

RESINFRA@DR

Facilitating macro-regional scope and link up to socio-economic actors of
Research Infrastructure in the Danube Region

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION IN A TRAINING TO BUILD CAPACITY FOR EVALUATION, PLANNING, MONITORING, IMPACT STEERED OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES for applicants from Romania, Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine

Introduction

The ResInfra@DR project is funded under INTERREG Danube Transnational Programme, supported by European Union funds (ERDF, IPA), and co-funded by the project partners or from national public co-funding and state contributions. The key objective of the ResInfra@DR is to contribute to the efforts for establishing new research infrastructures (RIs) and for upgrading of the existing ones by strengthening the relevant capacities, which adequately reflect the specific situation **in the Danube macro region**.

The core activities of ResInfra@DR include:

- Facilitating a stakeholder dialogue focusing on relevant national, macro regional and EU level policy fields;
- **Providing special trainings for defined target groups (programme owners, financing authorities, RI operators/hosts and reviewers of RIs) from the Danube macro region;**
- Producing a registry of competent and qualified reviewers for research infrastructure assessments;
- Conducting two pilot activities focusing on (1) peer learning involving nine existing RIs and (2) ex-ante assessments of three planned RIs in the macro region.

More detailed information about the ResInfra@DR project can be found here:

<http://www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/resinfra-dr>

Objectives and outline of the training

The trainings aim to build capacity for coherent ex-ante evaluation, planning of RIs, monitoring of existing RIs and identification of expected impacts for programme owners and the financing authorities, including the policy delivery organisations, and build capacity of potential reviewers of RIs from the Danube macro-region.

Day 1:

Morning to early afternoon: arrival of trainees.

Late afternoon:

Introduction to the project and the training.

Tour de table – presentation of participants and trainers

Main terms and definitions:

- An ideal case, contrasting reality and the 4 training topics
- Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policy delivery and additionality of public investment
- Definitions of main terms
- Main RI actors
- Responsible Research and Innovation – 6 RRI key issues
- Core processes of the RIs lifecycle
- Practical examples of different types of RIs

Day 2:

Morning: **Planning and establishing RIs**

- Research Infrastructures: Definition and Types
- RI categories
- Planning and Establishment of the RI
- Rationale for establishing a given RI
- Risk Assessment Procedures and Strategies
- User Strategy and Access Policy
- Cooperation with the Private Sector (Development of Business Plan)
- Communication, Marketing and PR
- Link to National Roadmaps
- Link to Smart Specialization
- International cooperation planning in the Danube macro region and beyond

Lecture to be followed by group work on practical cases and examples.

Afternoon: **Operating, managing and monitoring RIs**

- More on Stakeholders – Identifying key stakeholder categories: Science, Facility, Society
- 'Mission' of the RI – Defining 'mission-based' organisations
- Working with Indicators – Scientific, Operational, Socioeconomic
- Managing Access – Planning, monitoring and reporting
- Financial Resources – Acquiring, allocating and monitoring
- Technical Resources – Maintenance, upgrade and performance
- Human Resources – Staff management and development
- Long-Term Managing– Life Cycle Management of a facility

Lecture to be followed by group work on practical cases and examples proposed by the training participants.

Day 3:

Morning: **Results and impacts of RIs in practice**

- Introduction and overview of the lecture
- Benefits of RIs for society and industry (Research; Development; Innovation)
- RIs as motors for change
- Types of RI impacts and examples of indicators: scientific, economic and social impacts
- Impact evaluations and socio-economic impact evaluations
- Conclusions – recapitulation of discussed subjects

Lecture to be followed by group work on practical cases and examples proposed by the training participants.

Afternoon: **Field visit to a local RI facility**

Day 4:

Morning: **Long-term financial sustainability of RIs**

- RIs: definition, sustainability, available documents on long-term sustainability
- Main recommendations for long-term sustainability (“LTS”)
- Establishing and maintaining excellence
- Human resources and staff policies
- Effective governance and management, and sustainable long-term funding
- Exploiting the potential of RIs as innovation hubs
- Measuring socio-economic impact of an RI
- Better exploitation of data generated by the RIs
- Coordination in planning and supporting national and pan-European RIs
- LERU recommendations for enhancing quality, access and impact of medium-sized RIs.
- Comparison of funding of RIs in 11 EU member states
- Conclusions and recommendations

Lecture to be followed by group work on practical cases and examples proposed by the training participants.

Afternoon: **Concluding session**

- Comments, opinions, discussions, challenges, lessons learnt.
- Evaluation of the training.

General conditions for participation

Target audience for this training are RI programme owners and financing authorities, RI managers and operators (hosts), as well as potential reviewers/evaluators of RIs. While participants on the training will come from all Danube macro-region countries, the current **additional call for participation** is open **ONLY** for applicants from the following countries: **Romania, Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine**.

