

**Memorandum of Understanding
for the establishment of the
ERIC Forum**

The undersigned European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERIC)

Hereinafter referred to as the Parties

Considering that the Council Regulation (EC) No 723/2009 on the Community legal Framework for a European Research Infrastructure Consortium provides a new legal instrument for facilitating the establishment and operation of large European research infrastructures in view of furthering the implementation and the development of the European Research Area;

Considering that the implementation of the ERIC Regulation through the establishment of European Research Infrastructure Consortia by Commission Implementing Decisions gives rise to a number of common specific policy, regulatory and administrative questions at European and national level due to the novelty of the legal instrument;

Considering that the undersigned Parties all have been established as ERICs by a Commission Decision pursuant to the ERIC Regulation;

Considering that the European Commission has initiated and encouraged the organization of network meetings between already implemented and upcoming ERICs and the European Commission to address common questions that are being encountered;

Considering that ERIC network meetings have been based until now on the voluntary organization provided by some of the already implemented ERICs;

Considering that with the increasing number of implemented and upcoming ERICs a more formal and structural collaboration, as suggested during the above mentioned meetings, will be more effective for addressing common subjects;

Have hereby agreed as follows:

1. Objectives

The objectives of the present MoU are to establish a Forum to further intensify collaboration between ERICs and in particular

- To identify common challenges affecting the Forum Members as entities subject to the ERIC Regulation;
- To collectively develop responses to these challenges;
- To contribute to the further development of the ERIC Regulation, ESFRI framework and European and international research context; and
- To foster the visibility, impact and sustainability of ERICs.

2. Membership

The Forum shall be open for membership to any established ERIC willing to actively contribute to its activities.

3. Collaborative Activities

The ERIC Forum shall carry out activities including:

- a. the definition of a Forum governance framework.
- b. the organization of two Forum Meetings a year, also open to other entities, which have already formally presented their ERIC application to the EU Commission, open to the EU Commission as well as to national ministries representatives, and open to the new European research infrastructure projects (e.g. new ESFRI projects) planning to become an ERIC.

The responsibility of hosting and organizing these meetings will be rotated amongst the Forum Members.

Every ERIC shall nominate a contact person.

Part of these meetings may be restricted to the Forum Members only.

- c. the organization of Working Groups on specific matters of common interest;

- d. the coordination of activities aimed at key stakeholders including but not limited to the following: EU institutions (Commission, Council, Parliament, Committee of the Regions), ESFRI, national ministries, funding bodies, user communities, international partnerships, regulatory authorities and industry.
- e. any other activity deemed necessary by the Forum Members.

The ERIC Network meetings will be succeeded by the ERIC Forum meetings by June 1st, 2017.

4. Costs

In principle each Member shall bear its costs related to its participation to the Forum.

5. Amendments

Any amendments to the present memorandum shall be approved by the Forum Members by consensus.

6. Durations and Withdrawal

The Forum may be dissolved upon mutual agreement of the Forum Members.

Each Forum Member can withdraw from the Forum giving in writing six months of advance notice.

This MoU is not legally binding but reflects a spirit of collaboration between the Forum Members.

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**Biobanking and BioMolecular resources Research Infrastructure -
European Research Infrastructure Consortium**

BBMRI-ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

Prof. JAN-ERIC LITTON

Position: DG

Date: 10/5 -12

Signature: 1

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**Central European Research Infrastructure Consortium - European
Research Infrastructure Consortium**

CERIC-ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

JANA KOLAR

Position:

DGS

Date:

10 May 2017

Signature:

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**Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure
European Research Infrastructure Consortium**

CLARIN ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

Prof. Dr. eb Jany, Francisca

Position: executive director CLARIN ERIC

Date: 10 May 2017

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**Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities
European Research Infrastructure Consortium**

DARIAH ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

Dr. Edmond, Jennifer

Position: Director

Date: 10.05, 2017

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**European Advanced Translational Research Infrastructure in
Medicine European Research Infrastructure Consortium**

EATRIS ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

ANTON USSI

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Date: 10-5-2017

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**European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network - European
Research Infrastructure Consortium**

ECRIN-ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

Prof. DEMOTES-MAINARD Jacques

Position: Director General ECRIN-ERIC

Date: 9 May 2017

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**European Multidisciplinary Seafloor and Water Column
Observatory European Research Infrastructure Consortium**

EMSO ERIC

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Position: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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**Euro-Argo Research Infrastructure - European Research
Infrastructure Consortium**

Euro-Argo ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

Sylvie POU-LAQUEN

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**European Social Survey European Research Infrastructure
Consortium**

ESS ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

Dr RORY FITZGERALD

Position: ESS ERIC DIRECTOR

Date: 17/5/2017

Signature: _____



ESS ERIC

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**European Spallation Source - European Research Infrastructure
Consortium**

European Spallation Source-ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

Agneta Nestenborg
Director for Project Support and Administration

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Date: 2017.05.17 _____

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**Integrated Carbon Observation System European Research
Infrastructure Consortium**

ICOS ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

Wolfgang Kutsch

Position:

Director General

Date:

10.5.2017

Signature:



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**Joint Institute for VLBI (Very Long Baseline Interferometry) -
European Research Infrastructure Consortium**

JIV-ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

Prof. dr. van Langevelde, Huib

Position: Director

Date: 15 May 2017

Signature: _____



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LifeWatch European Research Infrastructure Consortium

LifeWatch ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

Prof. Dr. Santamaría, Jesús Miguel

Position: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 17-5-2017

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**Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe - European
Research Infrastructure Consortium**

SHARE-ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):

Prof. Börsch-Supan, Axel

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Date: 18.5.2017

Signature:

