

#### Long-term sustainability of Research Infrastructures A European call for action

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# A long story...

- Informal Competitiveness Council of July 2014 highlighted the importance of long-term sustainability (LTS) of RI
- Conclusions of the Competitiveness Council of May 2016: "... UNDERLINES the importance of ensuring long-term sustainability of Research Infrastructures and INVITES the Commission to prepare together with ESFRI and relevant stakeholders a targeted action plan."
- Stakeholder consultation on LTS (Dec 2015): results presented during ESFRI Roadmap launch event (March 2016)
- Stakeholders' workshop (Nov 2016): report published in March 2017
- OECD expert group on sustainability (April 2015): report published in Oct 2017





## **Consultations and contributions**

- ESFRI delegates (WG on LTS) / ESFRI projects & landmarks
- ERA stakeholders & observers
- EIROforum members
- ERIC Committee and Network
- PC members & H2020 RI Expert Advisory Group
- International Organisations (e.g. OECD)
- > NCPs

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### Outcome of the consultations





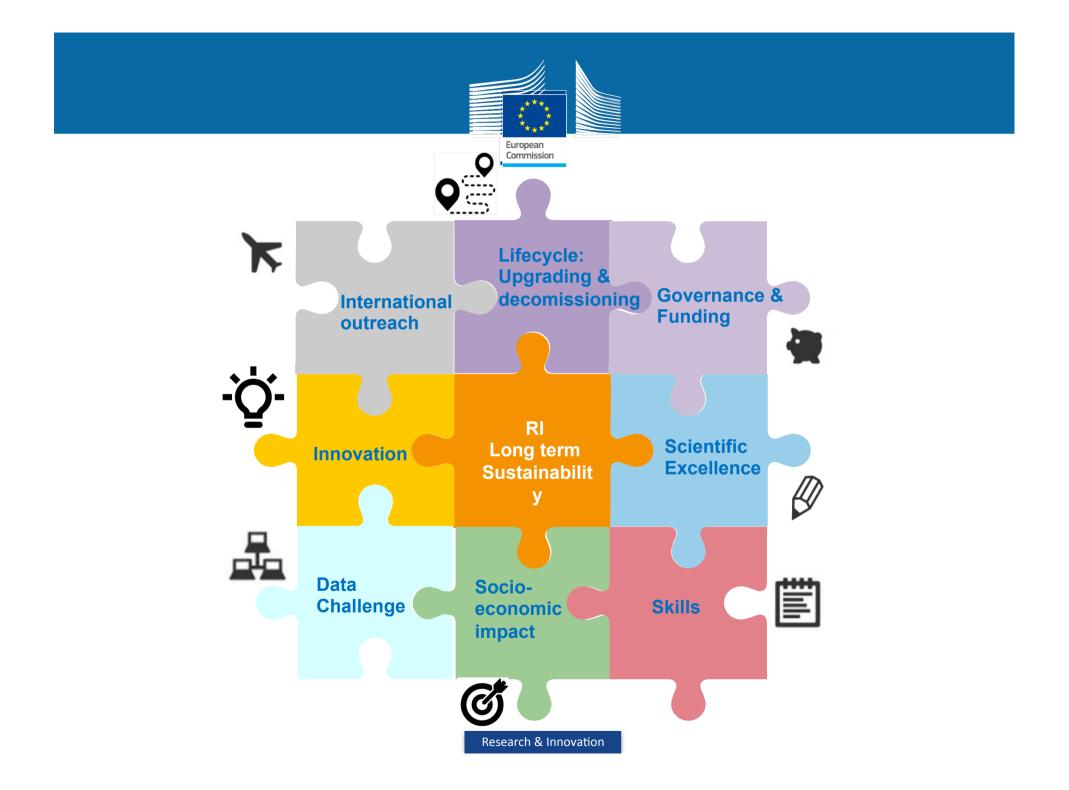
### What is at stake?

- Construction and operation of pan-European Research Infrastructures
- Sustainability of national landscapes



*Cost for the 29 ESFRI Landmarks to reach full operational capacity in the next years estimated at EUR 12.4 billion with an operational budget of EUR 1.4 billion/ year* 

→ Need for an holistic approach to the lifecycle of Research Infrastructures (pre-conditions)





### Areas for an action plan I



**Ensuring excellence of the services provided by the RIs**: *Guidelines for scientific & technical reviewing processes* 

# Ensuring that RIs have the right people in the right place at the right time:

European curricula for RI managers, fostering a job market for managers and operators



Exploiting the potential of RIs as innovation hubs:

Supporting the development of ecosystems around RI, facilitating the involvement with industry (co-creation, users)

Assessing the economic and wider societal value of RI: Developing a standardised model to identify the socioeconomic impact of Ris





### Areas for an action plan II



#### **Exploiting better the data generated by RIs**:

Reinforcing data management policy; federating e-services integrated in the EOSC



# Establishing adequate framework conditions for effective governance and sustainable long-term funding of RI:

Synchronising national roadmaps; Supporting newly established ESFRI and ERICs; Increasing visibility of the services offered by pan-European RI; Establishing guidelines on decommissioning; Facilitating RI access to EU funds, encouraging new sources of funding including private funding



**Strengthening the international dimension of pan-European RI** Facilitating the international outreach of pan European RI





## **LTS tentative timetable**



#### September

• Publication of the LTS SWD

#### October

Presentation to the Council RWP



#### **1st Semester**

- Bulgarian Presidency event, 22-23 March
- Council Conclusions on priority actions, FP9 concept for RI

#### 2nd Semester

• ICRI 2018, 12-14 September





