COLLEAGUES,

On 26th May 2014 the Council of the European Union welcomed our proposal to update the ESFRI Roadmap. ESFRI has undertaken a number of activities in fulfilment of this mandate and has the pleasure to announce the next ESFRI Roadmap 2016. This will be the fourth European roadmap for Research Infrastructures.

As you know, the ESFRI Roadmap is a collective and ongoing process, depending on a continuous commitment from our European research communities. Thanks to the support of the Member States, the Associated Countries and the European Commission, we have succeeded in bringing many of the projects on the ESFRI Roadmap into the implementation phase. This now gives us the possibility to identify gaps and look for new Research Infrastructures including those needed to face the growing number of "Grand Challenges" such as global warming, tightening supplies of energy, water and food, or securing quality of life for an ageing population. ESFRI is counting on your participation in the roadmap update process and we look forward to excellent project proposals.

John Womersley
ESFRI Chair
ROADMAP

On 25th September 2014 ESFRI has launched its Roadmap 2016.

The ESFRI Roadmap identifies new Research Infrastructures of pan-European interest corresponding to the long term needs of the European research communities, covering all scientific areas. The main objective of the roadmap activity of ESFRI is to endow Europe with world-class Research Infrastructures which are accessible to all researchers across Europe and beyond and fully exploit their potential for scientific advance and innovation.

Potential new Research Infrastructures (or major upgrades) identified by ESFRI are likely to be realised in the next 10 to 20 years. Projects selected for the Roadmap will be expected to move to implementation in less than 10 years from their first inclusion on the Roadmap. This will mean a smaller but more “mature” number of new projects will enter the Roadmap 2016. The ESFRI Roadmap is a collective and ongoing process, depending on a continuous commitment from the European research communities.

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