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Declaration of common intent between

European research funding organisations, major stakeholders & advisory bodies on research infrastructures (RI)

The representatives of

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have agreed on the main challenges related to the governance and operation of research infrastructures, topics stimulated by the European Commission, on which they should jointly work during the following months in order to fulfil the objectives of the Europe 2020 Innovation Union initiative. These issues relate to:

- Developing a common approach for the evaluation of RIs (including *e*-Infrastructures) at national or European level (based on excellence, management, impacts)
- Development of coherent projects and initiatives on the basis of national and European priorities for world-class quality research infrastructures and research services
- Identifying and promoting best practices for RI governance, including cost control and long-term sustainability of resources
- Attraction of human resources, notably of high quality technical, engineering and managerial staff, and support to their training and mobility
- Promoting best practices for the optimal use of RIs by the research community, and for implementation of open access policies ensuring scientific excellence
- Improved interactions between the RI providers and the user communities, including industry as user and supplier, to fuel the research-innovation cycle
- Increased development and use of *e*-infrastructures as building blocks of pan-European RIs, in particular to improve access, availability and archiving of data as well as to build virtual research communities.

The undersigned agree to stimulate and to share work for the development of coordinated strategies and actions, which would encompass a wide range of activities, such as mutual dissemination of information, follow-up of the implementation of identified pan-European RI projects or development of best practices and elaboration of common guidelines (evaluation, innovation, international cooperation, etc.).

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