



Public summary of the 48th e-IRG delegates meeting

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The Victoria Hotel, Sliema

Reports and News

Report from the e-IRG Chair and Board

The new e-IRG Chair Gabriele von Voigt, Germany, opened the meeting and informed the delegates about the main meetings/events where she was present or invited, including:

- ESFRI Forum meeting, 7th March 2017 where she presented the e-IRG Roadmap 2016
- Meetings with EC representatives, 30th January 2017:
 - Octavi Quintana-Trias (DG RTD),
 - Jean-Claude Burgelman (DG RTD A6)
 - Gustav Kalbe (DG Connect, HoU High Performance Computing and Quantum Technology (Unit C.2)
 - Thomas Skordas DG Connect, (Acting) Director Directorate C - Digital Excellence and Science Infrastructure, and Augusto Burgeño, DG Connect, HoU eInfrastructure and Science Cloud (Unit C.1)

Report from ESFRI

The representative of ESFRI in e-IRG Yannis Ioannidis reported on the main points from the ESFRI and the ESFRI Forum meeting earlier in the week:

- ESFRI sent to the Competitiveness Council the report with its recommendations on investment strategies in e-Infrastructures and the Council accepted the report. Now ESFRI has the mandate to coordinate investment strategies in e-Infrastructures (excluding HPC, as Euro-HPC is being setup), in a similar way with RIs. The role of e-IRG in this effort was discussed at the last ESFRI Forum meeting and several ideas were put on the table.
- The process for the next ESFRI Roadmap 2018 is in full swing and in many countries local meetings and procedures are planned. The deadline for proposal submissions is August 31st 2017.
- The eNeeds Guide is final and published in the ESFRI website.
- e-IRG is asked to provide the e-Infrastructure landscape analysis for the next ESFRI Roadmap.

Report on e-IRG Policy Documents

e-IRG Roadmap

The e-IRG Roadmap was finalised and published in the website (<http://e-irg.eu/roadmap>).

e-IRG document on Evaluation of e-Infrastructures and the development of related KPIs

The e-IRG KPI document was finalised integrating the comments discussed at the Bratislava





meeting. The document focuses more on the framework, the process and recommendations to identify KPIs and comes up with categorisations and higher-level/aggregate KPIs for evaluating the performance and impact of the Commons and/or the EOSC. The document will act as the framework for the related projects, namely e-IRGSP5 (which has a corresponding Work Package on policy KPIs and costs) and eInfraCentral that will come up with lower-level operational/technical KPIs.

Guide to e-Infrastructure requirements for European Research Infrastructures: An e-IRG support document "

ESFRI made some comments with regards to the compliance of the document to the ESFRI terminology and proposed some changes, the vast majority of which were accepted. The document title was also changed to "Guide to e-Infrastructure requirements for European Research Infrastructures: An e-IRG support document".

e-IRG Guidelines document on the long-term preservation of Research Data

A first draft on the document was prepared. It was proposed to release a next version of the document in around two months. The document was also renamed replacing the term "Scientific" with "Research".

Breakout session on the future of e-IRG

Although e-IRG was rated positively in the inventory of ERA-related groups and other expert groups, it is recognized that e-IRG undergoes self-assessment to sustain its position as the main advisory body in the area of e-Infrastructures. e-Infrastructures not only provide services to ESFRI projects but build the foundation for the European Open Science Cloud and are the components of the Data Infrastructure for Europe. Activities such as the interaction of e-IRG delegates with their local ministries and at the European level strengthen e-IRG.

Activities during the Maltese EU Presidency

The next e-IRG meeting and workshop will take place on 8-10 June 2017. The venue and timings of the e-IRG workshop and meeting will be as follows: San Antonio hotel, e-IRG workshop, Thursday, 8th June, 9:00 – Friday, 9th June, 12:00 and e-IRG delegates meeting: Friday, 9th June, 13:00 – Saturday, 10th June, 13:00.

Activities during the Estonian EU Presidency

The e-IRG workshop during the Estonian EU Presidency will take place on 3-4 October (noon-to-noon) at the Tallinn University, while the e-IRG meeting will follow on 4-5 October (noon-to-noon). The second e-IRG meeting will take place on 27-28 November (noon-to-noon) *at the National Library of Estonia*.