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*Research Infrastructures and their Structuring Dimension
within the European Research Area
March 5 – 6, 2008, Brdo, Slovenia*

The conference continues the process of reflexion in the area of research infrastructures started in May 2007, based on the results of the CREST Working Group on "*How to achieve better coordinated use of Framework Programme and Structural Funds to support R&D*" and the recent launch of the EC communication on "*Competitive European regions through research and innovation*".

The main objectives of the conference are to clarify the challenges and opportunities at the regional, national or inter-regional levels related to the development of research infrastructures of pan-European character (including the e-Infrastructure), to highlight their contribution to the Lisbon objectives (e.g. impact on industry, sustainable development, employment) and to review the recommendations for improving the financial engineering of research infrastructures for their construction and sustainable operation.

Tuesday, March 4, 2008

	Arrivals and registration of participants Transport from Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport to Bled
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Wednesday, March 5, 2008

	Arrivals and registration of participants Transport from Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport to Bled or to Brdo Congress Centre
10.30	Departure from Bled to Brdo Congress Centre
12.00 > 13.30	L u n c h <i>Brdo, Hotel Kokra</i>
13.30 > 14.00	<i>Opening and welcome addresses:</i> <i>Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall</i> Chair: Zoran STANČIČ, Deputy Director General, DG Research, European Commission Mojca KUCLER DOLINAR , Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, SI Danuta HÜBNER , EC Commissioner for Regional Policy
14.10 > 15.30	<i>1st Session: The Impact of Research Infrastructures on the Regional Dimension of ERA</i> <i>Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall</i> Chair: Zoran STANČIČ, Deputy Director General, DG Research, European Commission Key note speaker: Jyrki MYLLYVIRTA, Education Commission, Committee of the Regions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Canary Islands case (C. WARDEN, ES) • The Hamburg case (B. VIERKORN RUDOLPH, DE) • The Grenoble case (Y. PETROFF, FR) • Research Centres of Excellence in Slovenia (D. PICIGA & M. KOSEC, SI) • The IPA instrument (T. FRIEDERICHS, European Commission, DG RTD) Rapporteur: Lambert van NISTELROOIJ, Member of the European Parliament, NL
15.30 > 15.50	C o f f e e B r e a k
15.50 > 17.10	<i>2nd Session: Towards a Comprehensive Strategy for Research Infrastructures at European level</i> <i>Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall</i> Chair: Leif LAAKSONEN, Chair of e-IRG, Centre for Scientific Computing, FI

	<p>Key note speaker: Norbert KRÓO, Chair of the ERA expert group on RIs, HU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inputs from contributors to the ERA Green Paper (P. ELIAS, UK) • The potential of regions (G. LEON, University of Madrid, ES) • The sustainable development issue (S. INAN, TR) • Global-local dynamics in the process of EU integration (N. WITZANYOVÁ, CZ) • The case of the new Member States (I. ANREJ, RO) <p>Rapporteur: Peter WOSTNER, Government Office for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy, SI</p>
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17.20 > 18.40	<p>3rd Session: Research Infrastructures as Engines for Open Innovation</p> <p><i>Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall</i></p> <p>Chair: John WOOD, Imperial College, UK, ESFRI Chair</p> <p>Key note speaker: Andrew DEARING, EIRMA Secretary General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Innovation approach to Research Infrastructures (J. van den BIESEN, Philips, NL) • The Medicon valley (A. LARSSON, SE) • Tools for the knowledge society (M. BONAČ, SI-NREN) • Working together/the development of satellite facilities (J. GIERLINSKI, PL) • The role of the European Union (R. NIESSLER, European Commission, DG REGIO) <p>Rapporteur: Dominique FORAY, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, CH</p>
18.40	Departure from Brdo Congress Centre to Bled
20.00 > 22.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Dinner</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Grand Hotel Toplice Restaurant, Bled</i></p>

Thursday, March 6, 2008

7.30	Departure from Bled to Brdo Congress Centre
09.00 > 10.30	<p>4th Session: Orchestrated Sustainable Funding from Multiple Sources</p> <p><i>Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall</i></p> <p>Chair: Antti Ilmari PELTOMÄKI, Deputy Director General, DG INFSO, European Commission</p> <p>Key note speaker: C. RIZZUTO, President of ELETTRA, Trieste, IT, next ESFRI chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important questions to be answered (J. MARN, chair of the ESFRI WG, SI) • The importance of financial engineering (D. ZALIWSKA, EC, DG REGIO) • The EIB role (T. BARRETT) • The needed national support (C. ANDRADE, ES) • The IMEC case (B. LAETHEM, BE) <p>Rapporteur: Jean David MALO, European Commission, DG RTD</p>
10.30 > 11.00	<i>C o f f e e b r e a k</i>
11.00 > 12.30	<p>Summary conclusions from the previous sessions: Utilising the Full Potential of Research Infrastructures for Strengthening the ERA</p> <p><i>Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall</i></p> <p>Chair: Robert-Jan SMITS, Director, DG Research, European Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESFRI (J. WOOD & C. RIZZUTO) • DG RTD (H. PERO) • DG REGIO (R. NIESSLER) • DG INFSO (A. ILMARI PELTOMÄKI) • CoR (Jyrki MYLLYVIRTA) • Central and South-Eastern European Perspective (M. HORVAT, AT and A. VUTSOVA, BG) <p>Closing remarks: Žiga TURK, Minister, Government Office for Growth Janez POTOČNIK, EC Commissioner for Science and Research</p>
12.30 > 14.00	<p>L u n c h</p> <p><i>Brdo, Hotel Kokra</i></p>
12.30 > 13.00	<p>Press conference, <i>Brdo Congress Centre, Grandis Hall</i></p> <p><i>Transport from Brdo Congress Centre to Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport or to Bled</i></p> <p><i>Transport from Bled to Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport</i></p>