

Press Release

Research infrastructure stakeholders hit the (In)road

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On 14 March 2017, the InRoad '**Roadmapping Engagement Workshop**' took place in Brussels, where 66 Research Infrastructure (RI) stakeholders from 20 different countries participated. This first event organised by Inroad provided a platform for RI stakeholders to interact with each other and the InRoad consortium.

InRoad pursues a two-stage approach by (1) gathering of information and (2) engaging the entire RI ecosystem to work together for a sustainable and efficient RI landscape in Europe. Currently, the project is going through its first stage up until the beginning of 2018, where the second stage will start. As a result, the three key objectives of the first workshop were

1. to inform about InRoad's objectives and activities and gather the related expectations, challenges and opportunities from the participants;
2. to reach a common understanding on the different concepts, models and definitions to be used in the project and validate the InRoad survey questionnaire that will be released after the workshop;
3. to identify bottlenecks that hamper the decision-making and coordination processes for RI of more than national relevance.

The workshop offered an interactive and balanced programme including presentation and group sessions. For the presentation sessions, InRoad invited Ricardo **Migueis**, Advisor on technological infrastructures and international programmes from Portuguese National Innovation Agency and Dominik **Sobczak**, ESFRI Executive Secretary to engage the participants for the project and the workshop. Thereafter, Gerd **Rücker**, Senior Scientific Officer from DLR Project Management Agency, laid out the benefits from engaging in InRoad. He emphasized that with the InRoad, the participant benefits from demand-oriented information sharing and possibilities to reflect about

- ones' own national priority settings and evaluation mechanisms for RI to further improve the own system.
- the other priority settings to further improve the own system and share experiences with others.
- increased coordination on European RI priority settings and evaluation mechanisms.

The road ahead

In April 2017, the InRoad consultation will be launched and remain open until the end of May. First project newsletters are expected in July. In September, factsheets on RI funding mechanisms will be published, followed up by a result report on methodologies for RI monitoring and evaluation in Europe in November. The **next InRoad workshop will take place on 16 January 2018**. Thereafter, a series of regional workshops, case studies and a validation workshop will be carried out in 2018. These workshops and case studies aim to provide a forum for discussion before the final conference in December. Invitations to the different events will be sent out timely in advance.



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More information

- [Briefing Note](#)
- [Workshop Outcome Summary](#)

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