

## Press Release

### Regional Workshop in Liblice, CZ

Prague, 15 November 2017

The first Regional Workshop of InRoad project took place from Wednesday 8 November noon to Thursday 9 November noon, at the Liblice Castle, in Czech Republic. The general aim of the meeting was to discuss case studies on funding and roadmapping, with a special focus on the role of the different funding sources. The purpose of the meeting was to give a prominent role to RI managers and funders and collect their view.

The meeting was held on a strategic level, with a clear aim of providing inputs to the coordination and funding of national RI processes and to come up with recommendations for the future programming and financial period 2020 and beyond.

The event was opened with a presentation of the Czech Roadmap of Large Infrastructures and a keynote speech dedicated to an international comparison. The 34 participants then joined four round table discussions on the funding of Research Infrastructures (RI), along the different phases of the RI life cycle, considering the past experience and projections for the future, allowing detailed discussion and sharing of in depth information.

The focus was put on the Czech case, where the the main discussion was about the role of European Structural and Investment Funds for in funding investment of RI. The need for national institutional funding to secure operation of such RI was also addressed, as well as the role of European funding and the international relevance of national RI. The participation of about 15 representatives of other countries, such as Portugal, Austria, Germany, France, Poland, Italy and Bulgaria, allowed having external perspective. RI managers and funders were also invited to reflect about different aspects of business plan development for assessment of RI sustainability, as well as difficulties and obstacles involved.

The pre-conclusions of the different round table discussions were presented and debated in the final plenary session. This was the first of a series of five regional workshops, each one intending to build upon the findings of the previous, whilst focusing on different national contexts. The next regional workshop will take place in Rome, on the 27 and 28 November. The next ones will be in February, March and April 2018, in Portugal, Germany and Poland, respectively.

The InRoad team would like to thank the Czech partner *Ustav Fyzikalni Chemie J. Heyrovskeho Av Cr, v. v. i. (HIPC)* for organizing and hosting the workshop sessions in the conference centre of Liblice Castle. The Czech hospitality was highly appreciated.

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Workshop on Funding of Research Infrastructures

Prague, 8-9 November 2017  
Conference Centre at Liblice Castle

## 8 November 2017

**11h00-13h30 Registration of Participants**

**12h00-13h45 Light Lunch**

**14h00-15h30 Plenary Session** (Moderator Ricardo Miguéis)

Welcome speech by Jan Hrušák

Introductory speech by Dr. Lukáš Levák

Keynote speech by Prof. Vlastimil Růžička

**15h30-16h00 Coffee break**

**16h00-18h00** Round table discussions on the funding of Research Infrastructures (RI), along the different phases of the RI life cycle, considering the past experience and projections for the future. Namely the following topics will be addressed

The Role of ESIF to the funding of RI

The role of national and institutional funding of RI

The role of European funding of RI

Business plan development for assessment of RI sustainability

**18h00-19h00 Meeting of Moderators and Rapporteurs**

**20h00-22h00 Dinner**

## 9 November 2017

**9h00-11h00** Continuation of discussions with the objective of arriving at conclusions/recommendations to be presented by the rapporteurs and discussed in the final plenary session

**11h00-11h30 Coffee break**

**11h30-13h00 Plenary Session**

Presentations of conclusions by the rapporteurs

Concluding debate and recommendations

**13h00-13h30 Closing Session**





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