

# INVITATION

## **RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES FLAGSHIP CONFERENCE**

22-23 March 2018, SOFIA

Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of  
the European Union

# To be held at the Sofia Tech Park



# Laboratory Complex



# Aims of the conference

to stress on the importance of continued political commitment to public and ESIF investments in research infrastructures

to strengthen the involvement of industry to develop credible business models

The outcome will be a European Call for Action on Long-term Sustainability of Research Infrastructures to provide the impetus for Europe to realize the full potential of the European Research Area ecosystem

# Impact

To raise awareness in EU Member States, associated H2020 partnering countries and beyond on the need to harmonize efforts, practices and models for sustainable consolidation, and development of RI across Europe,

To bring to the attention of EU policy makers the regional and innovation aspects of RIs in the context of Europe's R&D and business competitiveness

To facilitate more *productive dialogue among researchers, stakeholders, policy makers and the civil society in the context of developing new and improving existing models and practices for managing and developing relevant RIs*

The Conference aims to *highlight relevant EU instruments and initiatives that can support the establishment and further development of regional clusters and scale up initiatives*

# First day: Sessions

**Demonstrating the role of RIs in the translation  
of Open Science into Open Innovation**

Integrating and Opening Research

Infrastructures (RIs) of European Interest

Addressing the long term sustainability of pan-  
European RI

Ensuring sustainable governance of RI – the role  
of ERICs

# Sessions

Exploiting better the data generated by the RI

EOSC

New skills agenda for researchers – digital performance, entrepreneurship, inter-disciplinary methods.

Addressing the long-term sustainability of pan-European Ris

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