The training applicants must fulfil the following requirements in order to be eligible for participation:

- They must be from one of the following countries: Romania, Moldova, Serbia or Ukraine.
- They must be able to contribute professionally towards further development and wider use of research infrastructures in their countries and the Danube macro region.
- They have to demonstrate a basic knowledge about the research infrastructure landscape in their countries.
- Fluency in English (oral and written communication) is obligatory.

- A commitment to participate in the entire (4 days) training workshop must be ensured.
- Applicants have to fill in the online survey, which will serve as a basis for the final selection of participants.

Time and location of the training

Bucharest, Romania: 22-25 May 2018

Submission of the applications

Please submit the required documents for the application as training participant per e-mail to:

resinfra@online.bg (Marko Hajdinjak, ARC Fund, 5 Alexander Zhendov, 1113 Sofia, Bulgaria)

Deadline for the submission of applications is **Friday, 13 April 2018, 17:00 CET**.

Your application should consist of the following:

- ✓ Completed application form (a separate document – see link in the news article)
- ✓ An up-to-date CV
- ✓ Completed online survey (see link in the application form)

You will receive a confirmation that your application has been received. In case you do not receive any notification from us within one week, please contact the same e-mail address listed above.

You will be informed about the results of the application process within 10 days after the expiry of the deadline – by 23 April at the latest.

Selection of participants

Participants will be selected on the basis of their demonstrated interests, relevance of their CV, and the information provided in the online survey. Notification of acceptance and request for confirmation of participation will be sent after the selection process is completed. After the approved applicants have confirmed their intention to participate in the training, they will be contacted by the training organisers regarding the travel arrangements. Note that a country balance can limit the participation from a single country. The participation of multiple persons from one organisation might be a reason for non-selection.

Fees and payments

Travel and accommodation of all selected trainees will be covered by the training organisers. The organiser will cover the most economical way of travel and will request a confirmation of participation before any bookings are made or reimbursement is arranged.

There is no fee for training participation. The organisers will cover all costs related with the planning and organisation of the training.

Trainees are expected to cover the costs of personal character, as well as all expenses they will incur while attending the training, which are not directly related to the training itself.

For contact and information:

Marko Hajdinjak, ARC Fund, resinfra@online.bg

Programme of the training:

Tuesday, 22 May	Wednesday, 23 May	Thursday, 24 May	Friday, 25 May
	08.50 – 10.20 Planning and establishing RIs – lecture (Evgeni Evgeniev)	08.50 – 10.20 Results and impacts of RIs in practice – lecture (Ioana Spanache)	08.50 – 10.20 Long-term financial sustainability of RIs – lecture (Vlastimil Růžicka)
	10.20 – 10.40 Coffee Break	10.20 – 10.40 Coffee Break	10.20 – 10.40 Coffee Break
Morning – 15.00 Arrival of participants	10.40 – 12.20 Group work: practical cases and examples (Evgeni Evgeniev)	10.40 – 12.20 Group work: practical cases and examples (Ioana Spanache)	10.40 – 12.20 Group work: practical cases and examples (Vlastimil Růžicka)
	12.20 – 13.00 Group work feedback, presentations and wrap-up (Evgeni Evgeniev)	12.20 – 13.00 Group work feedback, presentations and wrap-up (Ioana Spanache)	12.20 – 13.00 Group work feedback, presentations and wrap-up (Vlastimil Růžicka)
	13.00 – 13.50 Lunch (at the venue)	13.00 – 14.00 Lunch (at the venue)	13.00 – 13.50 Lunch (at the venue)
	13.55 – 15.20 Operating, managing and monitoring RIs – lecture (Allen Weeks)	14.00 – 18.00 Field visit to local RI facility (to be confirmed) OR Optional visit to city centre + Free afternoon and evening	13.55 – 15.00 Concluding session: comments, opinions, discussions, evaluation of the training and recommendations for future trainings (Marko Hajdinjak)
	15.00 – 15.30 Registration		
15.30 – 15.40 Welcome address (Raluca Ciobotaru)	15.20 – 15.40 Coffee Break		Departure of participants
15.45 – 16.15 Introduction to the project and the training (Martin Felix Gajdusek, Marko Hajdinjak)	15.40 – 17.20 Group work: practical cases and examples (Allen Weeks)		
17.20 – 18.00 Group work feedback, presentations and wrap-up (Allen Weeks)			
16.15 – 17.30 Tour de table – presentation of participants and trainers (Marko Hajdinjak)			
17.30 – 18.30 Main definitions (RIs, evaluation, monitoring, impact, sustainability) (Zoya Damianova, Martin Felix Gajdusek)			
19.00 Welcome cocktail (at the venue)	19.00 Dinner (at the venue)	19.00 Dinner (in the city)	