

Introduction of RICH

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Research infrastructures (RI) are used by research communities but where it is relevant, they provide services even beyond research: education, public services. Research infrastructures play a key role in forming research communities and offer them the advancement of knowledge, technology and their exploitation.

European union is supporting research infrastructures via Horizon 2020 programme, which put an emphasis on long-term sustainability of RI, their expanding role and impact in the innovation chain, widening participation and integrating activities.

National Contact Points (NCPs) provide professional support and complex services to national research teams, research organizations and industrial enterprises to facilitate and support their integration into the H2020. By spreading awareness, giving specialist advice, and providing on-the-ground guidance, NCPs ensure that the RI programme becomes known and readily accessible to all potential applicants, irrespective of sector or discipline.

To enhance cooperation and networking between these national entities, a higher quality of services, NCPs for RI are involved in H2020 project RICH (Research Infrastructures Consortium for Horizon 2020). RICH 2020, the European Network of National Contact Points (NCPs) for Research Infrastructures in Horizon 2020, facilitates transnational cooperation between NCPs, promotes the effective implementation of the RI programme, supports transnational and virtual access to RIs and highlights the opportunities offered by Research Infrastructures - at the European and international level.

The aim of the H2020 session at the EGI Community Forum is to introduce services of the RICH Consortium, work of National Contact Points and to introduce new calls in Horizon 2020 Work Programme European research infrastructures (including e-Infrastructure) for years 2016- 2017. Experienced NCPs in the area of RI will be leading the session as speakers and project beneficiaries will be invited. Main speakers will introduce new RI Calls from Work Programme 2016-17, its topics, aims and conditions. Beneficiaries (users of virtual access and coordinators of first e-infrastructures Calls in H2020) will provide participants with useful tips (preparing proposals, creation of consortium, realization phase of the project, etc.). Timing is perfect, as the new calls from Work Programme 2016-17 would be introduced in the autumn and at the same time, coordinators of first e-infra calls would have enough useful tips and information to share best practice.

This session would be helpful for all the EGI participants, as the funding opportunities for research infrastructures in Horizon 2020 are interesting for infrastructure users and providers, tool developers, research and scientific communities. The H2020 would be a great value to the EGI Community Forum.

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