

## **ACCELERATING Europe's Leading Research Infrastructures**

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## INTRODUCTION

The ACCELERATE project is part of the H2020 INFRADEV call (2016-2017 work programme), aiming to support the development and long-term sustainability of Pan-European Research Infrastructures.

10 projects, including ACCELERATE, had been funded in the frame of the same call to support, in addition to CERIC-ERIC, 9 other European Research Infrastructures (among which 6 are also established ERICs).

To better assess the objectives of the call with respect to the outcomes of those projects and their impact on the respective Research Infrastructures, an online dissemination workshop has been organized in the framework of ACCELERATE on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021. The main achievements of the project were presented to the audience and it was followed by the panel where representatives of 5 INFRADEV-3 supported projects and the European Commission directorate for Research and Innovation discussed the usefulness of the funding.

The event brought together 54 participants from the ACCELERATE project partnership, the Research Infrastructures/ERIC communities, policy makers, universities and more.

## 1. Feedback from the ACCELERATE Partnership

Following the final dissemination workshop, the ACCELERATE Coordinator Jana Kolar, launched a survey to the partnership, in order to collect their feedback on the project. The results of the survey have been discussed on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 during the last online project meeting and it's shown in this deliverable.

### ▣ The structure of the survey

The form is composed by 7 questions:

1. How useful was ACCELERATE for your institution compared to similar projects (individual support to RIs)?
2. How would you assess the usefulness of ACCELERATE for the RI community in general compared to similar projects?
3. How useful were, in your opinion, the workshops (impact assessment, sustainability, VAT, HR, IKC)?
4. How useful were, in your opinion, the publications (COVID-19, open access to RIs, Contribution of RIs to ERA, Charter for access to the RIs)?
5. What have you particularly liked about ACCELERATE?
6. What could be improved?
7. How well was the project managed?

For questions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 there was the possibility to assign a value from 0 (nothing/not well) to 5 (very useful/very well). Questions 5 and 6 were presented as open questions where a short text was expected.

### ▣ The audience of the survey

The survey has been created in order to collect the feedback from the ACCELERATE Partners:

- EUROPEAN SPALLATION SOURCE ERIC – ESS;
- ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE EXTREME-LIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY CONSORTIUM - ELI-DC;
- KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSE AKADEMIE VAN WETENSCHAPPEN – KNAW;
- TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET MUENCHEN - TUM;
- HEREON (the new name of the original HELMHOLTZ-ZENTRUM GEESTHACHT ZENTRUM FUR MATERIAL UND KUSTENFORSCHUNG GMBH – HZG);
- UZHGRODSKYI NACIONALNYI UNIVERSITET - UZHNU;
- ESP CENTRAL LIMITED – ESP.

## □ The results of the survey

In general, from the Partners who have replied to the survey, it turns out that ACCELERATE had an important impact on the Institution that participated in the project, in particular for the RI community. The workshops that have been organized, in particular the ones organized in the framework of WP 1 – Sustainability and responding to challenges and WP 3 - Industrial liaison, outreach and technology transfer management, have been evaluated in a very positive way and they have been considered useful with a score of 4,6 out of 5.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ACCELERATE Coordinator in collaboration with the Partners and the Project Officer, proposed an integration of the activities of WP 2 - Open access, data and publication policies and WP 5 - Pilots of Open Access. In WP 2 the procedures for the COVID-19 fast access and publication have been settled up. Thanks to these procedures, a lot of instruments have been integrated to the CERIC COVID-19 fast access offers (WP 5 - Pilots of Open Access). This reaction to the pandemic has been evaluated by the Partners in a very positive way: 5 out of 5.

The possibility to collaborate with new and different partners, to create new contacts and opportunities and to learn from each other were very much appreciated as well as the invitation of representatives of other projects in our meeting. In particular, the direct contact with Dominik Sobcak from the European Commission during the final online event, represented for some of the Partners a new way to approach project funders and a good chance to get future funds to continue the work of ACCELERATE.

The last, very useful, feedback collected is about the management of the project. The project has been managed by CERIC-ERIC and the Partners are satisfied with the work done (score 4,5 out of 5).

To conclude, during the last meeting it has been clear that the World changed a lot from 2017 when ACCELERATE started, to now, June 2021. The new technologies which allow people to work remotely and in a more efficient way can be an important added value for future collaborations in an Europe that is moving towards a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future.