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Workshop Invitation

Cross-border Collaboration and Portfolio Management of Research Infrastructures

When **Background of the Workshop**

30 and 31 January 2017
Monday 11.00–18.00
Tuesday 09.00–13.00

Research success depends on access to research infrastructures (RIs). Research performing and funding organisations, as funders, hosts, operators and users, play a significant role in this respect.

The Science Europe Working Group on Research Infrastructures studied SE Member Organisations' roles in the definition of strategic priorities for RIs, which often inform decisions to invest in them. The SE Survey Report 'Strategic Priorities, Funding and Pan-European Co-operation for Research Infrastructures in Europe' (<http://scieur.org/rif-survey>), published in January 2016, presents the Working Group's findings. It makes 15 recommendations to foster compatible approaches to the setting up of strategic priorities for RIs and to innovative funding among countries.

Where

Dublin Castle
off Dame Street
Dublin, Ireland

Workshop Objectives

Building on these recommendations, this Science Europe workshop now proposes to explore the challenges for Science Europe Member Organisations, and for research funding and performing organisations in general, to:

- strike a balance when allocating support to existing facilities and future ones, or to regional, national and international RIs; and
- design effective cross border collaborations when setting up and running joint RIs.

The workshop discussion will be conducted so that lessons learned can be shared and ways forward identified.

Registration

Please register for the workshop before **6 January 2017** through <http://scieur.org/register-dublin>

Targeted Audience

The workshop will address members of the Science Europe Working Group on RIs, senior officials from Science Europe Member Organisations and representatives of various RI-related bodies and initiatives from across Europe.

Participation will be upon invitation only.



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Programme

Monday 30 January 2017

Dublin Castle, Ireland

11.00–11.40 Welcome and registration

11.40 Start of Workshop Day 1

Opening

Michael Ryan, Science Foundation Ireland, and **Maud Evrard**, Science Europe

Workshop Objectives and Expected Outputs

Sofie Björling, Swedish Research Council, and **Christian Renner**, German Research Foundation

12.00 Design and Management of Research Infrastructures Portfolio

RIS PORTFOLIO

Balancing Out Support to Existing vs. Emerging Infrastructures

- UK Case Study
Janet Seed, Science and Technology Facilities Council, UK
- Breakout Group Discussion
- Feedback from Breakout Groups
- Plenary Discussion

13.30–14.15 Lunch

RIS PORTFOLIO

Balancing Out Support to National vs. International Infrastructures

- Swedish Case Study
- Breakout Group Discussion
- Feedback from Breakout Groups
- Plenary Discussion

RIS PORTFOLIO

Balancing Out Support to Infrastructures of Different Sizes, Serving Different Communities

- US Case Study
Randy Phelps, National Science Foundation, US
- Breakout Group Discussion

16.30–16.50 Coffee and Tea Break

- Feedback from Breakout Groups
- Plenary Discussion

RIS PORTFOLIO

Take-home Messages and Possible Ways Forward

Sofie Björling, Swedish Research Council

Introduction to Day 2

18.00 End of Workshop Day 1

18.00–19.00 Visit to Dublin Castle

19.45 Dinner

Tuesday 31 January 2017

Dublin Castle, Ireland

09.00 Arrival, Coffee and Tea

09.15 Start of Workshop Day 2

Opening of Day 2

09.15 Cross-border Collaboration for Setting Up and Running Research Infrastructures

CROSS-BORDER COLL.

Setting the Scene

- Science Europe Member Organisations' Approaches to Cross-border Collaboration
Christian Renner, German Research Foundation
- Cross-border Collaboration in Research Infrastructure Networks and Consortia
Harald Schwalbe, Frankfurt University, Germany
- eInfrastructures Experience with 'Cross-border' Collaboration
Svelker Holmgren, eInfrastructures Reflection Group (eIRG)

CROSS-BORDER COLL.

Pre-conditions and Barriers to Cross-border Collaboration

- Introduction to Discussion Topics
Christian Renner, German Research Foundation
- Breakout Group Discussions on:
 - Discussion on pre-conditions and barriers to cross-border collaboration
 - Discussion of a hypothetical or concrete case of envisaged joint investment for a given facility

11.30–11.50 Coffee and Tea Break

- Feedback from Breakout Groups
- Plenary Discussion

Workshop Conclusions

13.00 End of Workshop

13.00–14.00 Lunch

