

Scientific Evaluation- ECRIN-ERIC experience

Workshop on Impact Assessment, Evaluation and Monitoring of Research Infrastructures

Background

Article 10

Annual report and reviews

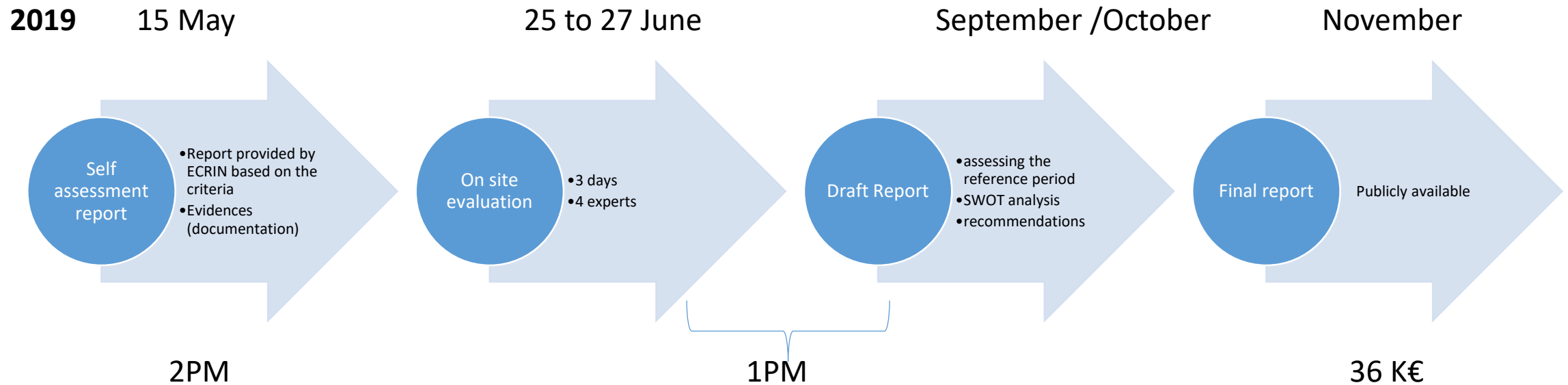
1. The ECRIN-ERIC Director-General shall draw up, with the Network Committee, an annual activity report containing the scientific, operational and financial aspects of ECRIN-ERIC. The Assembly of Members shall approve the annual activity report and transmit the report to the European Commission. After approval, the annual activity report shall be made publicly available through the ECRIN-ERIC website.
2. ECRIN-ERIC shall undergo every five years a scientific review performed by international experts appointed by the Assembly of Members, providing guidance and recommendations on the ECRIN-ERIC development strategy.



- French Agency Hcéres (HAUT CONSEIL DE L'ÉVALUATION DE LA RECHERCHE ET DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT SUPÉRIEUR*) was contacted
- Initiation of ERIEC (EUROPEAN RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE EVALUATION CONSORTIUM) and development of Terms of Reference, standards and methodology for the evaluation
- 3 members of ERIEC for ECRIN evaluation (Hcéres/AEI/ANVUR)

*Hcéres is the independent administrative authority responsible for evaluating all structures of higher education and research, or validating the procedures for higher education and research. evaluations conducted by other bodies.

Process, timelines and effort



Criteria

Peer review performed by an independent expert committee, based on ToR developed

- 3 criteria assessed:
 - Quality of services provided to support research and excellence,
 - Impact and relevance for society,
 - Sustainability and management efficiency.
- 14 standards, grouped into 3 main domains:
 - Positioning and strategy,
 - Governance and management,
 - Activities

(In addition, the evaluation will possibly consider other aspects such as research integrity/ethics and capacity building/interaction with higher education)

Results

- In depth discussion with the evaluators during the evaluation
 - in total 24 interviews (1h-1h30 each, with 2 evaluators and from 1 to 6 interviewees)
- Evaluation report taking into account the self assessment, the on site evaluation and providing
 - Strengths
 - Weaknesses
 - Recommendations
- Challenge
 - Workload and investment of the Direction
 - Mobilising the people (preparation and on site evaluation)

Usefulness

Positive aspects

- Independant evaluation
- Professional evaluation methodology
- Team strenghtened in its activities
- Recommendations
 - Dialogue with governing bodies
 - Dialogue with stakeholders (internal, external)
- Visibility
- Impact on strategy

Area of improvement/concerns

- First evaluation of RI (pilot)
 - Evaluators selection and infrastructure' knowledge
 - Process

Questions

