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## European Association of Research and Technology Organisations

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### EARTO PARTICIPATION IN EU DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

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#### EARTO Members fighting against COVID-19

As key RD&I actors, RTOs around the world are currently developing an array of supporting activities in the fight against COVID-19, while having to face in parallel their own technology infrastructures' operational challenges. To give a peek of RTOs'...

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#### EU RD&I Projects against COVID-19

At EU level, active in the [newly launched EU projects against COVID-19](#), four EARTO members are already working on the development of rapid point-of-care diagnostic tests, new treatments and new vaccines: [CEA](#) (France) is participating in the [Fight-nCoV...](#)

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### Update on the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)

Due to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council Special Summit, planned early March, was postponed and the European Council's meeting on 26 March 2020 focused on the COVID-19 situation. On 17 March 2020, the European Parliament's MFF...

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### Council response to COVID-19 crisis

On 26 March EU Council, EU Leaders recognised R&I as one of the five main lines where efforts and investments need to overcome the COVID-19 crisis. On 30 March, the Council adopted two legislative acts to quickly release funding from the EU budget for tackling the...

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### H2020 Calls - Deadlines Extension

For this purpose, the EC has launched a dedicated [website](#) in its [Funding and Tenders Portal](#), which includes useful information on the application and implementation of EU research and innovation projects related to the COVID-19 pandemic ([submission deadlines...](#)

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### Impact of the COVID-19 crisis on H2020

On 25 March 2020, the EC adopted an [revised H2020 Work Programme 2018-2020](#), aiming at allocating funding to research and innovation projects into the COVID-19. More precisely, this update includes €47.5 million in funding for the [emergency call](#) announced...

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### Impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the Industry Sectors

As many RTOs are busy managing the COVID-19 situation, including operational challenges and mitigation/evaluation of its economic effects, EARTO is also monitoring the communication of European industry associations. Some are already communicating...

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### Update on the EU Green Deal

On 4 March 2020, the EC presented its proposal for the [European Climate Law](#), part of the [European Green Deal](#), in order to serve EC's [vision](#) to be climate neutral by 2050. In this regard, the EC recently launched a [public consultation](#) on the [EU 2030 Climate...](#)

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### Petition on the Horizon Europe's personnel costs

EARTO acknowledges the EC's objective to improve cross reliance between directly managed EU programmes with the new Corporate MGA. However, the calculation of personnel costs based on daily rates instead of hourly rates would be a major change that would...

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### DESCA Model Consortium Agreement consultation

DESCA has now launched the first consultation phase towards the Horizon Europe DESCAs Model Consortium Agreement. EARTO would be happy to gather all EARTO members' input and feed those to the DESCAs Core Group (in which the EARTO secretariat is...

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### Staff changes at the European Commission

EC DG R&I slightly changed its organisation chart on 1 April. As part of this new [organigram](#), the DG will be looking for a new Deputy Director-General for "Science and Policy Transitions" to replace Mr Wolfgang Burtscher who became Director-General of DG...

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### EC Call for CVs for Group of Scientific Advisors

On 27 March 2020, the EC launched an [open call for nomination](#) of candidates for membership of the [EC Group of Chief Scientific Advisors](#) (SAM). The aim of this group is to provide independent scientific advice to the College of European Commissioners on any...

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## EARTO Policy Event and Innovation Awards' Ceremony: 28 October 2020 in Brussels – SAVE THE DATE!

EARTO organises its [Policy Event](#) and [Innovation Awards](#) on 28 October 2020 in Brussels. The 7th edition of EARTO Policy Event will gather more than 200 representatives from EU Institutions, RTOs, industry as well as other key R&I stakeholders. During the 12th edition of EARTO Innovation Awards Ceremony, six RTOs' innovations will be rewarded on two categories: Impact Expected and Impact Delivered. The deadline for applications was 9 April 2020, and 32 applications have been received. A dedicated EARTO Task Force will make a pre-selection of the best submissions, which will be forwarded to our external jury for evaluation and final selection. All the applications received will feature in the EARTO Innovation Awards brochure and on the [EARTO website](#).



### Latest and upcoming EARTO Working Groups

Latest EARTO WG and Task Force as conference calls:

- 01 April – WG Security & Defence
- 14 April – Task Force COVID-19

Upcoming EARTO WGs as conference calls:

- 12 May – WG Financial experts
- May-June – WG Impact experts
- June – WG Legal experts
- 30 June – WG Space

Meeting minutes and documents of the EARTO WGs are available in the [EARTO Members Area](#).



### EARTO Team Teleworking - Contact Information

Due to the global concerns regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, many EU countries including Belgium have now established restrictive measures to the circulation of persons and to the organisation of events of any size. As most of you, the EARTO Secretariat is...

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