A European Roadmap for new, large -scale Research Infrastructures and for a common e-Infrastructure

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Role of ESFRI

fostering, incubation and stimulation

- bring projects to a point where decisions by ministers are possible
- discussions and decisions at national level in particular as regards the lead role one country or several countries
- development of national roadmaps
- earmarking of dedicated national budgets for the construction of Research Infrastructures with a European/international dimension



Mandate for the Roadmap

 ESFRI was asked to develop a truly long term European view on the development of Research Infrastructures of pan-European interest and thus contribute to achieving the knowledge growth as set out in the Lisbon strategy.



The Roadmap report 2006

- The European Roadmap is the result of two years of intensive work at European Level;
- Wide stakeholder consultation;
- It is the intention of ESFRI to update the document next year to allow it to be improved and to integrate new ideas where and when appropriate.

Large participation of Experts

- Almost 1000 high-level experts from all fields of research were involved and consulted in the process of preparing the roadmap.
- Their input was of key importance to give the end product credibility and quality.





The Challenges of Future

 Research Infrastructures of pan-European relevance provide unique opportunities for worldlevel research and training as well as for stimulating knowledge and technology transfer, in brief for European Capacity Building.



Excellence and Research Infrastructures

- Europe has a long-standing tradition of excellence in research and innovation;
- European teams continue to lead progress in many fields of science and technology;
- However our centres of excellence often fail to reach critical mass in the absence of adequate networking and cooperation;
- Need to bring resources together and build a research and innovation equivalent of the "common market".

Pan-European flair

attracting the best students and scientist

long-lasting impacts (technology transfer, availability of skills) on Europe's socio-economic foundations

allowing development of models related to fundamental laws, complex behaviour or global trends

better-designed, more competitive industrial systems which underpin improvements to European quality of life

enabling new technologies (materials, sensors, software), developed by high-tech industries

ready to be tested and possibly put into use

Social Science and Humanities



CESSDA



Estimated construction cost	30 M€
First open access foreseen	2008

Council of European Social Science Data Archives

- Distributed infrastructure providing and facilitating access of researchers to high quality data and supporting their use
- Currently extends across 21 countries in Europe
- Holds some 15,000 data collections
- Provides access to over 20,000 researchers
- Agreements in place with other organisations worldwide

www.nsd.uib.no/cessda

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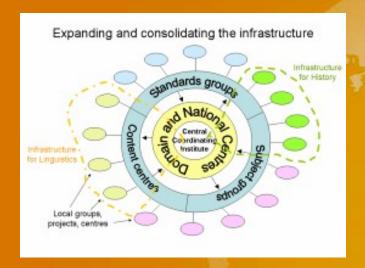
Estimated construction cost	106 M€
First open access foreseen	2008

Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure

- Distributed infrastructure making available language resources and technology to researchers and scholars of all disciplines, in particular the humanities and social sciences
- Harmonises structural and terminological differences
- Based on a Grid-type infrastructure and using Semantic Web technology

www.mpi.nl/clarin

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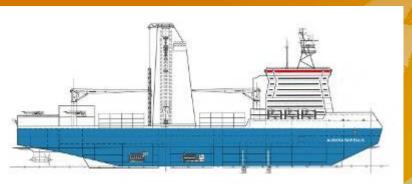
Estimated construction cost	50 M€
First open access foreseen	2007

Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe

- Data infrastructure of fact based economic and social science analyses of the on-going changes in Europe due to population ageing
- The original 8-country survey will be expanded to all 25 Member States of the EU.

www.share-project.org

Environmental Sciences







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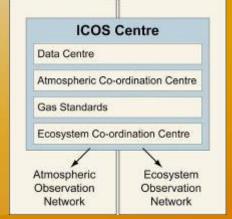
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e-IRG Workshop on Sustainable e-Infrastructure

