 areas, namely (1) the coordination of national and European roadmap processes, (2) embedding RI roadmap processes in national research and innovation systems, (3) higher degree of coordination between regional, national and European funding frameworks, and (4) best practices and common standards for RI business planning. After this workshop, the insights will be refined, compiled in a final report and released during InRoad's final conference in December. The InRoad newsletters provide a good overview of the project's activities ([issue 1](#), [issue 2](#) and [issue 3](#)).

### Workshop objectives

- 1) Interactively discuss, review and validate the project's findings, insights and good practices.
- 2) Identify missing elements and gaps in the current findings that will be addressed in the final report.
- 3) Discuss challenges linked to the implementation of the project's findings.



# Event Agenda

## MONDAY 01. OCTOBER 2018

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**From 12:00**      **Registration and light lunch**

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**13:00**              **Welcome and presentation of InRoad**  
**Martin Müller**  
InRoad Coordinator, Swiss National Science Foundation

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**13:10**              **Coordination, why does it matter?**  
**Peter Fletcher**  
InRoad Advisory Board member

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**13:40**              **The European Context: towards RI long-term sustainability**  
**Philippe Froissard**  
Deputy Head of Unit Research Infrastructures, DG RTD

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**14:10**              **Coffee break**

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## Event Agenda

- 14:30**      **#1 COORDINATION BETWEEN NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN ROADMAPPING PROCESSES**
- Presentation of InRoad's insights on theme 1 (10')  
**Isabel Bolliger**, InRoad Consortium member, University of Lausanne
- Group discussion on the insights (50')
- Validation of InRoad's insights on theme 1 (20')  
Moderated by: **Isabel Bolliger**, InRoad Consortium member, University of Lausanne
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- 15:50**      **Coffee break**
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- 16:10**      **#2 EMBEDDING RI ROADMAP PROCESSES IN NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SYSTEMS**
- Presentation of InRoad's insights on theme 2 (10')  
**Gerd Rücker**, InRoad Consortium member, DLR-Project Management Agency
- Group discussion on the insights (45')
- Validation of InRoad's insights on theme 2 (25')  
Moderated by: **Gerd Rücker**, InRoad Consortium member, DLR-Project Management Agency
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- 17:30**      **Closing Keynote for day 1: The perspective of a distributed RI on the limits and benefits of coordination of RI policies and funding**
- Andrew Smith**  
Head of External Relations, Elixir
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- 18:00**      **Networking reception**



# Event Agenda

## TUESDAY 02. OCTOBER 2018

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- 9:00**                    **Opening words: wrap up of day 1 and introduction to day 2**  
**Martin Müller**  
InRoad Coordinator, Swiss National Science Foundation
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- 9:05**                    **#3 HIGHER DEGREE OF COORDINATION BETWEEN REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN FUNDING FRAMEWORKS**  
Presentation of InRoad's insights on theme 3 (10')  
**Teresa Jorge**, InRoad Consortium member, Comissao de Coordenacao e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro  
  
Group discussion on the insights (45')  
  
Validation of InRoad's insights on theme 3 (25')  
Moderated by: **Jan Hrusak**, InRoad Consortium member, Czech Academy of Sciences
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- 10:25**                    **Coffee break**
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- 10:55**                    **#4 TOWARDS BEST PRACTICES AND COMMON STANDARDS FOR RI BUSINESS PLANNING**  
Presentation of InRoad's insights on theme 4 (10')  
Moderated by: **Annika Thies**, InRoad Consortium member, Helmholtz Association Brussels Office  
  
Group discussion on the insights (45')  
  
Validation of InRoad's insights on theme 4 (25')  
Moderated by: **Annika Thies**, InRoad Consortium member, Helmholtz Association Brussels Office
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- 12:15**                    **Closing Keynote for day 2**  
**Gabriela Pastori**  
Head – International Relations - BBSRC
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- 12:45 -**                    **End of Workshop and light lunch**