



InRoad's UPCOMING REGIONAL WORKSHOP

The role of structural funds in the mix of funding sources for the long-term sustainability of Research Infrastructures

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InRoad is an H2020 project with 13 participants from 11 countries that aims at contributing to a better harmonisation and synchronisation of priority-setting, funding and lifecycle management of Research Infrastructures (RI) through the exchange of good practices among the main stakeholders of EU Member States, Associated Countries and also at European level. It is commonly agreed that there is an urgent need for better understanding how to efficiently fund pan-European RI, what are current policies for national and European funding and how these policies meet the needs of RI along their whole life cycle. The ultimate objective is to produce recommendations on how to increase synergies and interoperability amongst RI funding instruments at European, national and regional levels. Within the project's activities, a series of regional workshops was foreseen in order to have the opportunity to discuss these issues with local scientific communities.

Research infrastructures are «facilities, resources or services of a unique nature that have been identified by European research communities to conduct top-level activities in all fields of science. This definition includes the associated human resources, covers major equipment or sets of instruments, in addition to knowledge-containing resources such as collections, archives and data banks. RI may be located in a single site (for example, large telescopes, Synchrotrons, High Performance Computing) or can be distributed across even large number of sites working jointly (for example, biobanks, archives, marine stations)» (European Commission 2017, *Sustainable European Research Infrastructures – A call for action.*)

The upcoming InRoad Regional Workshop, to occur in Aveiro (Portugal) on the 13th of April, will give the opportunity to operators of Research Infrastructures for sharing their insights, experiences and suggestions on funding and long-term sustainability of such. The main objective of this meeting will be the discussion of the role and contribution of Structural and European Funds in the funding and long-term sustainability of Research Infrastructures. Key messages from the Workshop will be part of a set of recommendations for the future programming and forthcoming EU Framework Programmes.

A welcome dinner will be organised on the 12th, at SalPoente Restaurant (Canal de São Roque, nº 82/83, Aveiro: <https://goo.gl/CDo5c5>).

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