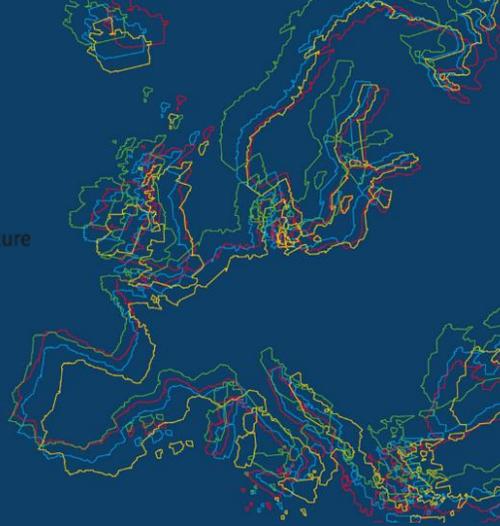




synchronising research infrastructure
roadmapping in Europe



InRoad

'Towards better synchronisation of priority settings and evaluation mechanisms for research infrastructures beyond national relevance'

Final Conference

12. December 2018

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Event Summary

European context

There is increasing awareness that the existing diversity of strategic priority-setting exercises, of funding instruments and cost models for research infrastructures (RI) in Europe is threatening the long-term sustainability of the RI landscape. Indeed, the issue was taken up during the Bulgarian Presidency Flagship Conference in Sofia and during the Competitiveness Council in May. The [conclusions](#) of Bulgarian Presidency Flagship Conference highlighted the need to align RI policies and investments at different levels in order to develop a more robust and coherent funding landscape for RI across the life-cycle and to increase the impact of RI as knowledge hubs. The latest Competitiveness Council [conclusions](#) also underlined the need to further consolidate the landscape of pan-European RI through coordinated decision-making, improved monitoring of the performance of RI, coherent use of funding and adequate transnational access policies.

InRoad's contribution

The aforementioned issues are at the core of InRoad's activities. The aims of the project are to deliver recommendations and benchmarks for a better coordination of RI policies and funding mechanisms in Europe. To achieve this objective, InRoad is currently refining the final set of policy insights and good practices, which will be released during the Final Conference. The insights build mainly upon the [InRoad consultation report](#), the [InRoad compendium](#), the latest [briefing note](#) and also on our final report, based on in-depth case studies and interviews, which is currently being finalised. They will touch upon three areas, namely (1) the coordination of national and European RI roadmapping processes, (2) higher degree of coordination between regional, national and European funding frameworks, and (3) best practices and common standards for RI business planning.

The InRoad newsletters provide a good overview of the project's activities ([issue 1](#), [issue 2](#) and [issue 3](#)).



Event Agenda

WEDNESDAY, 12. DECEMBER 2018

From 9:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

09:30 **Welcome words**
Martin Müller
InRoad Coordinator, Swiss National Science Foundation

09:45 **Keynote speech: A vision for a future European Research Infrastructure Landscape**
Urs Baltensperger
SNSF Research Council

10:15 **Introduction to InRoad's findings #1**
Milena Zic Fuchs
InRoad Advisory Board
Reactions from selected high-level experts

Inmaculada Figueroa (Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities of Spain)
Jean-David Malo (DG RTD)
Ricardo Migueis (CESAER)

12:00 **Lunch**

13:00 **Presentation of InRoad's findings #2 - #3**
Ralph Eichler
InRoad Advisory Board
Reactions from selected high-level experts

Sofie Björling (Swedish Research Council)
Dominik Sobczak (DG RTD)
Jana Kolar (CEO CERIC-ERIC)



14:30 **Integrating InRoad findings in the European context towards long-term sustainability**
Jan Hrusak, ESFRI Chair-Elect

15:00 **Closing words**
Martin Müller
InRoad Coordinator, Swiss National Science Foundation

15:30 **Networking reception**

