

Innovation & Investment WG Meeting

Understanding the panorama of European Research Infrastructures for improved investments.

6 June 2019, 11.45-14.15

Venue: Representation of the European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino
Rue de Pascale, 45-47 - 1040 Brussels

The main challenge for research and innovation policy in the EU continues to be the “**innovation gap**” between first-class research results and the fragmented capacity to convert these in societal and commercial value. Recent policy developments, ranging from European research missions to the strategies and tools supporting sustainable Research Infrastructures (RI) or Technology Infrastructures (TI), strive to effectively combine the resources of R&I actors across the EU to achieve solutions for the citizens. The objective is to overcome the barriers for industrial transformation while reducing the risk of duplication of activities as well as fragmentation and discrepancies amongst regions. In this sense, **looking at how investments can support sustainable RI and / or TI** is crucial for the development of impactful regional industrial innovation strategies: in the current ERDF operational programmes, **16 billion €** are earmarked for building or upgrading R&I infrastructures.

Participants to the second I&I Working Group meeting will learn about the **pluriannual experience of the European Strategic Forum for Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)** directly from its Executive Secretary, Mr Dominik Sobczak (European Commission). Can the lessons learned from ESFRI contribute to the upcoming discussions related to the recent publication of the Commission's [Staff Working Document on Technology Infrastructures](#)? What can the existing examples of Research Infrastructures tell us in terms of **prioritisation, visibility, accessibility** as well as their **networking**?

Join us for a fruitful discussion **to further understand the policy panorama on European research and technology infrastructures, as well as the link with regional innovation ecosystems and smart specialization strategies for their financial and operational sustainability.**

Questions for discussion:

- How to encourage **access** to the R&I infrastructures from users from other Member States?
- How can regions contribute to developing a **framework for access conditions** to all R&I infrastructures?
- How to develop mechanisms to **identify industry needs or missing infrastructure** capacity at the regional level? How can regions learn to **prioritize** and contribute to the strategic oversight at the European scale?
- How can the **next generation of S3** include measures for interregional collaboration which are based on the innovation and economic transformation investments of other countries and regions?
- How to create **leverage effects** to mobilize national and private funding?
- How to **improve synergies and coordination** between Digital Europe, the Regional Development and Horizon Europe funds?
- How to **better link the complementarities** between Research Infrastructures, Technology Infrastructures, User Uptake and Smart Specialization Strategies?
- How can regions **strengthen their role as facilitators**, enabling the emergence Networks of RI or TI while embracing trends such as the shift towards the quadruple helix model or towards open innovation ecosystems?
- How can regions support R&I infrastructures in **strengthening the internal strategic processes** and investigating / planning collaborations with other infrastructures going beyond joint research (i.e. IPR strategies for new developments in a joint service offer, joint use of infrastructures to go to higher TRLs)
- What are the lessons learned from the experience of R&I Infrastructures for Technology Infrastructures?



Time	
11.45	Networking coffee Bring your own lunch
12.30	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">Innovation & Investment WG Leaders and Autonomous Province of Trento
12.40	Learning from the experience of the ESFRI Roadmap by Dominik SOBCZAK , ESFRI Executive Secretary, <i>European Commission, DG RTD, Research Infrastructure Unit</i> Unlocking additional investments with the European Fund for Strategic Investments by Iliyana Tsanova , Deputy Managing Director of EFSI, <i>European Investment Bank</i>
13.20	Building investment value chains: Voices from the field Moderation by Alasdair Reid, Policy Director, European Future Innovation System Centre Brief introduction to RI-PATHS (Research Infrastructure Impact Assessment Pathways) by Alasdair Reid, Policy Director, EFIS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>CEITEC – The European Research Center for Life Science, Advanced Materials and Nanotechnologies</i>, by Ondřej Hradil, Core Facility Coordinator<i>RISE – Developing Innovation Ecosystems in Skåne Region via Research Institutes</i>, by Michael Salter, ICT Division RISE<i>ASR - Arctic Smartness RDI Excellence</i>
14.00	Open discussion on sustainability and upcoming calls
14.15	End of the meeting

Registration is free of charge, but mandatory – [click here to register](#).

Bring your own lunch!

Water, coffee and tea will be available on site.