

Background Information

CoPoRI is an EU-funded project supporting the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI). The acronym **CoPoRI** stands for “**C**ommunication and **P**olicy development for **R**esearch **I**nfrastructures in Europe”.

Objectives

Since its inception in 2002, ESFRI has successfully supported the development of a coherent and strategy-led approach to policy-making in the field of Research Infrastructures in Europe, and has facilitated multilateral initiatives leading to the better use and development of Research Infrastructures, at the EU and international level.

As a forum, ESFRI is an informal structure, which does not dispose of any financial means of its own. It is supported by a secretariat located and resourced by the European Commission. In this context, CoPoRI will act as a service tool for ESFRI by providing support in labour-intensive activities. These will include in particular the organisation of workshops and networking activities among ESFRI projects, but also the further enhancement of ESFRI's communication tools and resources.

Activities

- **Promoting exchanges of experience and best practices among ESFRI projects:** to support the implementation of the ESFRI roadmap projects, CoPoRI aims to provide a platform for the exchange of experience and best practices between ESFRI projects, in the different development stages. To this end, an expert group will organise workshops, compile a FAQ catalogue and analyse the possibility for setting up a “club of ESFRI projects”.
- **Synthesize socio-economic relevance of ESFRI Research Infrastructures:** on the basis of a desk research on existing studies and on additional initiatives (e.g. interviews of ESFRI project coordinators and organisation of a high-level expert workshop), CoPoRI will produce a concise document providing key findings and messages on the socio-economic dimension and added value of ESFRI Research Infrastructures. This document is to be addressed mainly to policy- and decision-makers.
- **Increasing the visibility of ESFRI:** to enhance the communication capacity of ESFRI and facilitate its interaction with the scientific community, national and international authorities and other stakeholders, CoPoRI will develop and upgrade the set of communication tools of ESFRI. This will include the update of ESFRI's webpage, a new brochure highlighting achievements of ESFRI, the setting up of an exhibition booth for conferences, the creation of a public relations contact database and the development of an intranet platform to facilitate internal communication and the workflow between CoPoRI project partners and ESFRI projects in general.

Organisation

CoPoRI is managed and coordinated by the German Aerospace Centre (DLR) / EU-Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, with the support of a partner, the German Electron-Synchrotron (DESY). To ensure consistency with the overall ESFRI objectives, the project will be carried out in close connection with the ESFRI Chair Dr.-Ing. Beatrix Vierkorn-Rudolph, the Executive Board, the Implementation working group and other working groups of ESFRI. The project consortium of two research organisations and the strong connection with ESFRI bring together substantial academic and operational experience in the field of Research Infrastructures from across the European Union.

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