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**EARTO PARTICIPATION IN EU DECISION-MAKING PROCESS**

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## Key EU Investments – The Recovery & Resilience Facility & National Plans

On 19 February 2021, the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) entered into force, allocating €360bn in loans and €312,5bn in grants, as the central pillar of the Next Generation EU, to support Member States' efforts to strengthen effectively their...

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## Horizon Europe Partnerships – Update and Single Basic Act for JUs

The set-up of the different future EU partnerships is still ongoing, with different level of readiness depending on the category of partnerships: The 9 new [institutionalised European Partnerships](#) (some of them building on the current Joint Undertakings (JUs)) have been proposed this week by the EC. According to...

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## Horizon Europe's Model Grant Agreement (MGA)

The EC has published its [final version of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement](#) (MGA). The EARTO WGs Legal and Financial experts had already provided comments and input on the different drafts available throughout last year, and they are currently reviewing this final version. At first glance...

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## New Draft Horizon Europe Documents

Although Horizon Europe has officially been launched in early February 2021, some parts of the programme are still to be defined and adopted. EARTO has circulated to its members several draft documents of interest over the last months. This includes the...

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## EARTO-OECD Joint Project on the Funding of RTOs – Next Steps



In the frame of its good collaboration with the OECD, EARTO is conducting a new joint project with the OECD on: "The funding of RTOs: new challenges and opportunities for supporting socio-economic recovery, resilience and transition". This study...

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### Other EARTO Collaborations with the OECD

In addition to the new project on the RTOs' funding, EARTO collaborates on two OECD running projects as follows: The OECD is currently working on the revision of [two OECD Recommendations](#) on International Co-operation in Science and Technology...

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### EU Missions & OECD Work on Mission-Oriented Innovation Policies (MOIPs)

In addition to previous projects, the OECD recently published its new paper on [“The design and implementation of mission-oriented innovation policies”](#) (MOIPs). Thanks to its internal Workshop on Missions of January 2020, EARTO members provided...

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### Launch of the new EC High-Level Group (HLG) Industrial Forum

The first meeting of the newly launched [EC's High-Level Group Industrial Forum](#) was held on 1 February. Mr Antti Vasara, President and CEO of [VTI](#) and EARTO President, has been appointed as expert of this Group. This HLG aims at advising...

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### EARTO Meeting with Commissioner Elisa Ferreira

EARTO President and Secretary General met with Ms Elisa Ferreira, the European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms to discuss the [EARTO Recommendations for EU RD&I Policy Post 2020](#) as well as EARTO position papers on Cohesion policy...

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### New ERA Transition Forum

The reviving of the ERA constitutes one of the key priorities of the Portuguese Council Presidency as well as of the upcoming Slovenian Presidency in the second semester of 2021. The EC created a new expert group, the [“ERA Forum for Transition”](#), composed...

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### **EARTO Webinar on State Aid on RD&I – The Right Way**

EARTO organised an [online webinar](#) for its members on “State Aid RD&I – The Right Way” on 18 February 2021. Dr Lorenz Kaiser, former Director of IP and Legal Affairs at Fraunhofer, as well as the EARTO WG Legal Experts’ Core Team Members, Michel...

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### **EC organises EU R&I Days on 23-24 June 2021 – SAVE THE DATE**

The EC DG R&I organises its third edition of the [European Research and Innovation Days](#) on 23 and 24 June 2021. This edition will mark the official launch of Horizon Europe: its agenda will focus on new initiatives to strengthen the ERA, while highlighting...

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### **EC launches a Public Consultation on State Aid Revision for IPCEI**

On 23 February 2021, the EC published a [public consultation](#) open until 20 April 2021 on a [proposed Communication](#) giving guidance on assessing the public financing of important projects of common European interest (IPCEIs) under State aid...

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### **EC Call for applications for the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies**



On 15 February 2021, the EC launched a call for applications for the selection of members of the [European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies \(EGE\)](#). This EC group provides independent guidance to the EC on ethical questions...

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## **EARTO INTERNAL AFFAIRS & EVENTS**

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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 12.45 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](#).



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

Latest EARTO WG:

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

Latest Digital Webinar Cycle with EU Officials in February:

- 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

Upcoming EARTO WG and Webinar Sessions as conference calls:

- 6 April – WG Security and Defence
- Spring 2021: WG Fin, Legal, EU FPs and Impact (doodles will be sent out in the next weeks)
- Spring 2021: New series of Webinar Sessions - More information will follow soon

Please note that presentations and recordings of EARTO webinars are available [here](#). Meeting minutes and documents of the EARTO

WGs are available in the [EARTO Members' Area](#).

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### Update of Belgian Legislation on AISBLs



Please note that a new Belgian Law published on 20 December 2020 is modifying the companies and associations' Code of 23 March 2019. This new law entered into force as from 24 December 2020 and is now applicable to EARTO. EARTO Board decided on Friday 19 February 2021 to include two additional amendments to the already reviewed and approved new Statutes (dated 10/07/2020) in order to comply with new provisions of the Law from December 2020. The EARTO General Assembly members are now commenting those new statutes and will vote on the final version on 25 March 2021. Hereby, EARTO would like to warn its members that this new law also applies to the other Belgium-based AISBLs they may be active in.

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### EARTO Team Teleworking – Contact Information

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

## COMMUNICATION FROM EARTO MEMBERS

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### Fraunhofer organises Green Deal Series: “The Photovoltaics Renaissance – New opportunities for a key enabler of the clean energy transition” on 9 March 2021

EARTO Member [Fraunhofer](#) is organising on 9 March 2021 its 3rd webinar of Green Deal Series: "The Photovoltaics Renaissance – New opportunities for a key enabler of the clean energy transition". With the Green Deal, Europe embarks on the journey...

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