

[INVESTMENT & INNOVATION]

ANNUAL PLAN 2019

Working Group Leaders

Brainport Development – Wim De Kinderen – w.dekinderen@brainportdevelopment.nl

Occitanie Europe – Marie Vaugeois – Marie.VAUGEOIS@occitanie-europe.eu

Autonomous Province of Trento - Gabriele Pedrini - gabriele.pedrini@provincia.tn.it

Short summary of your Working Group's aims and objectives

'A New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investment' is one of the 10 priorities of the European Commission, as "it is through innovation and the right investment in our economies that companies create jobs". The ERRIN Innovation & Investment Working Groups aims to monitor the main initiatives put in place by the EU institutions under this priority, get timely information about them and connect like-minded organisations in the frame of targeted Brussels-based events.

Planning for 2019

For each activity your Working Group is planning to organise please indicate the following:

- Topic and scope
- Type of activity (project development, information session, exchange of experiences and best practice, policy debate with EU institutions etc.)
- The expected outcome – what would you like to achieve?
- The target audience (Brussels-based people, regional stakeholders, experts, etc.)
- If you already know when you would like to organise your meeting, you can also indicate the time (Q1, month, or specific date)

Please add as many activities as necessary.

Activity 1: Information session and project development event on ESFRI and Technology Infrastructures

New leading-edge research infrastructures in all fields of science and technology are needed by the European scientific community in order to remain at the forefront of the advancement of research, and to be able to help industry strengthen its base of knowledge and its technological know-how. The Horizon 2020 INFRADEV calls (from 01 to 04) fund the feasibility and conceptual design studies, as well as the development and long-term sustainability of new pan-European research infrastructures in 5 thematic areas (energy, environment, health & food, physical science & engineering, social & cultural innovation). The event aims at giving an overview of the ESFRI Roadmap, presenting the calls (2019 and 2020), as well as assessing the interest of ERRIN members to develop a distributed research infrastructure.

On the policy side, the meeting will give the opportunity to know more about the initiative pushed by the Commission to develop a coherent approach on technological infrastructures aiming at granting European industry access to appropriate infrastructures to test, scale-up and diffuse cutting-edge Key Enabling Technologies (KETs).

- Target audience: Brussels-based and regional stakeholders
- Date: End of March 2019 / Beginning April 2019
- Duration: 3-4h
- Venue: puntoEuropa, Trento Province Offices

Useful links:

ESFRI Roadmap 2018 – complete report (The new ESFRI roadmap will be announced soon)

ESFRI Roadmap 2018 – overview of funded EU research infrastructures

INFRADEV 2019-2020 Calls – overview 01 to 04

INFRADEV-01-2019 (Deadline 12.11.2019) – Design Studies

Link with DIH

Technology Infrastructure – [Staff Working Document \(to be published in March\)](#)

Activity 2: Information session on Single Market and SMEs – Assessment and prospection

The presentation of the report “Assessing the Investment Potential of SMEs Emerging from the EU R&I programmes” will serve as a starting point to foster the discussion on the negotiations around the Single Market Strategy and relevant programmes for SMEs.

TBD: Potential link with Policy WG and the EIC pilot

- Target audience: Brussels-based and regional stakeholders
- Date: May 2019
- Duration: 1,5-2h
- Venue: **TBD**

Useful links:

Assessing the Investment Potential of SMEs Emerging from the EU R&I programmes - Report

Activity 3: InvestEU – EIB meets NPBI

- Invest EU – Angle still to be discussed: Role of national and regional promotional banks? EIB? Debate on the roles and situation with the negotiations? Invite the national offices acting as first contact points for the public sector.
- Type of activity: information session, policy debate with EU institutions
- Target audience: Brussels-based and regional stakeholders
- Date: 3Q2019
- Duration: **TBD**
- Venue: **TBD**
-

Activity 4: Procuring innovation – challenges and opportunities for regional authorities

- Explore different initiatives and interest from the Commission side: DG RTD, DG CONNECT, DG GROW