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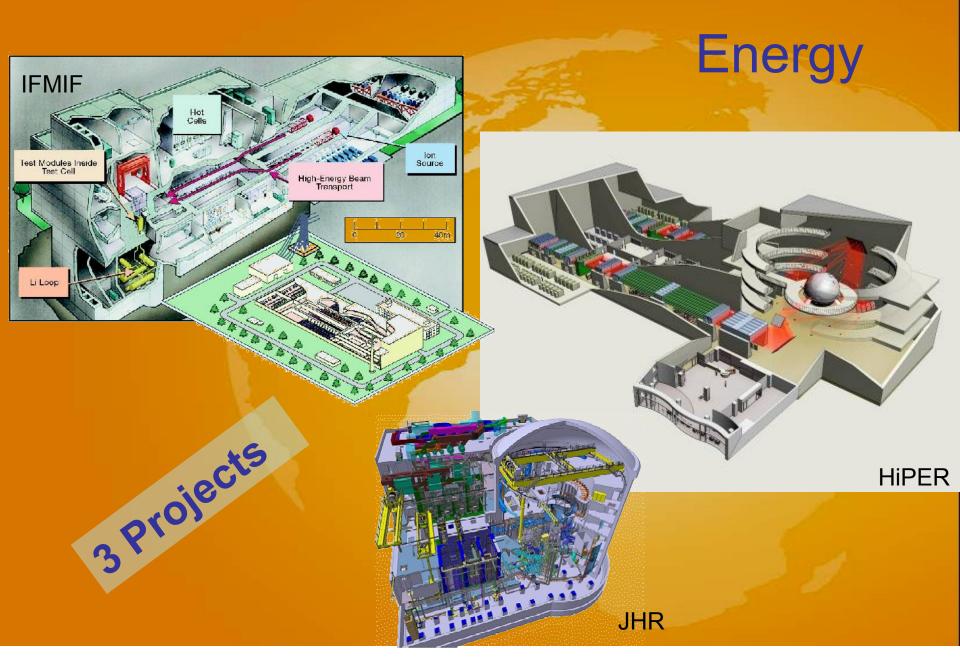


Estimated construction cost	370 M€
First open access foreseen	2014

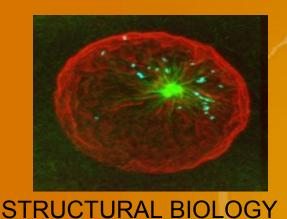
Life watch for Biodiversity

- Network of observatories and facilities for data integration in the field of biodiversity (protection, management, sustainable use)
- Virtual laboratories offering a range of analytical and modelling tools
- Service Centre providing services for scientific and policy users, including training and research opportunities for young scientists

www.lifewatch.eu/

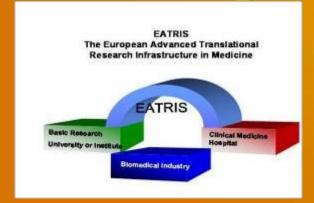


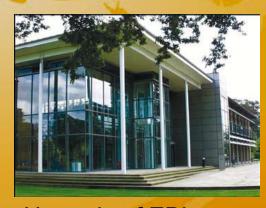
Biomedical and Life Sciences





BIOBANKS





INFRAFRONTIER

Upgrade of EBI

Upgrade of European Bioinformatics Infrastructure



Estimated construction cost	550 M€
First open access	2007
foreseen	

- Substantial upgrade to the existing European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI)
- Platform for data collection, storage, annotation, validation, dissemination and utilisation
- Will integrate secondary data resources distributed across Europe and make the most of the diverse expertise of its scientists.

www.ebi.ac.uk

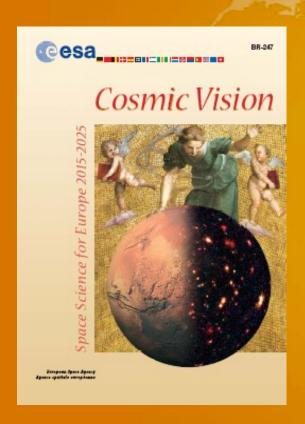
Material Sciences



Astronomy, Astrophysics and Nuclear Physics



ESFRI and ESA, CERN: Particles and Space Physics



The ESA Cosmic Vision



The CERN Council strategy for particle physics

ESFRI and e-IRG: EU-HPC



Estimated construction cost	550 M€
First open access foreseen	2007

New generation of Capability (high-performance) and Capacity Computing (high throughput) top-level machines

- Scientific computing network to be set-up at European level associated with national, regional and local centres
- Different machine architectures will fulfil the requirements of different scientific domains and applications

www.hpcineuropetaskforce.eu



Global Dimension

- Several of the projects on the Roadmap are of a scale and scope that they require a global approach.
- ESFRI will enter into a dialogue with the OECD Global Science Forum, to allow for the identification, planning, discussion and monitoring of such projects.
- Major player are Australia, Japan, Russia, South Africa, USA



Experience Gained

- Research community produced ideas that will open up new and unexpected areas of knowledge.
- Some fields of research should be stimulated for further integration and be more proactive at European Level so that they can become more effective in the future.
- Team work and Communication



Target Audience

- Policy Makers
- Researchers
- Funders
- Industry

• ESFRI welcomes the active role which the European Commission plays under the 7th Framework Programme



More is to come

- Implementation of the Roadmap
- Today already some of the projects are on their way
- Increased role of the Research Infrastructures as a major cornerstone in the European Research Area
- ESFRI encourages constructive debate