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# Response to LTS action plan

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synchronising research infrastructure  
roadmapping in Europe



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## Where does InRoad contribute?

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The EC put forward 42 policy actions for the long-term sustainability of RI within the following 7 areas.

InRoad deals mainly with area 6: «**Ensuring effective governance and sustainable life-cycle management**»

InRoad release a two-page response to the EC action plan in November 2018.

# Synchronisation of national RI roadmapping processes



28. Encourage the synchronisation of national RI roadmaps/ budgets and their alignment with the European RI roadmapping process;
29. Stimulate a dedicated budget for European RI investment at national level;



The InRoad consultation clearly revealed a large variety of purposes and processes for national RI roadmapping in Europe.

### **InRoad Policy Insight 3:**

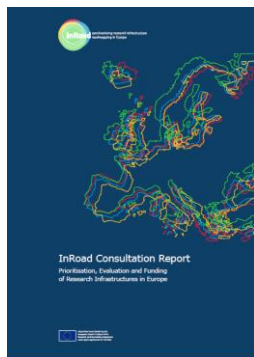
- The purpose and process for a national RI roadmap need to be defined and clearly communicated.
- A common RI classification and framework would contribute to synchronisation.
- An alignment of timelines between national and supranational processes is preferable.
- The synchronisation of national RI roadmaps to supranational roadmaps need to acknowledge the specific priorities of national research policy and system.



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34. Stimulate a stronger early stage involvement of Member States in the development of European RI and develop a stable monitoring system;

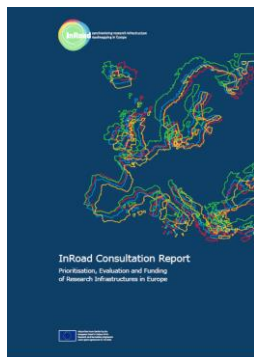


InRoad supports and extends **recommendations 34** by calling for a joint discussion among researchers, potential future users and policy makers on the RI roadmap procedure in order to foster a common understanding of the definition and relevance of RI as well as the purpose of RI roadmapping.

# Sources for public funding for Research Infrastructures



30. Optimise the use of European Structural and Investment Funds throughout the whole RI lifecycle by fostering the development of RI business plans and support RI to meet regional / national RIS3 priority objectives;
31. Optimise the financial planning of RI by facilitating access to EU financial instruments (EFSI, ESIF and InnovFin), namely through the new instrument InnovFin Science targeting RI;



The InRoad consultation showed that ESIF are a relevant source of funding for RI for some countries. Therefore, it is important that their rules are suited for this purpose and also well understood by the relevant stakeholders.

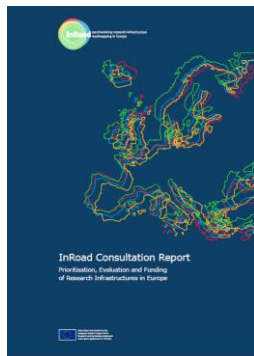
## **InRoad Policy Insight 5:**

- Analyse the limits and restrictions of the individual funding instruments, especially their coherence with national procedures and processes;
- Improve the availability of information; and foster mutual learning.

# Coordination potential of RI funding instruments



12. Encourage national and regional funding programmes to support cross border access to RI;



The consultation results reveal that 37% of the responding countries do not take potential combination with other sources of RI funding into account when designing their funding instruments.

### **InRoad Policy Insight 7:**

- Benchmarking would help to improve the coordination of RI funding instruments among countries, thereby providing valuable information on good practices in terms of what works and what does not when combining different funding instruments.

# Way forward

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- The outcome of the discussions today will be picked up and summarised in a policy brief.
- The discussion continues and contribute with InRoad at:
  - 21-23 March: Bulgarian Presidency event on Research Infrastructures in Sofia
  - 9-14 July: European Science Open Forum (ESOF) in Toulouse
  - 12-14 September: International Conference for Research Infrastructures (ICRI) in Vienna

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# Thank you for your attention!

