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## EARTO PARTICIPATION IN EU DECISION-MAKING PROCESS



### Launch of Horizon Europe and Draft Work Programmes

Following intensive negotiations in the second half of 2020, Horizon Europe has been adopted by the EU Institutions with a €95,5bn budget before the Christmas break, which will allow for a timely start. The Horizon Europe Programme was indeed launched...

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### Update on Horizon Europe Missions and Partnerships

Missions and partnerships are still in planning phase: the Portuguese Council Presidency expects to finalise their legislations by July, for a launch in the second half of 2021. A more detailed timeline has been presented by the EC during an EARTO...

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### Update on the Digital Europe Programme

Mr Thibaut Kleiner, Director Policy Strategy & Outreach at the EC's DG CONNECT, presented during an EARTO webinar an update on the Digital Europe Programme (DEP) for which a political agreement has been reached in late 2020. The Regulation should be...

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### New EC High-Level Group Industrial Forum with EARTO President

We are very glad to announce that Mr Antti Vasara, President and CEO of [VTI](#) and EARTO President, has been appointed as an expert in the [EC's expert group "Industrial Forum"](#). Building on the work carried out by the COMPET Council and the High-Level...

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### New EARTO Paper on State Aid

State Aid Law is a field of EU regulation that requires specific knowledge and expertise. This [new EARTO report](#) aims to explain the EU State Aid rules from its fundamentals and its special requirements when applied to the field of RD&I. It focuses....

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### New EARTO Sponsored Project with the OECD

EARTO and the OECD will conduct a new project on "The funding of Research & Technology Organisations (RTOs): new challenges and opportunities for solving grand challenges & supporting economic recovery". The study will focus on the implications...

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### Collaboration with the Portuguese Presidency

As of 1 January 2021, Portugal has taken over the rotating EU Council Presidency for the first half of the year. The main priorities were presented in this [EARTO article](#) and the main priorities in RD&I will be presented by a Research Counsellor of the Portuguese...

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### ERA – Next Steps

Among the Portuguese Presidency priorities is the reviving of the European Research Area (ERA). Following the official launch of Horizon Europe on 2 February, EU Ministers will gather to discuss the next steps for policies that will create the conditions for a single...

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## EARTO INTERNAL AFFAIRS & EVENTS

### EARTO Network Welcomes a New Member: AIMPLAS (Spain)



The EARTO network gladly welcomed a new member in early January: [AIMPLAS Plastics Technology Centre](#) in Spain. AIMPLAS, established in 1991, is a technology centre with 30 years of experience in the plastics industry, aiming at providing...

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### EARTO Annual Conference 2021 – 12 March 2021: REGISTRATION OPEN!

EARTO is pleased to invite you to its Annual Conference 2021 which will take place online on 12 March from 10.00 to 12.15 CET. The topic of this year's conference is "Ensuring Europe's Sustainable Recovery through Technology". It will feature high-level speakers from the European Institutions, Industry, as well as RTOs. Further information, including programme and registration are available on the [conference website](#). We look forward to welcoming you virtually for a successful event!



## **EARTO Innovation Awards' Ceremony: Application Process NOW OPEN & 27 October 2021 - SAVE THE DATE!**

EARTO organises its 2021 Innovation Awards Ceremony on 27 October 2021. Six RTOs' innovations will be rewarded on two categories: Impact Expected and Impact Delivered. The call for applications for 2021 has been sent to all EARTO members and details on the two categories and the application forms can be found [here](#). The deadline for applications is 15 March 2021. 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](#).



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### **Latest and upcoming EARTO Webinar Sessions and Working Groups**

Latest EARTO WGs:

- 16 December – WG Financial experts
- 19 January – WG Impact

Upcoming EARTO WGs:

- 16 February – WG Security and Defence
- 25 February – WG Medtech

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

Upcoming EARTO Webinar:

- 18 February, 11.00-12.00 – EARTO Webinar on State Aid on R&D&I – The Right Way (Please register [here](#))

Upcoming Digital Webinar Cycle with EU Officials:

- 4 February, 10.00-11.00 – Portuguese Presidency Priorities on Research & Innovation – Luisa Henriques, Research Counsellor (Coordinator for Research and Space), Portuguese Permanent Representation to the EU
- 18 February, 14.00-15.00 – The new ERA and ERA Hubs Initiative: Interconnecting Knowledge & Innovation Ecosystems Across ERA, and Identifying Gaps - Apostolia Karamali, Head of Unit Academic R&I and Research Organisations, DG R&I, EC

Registration for each webinar is available under the same [link](#). Please note that registrations will be on a “first come first served” basis, since online webinars can reach maximum capacity. Presentations and recordings of previous EARTO webinars are available [here](#).



## EARTO Team Teleworking – Contact Information

Our team is still mostly teleworking. Should you need to contact us, please find our contact information [here](#).

Un cordial saludo.

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