

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

**Work Package 6** – Communication and Dissemination  
**Deliverable 6.6** – Concluding Dissemination Workshop

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## INTRODUCTION

The aim of the ACCELERATE project is to contribute to the long-term sustainability of large-scale Research Infrastructures in general, and CERIC in particular.

The project was structured into 6 work packages:

- WP 1 – Sustainability and Responding to Challenges
- WP 2 – Open Data, Access and Publication Policies
- WP 3 – Industrial Liaison, Outreach and Technology Transfer Management
- WP 4 – Enlargement and International Cooperation
- WP 5 – Pilots of Open Access
- WP 6 – Communication and Dissemination

Each of the above-mentioned work packages was focused on specific goals, and a set of activities had been implemented through the duration of the project to attain these goals, mainly focused on:

- **Ensuring CERIC at the forefront of excellent science:** by ensuring the excellence of services and attractiveness of the facilities, while attracting and training potential users from target countries. → This goal is related to the activities implemented in the frame of WP1, WP2, WP4 and WP5.
- **Ensuring effective governance and management of CERIC:** 1) by demonstrating to funders the progress towards the objectives and CERIC's societal impact, which would support in ensuring future funding. 2) by establishing an adequate framework for the operation of CERIC and 3) by training managerial personnel. → This goal is related to the activities implemented in the frame of WP1.
- **Stimulating industrial use of CERIC:** by establishing an effective procedure for industrial access and strengthening CERIC's positioning as a regional hub for innovation. → This goal is related to the activities implemented in the frame of WP4.
- **Increased CERIC's visibility:** throughout the various events, initiatives, and activities aimed to reach all target audiences: scientific, industrial and managerial ones. → This goal is related to the activities implemented in the frame of all work packages' activities, with close collaboration with WP6.

## 1. DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP

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).

Looking from wider scope, and to better assess the objectives of the call with respect to the outcomes of those projects and their impact on the respective Research Infrastructures, the ACCELERATE dissemination workshop which was held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 include a panel discussion addressing the topic.

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

The main achievements of the project were presented to the audience, 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.

### 1.1 BACKGROUND

Setting up a new ESFRI and other world-class research infrastructures in Europe is a considerable challenge. While the investments in Research Infrastructure (RI) is the responsibility of the Member States/Associated Countries, European Commission contributes to the setting-up of the RI and to the early phase of the operation. The start of the operation phase is the most delicate and difficult one for new pan-European infrastructures in the process to become fully operational as financial sustainability must be proved and the trust and awareness of users must be earned.

INFRADEV-3 projects of Horizon 2020 aimed to target the long-term sustainability of new research infrastructures.

### 1.2 DISCUSSION OVERVIEW

The discussion at the ACCELERATE Final Event incorporated feedback from DARIAH-ERIC, ECRIN-ERIC, ILL, JIVE-ERIC about the usefulness of the INFRADEV-3 projects towards their research infrastructures, and assessed the expectations of the INFRADEV-3 calls' objectives with respect to the projects' results and outcomes.

The scope of the INFRADEV-3 calls' activities was focused on advancing RIs' development and supporting their sustainability, through: enlargement of the membership, development of new

services, improvement of access, synergies with other Research Infrastructures in the European landscape, increase of innovation potential, international outreach to promote RI's services, and more.

The panel discussion with the RIs, which was of high interest for the European Commission considering the feedback and input collected through it, addressed 4 essential questions presented by Dominik Sobczak from DG RTD related to:

- Whether European RIs are more sustainable,
- Whether the funded RIs make a bigger impact on the EU research,
- The main challenges remaining,
- How these challenges can be addressed.

## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

<b>ERIC community</b>	CERIC-ERIC	ELI-ERIC
	CLARIN-ERIC	EPOS-ERIC
	DARIAH-ERIC	European Spallation Source ERIC
	ECRIN-ERIC	JIVE-ERIC
<b>Research Infrastructures, Institutes</b>	DESY	X-Officio
	ILL	ENSTA-Paris
	EurOPDX Research Infrastructure	European Future Innovations Systems center
	European Holocaust Research Infrastructure	European Science Foundation
	Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas	Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers
	GeoEcoMar	FRM II
	Helmholtz-Zentrum Hereon	Marine Institute
	IOCCP-BAS	Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information
	Technology Centre CAS, Prague	Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research GmbH - UFZ
	CCMAR	
<b>Policy Makers</b>	European Commission	Dutch Research Council
	CNR - Research Council in Italy	
	Charles University	ESP Central

<b>Universities, other</b>	Manchester Metropolitan University	Technische Universität München,
	University of Helsinki	University of Kent
	University of Oxford	Università di Milano
	Uzhhorod National University	

## 2. DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS – BEYOND THE PROJECT

The ACCELERATE project and its related activities came to its end on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. However, a wide range of findings, results, documentation, and reports would be useful for CERIC and the project's target audiences even beyond its end date.

Below is an overview of examples on the type of ACCELERATE results/input (by work package), and the target audience towards which they can be further disseminated in the future:

### → For the Research Infrastructures/ERIC Communities:

Useful information for the Research Infrastructures' community to take as an example and best practice for: their own path towards the development of societal impact reports, financial matters (VAT, HR and In-kind contributions), publication policy, data management plan, operations during a pandemic):

- The societal impact protocol and the application of the methodology by 4 project partners, in addition to CERIC (WP1 reports),
- VAT, In-kind contribution and HR reports (WP1 reports),
- Report on synergies in European RI funding (WP1 report),
- Publication policy and Open Access procedures report (WP2 report),
- Data Management Plan (WP2 report),
- COVID-19 related questionnaires and reports related to RIs' operation during and post-pandemic (WP2 reports),
- Handbook of commercial access (WP3 report),
- Content generated through all managerial trainings: recordings, presentations, conclusions, etc. (WP1 input)

### → For Industrial Communities:

- Brochure for industry: the general one and the 11 sectors' presentation (WP3 input),
- Handbook of commercial access (WP3 report).
- Content generated through all industrial outreach events (WP3 input)

### → For Scientific Communities:



- Open Access calls towards the contacts of researchers and scientific communities in universities/institutes from target countries generated through WP4/WP6 activities,
- Videos on CERIC techniques (WP4/6 input)

The information will be disseminated in: 1) targeted events related to the topics (either organized by CERIC or by other European RIs), and 2) through online promotional campaigns to raise awareness about the availability of such reports and documentation for:

- Potential users and scientific communities in target countries,
- Research Infrastructures in the start of the operation phase,
- Industry representatives that are not familiar with CERIC's services for industry, as well as those aware of the services and need more detailed information.