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Os adjuntamos por si es de vuestro interés el último Newsletter de EARTO. Un cordial saludo.

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The EARTO Secretariat wishes all its Members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

EARTO PARTICIPATION IN EU DECISION-MAKING PROCESS



EARTO Response to the EC Consultation of the Revised General Exemption Regulation (GBER)

EARTO has analysed the draft revised General Block Exemption (GBER) Regulation and published its response to answer the European Commission's public consultation on the review of the GBER. In this EARTO Paper, key comments and text changes...

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EARTO Joint Statement with CESAER and EUA – Caution needed on interim analysis of lump sum pilot

EARTO together with [CESAER](#) and [EUA](#) (the two largest European associations of universities) recently published a [joint statement](#), reacting to the EC's [Assessment of the Lump Sum Pilot 2018 - 2020: Analysis of qualitative and quantitative feedback](#) and to the EC...

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Council adopted ERA Package

On 26 November 2021, at the Competitiveness Council the EU Research Ministers adopted both the Council Conclusions [on the future governance of \(European Research Area\) ERA](#) as well as [the Pact for R&I](#). The new ERA governance aims to take effect as of...

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ERA Action on Research Assessment – Watch out for national implementation!

The EC recently published a [scoping report](#) which summarises the outcomes of the consultations with EU and international stakeholders, which were held in March-November 2021. The aim of the stakeholders' consultation was to discuss how to facilitate and...

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1st ERA Industrial Technology Roadmaps – EC Workshop's Report

The EC together with EARTO Member AIT organised a workshop for the development of the industrial technology roadmap on 24 November for the preparation of the first ERA Industrial Technology Roadmap on "Low-carbon industrial technologies for energy..."

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EU Industrial Transition Pathways – Update on EC Consultations

As mentioned in previous EARTO newsletters, DG GROW has prepared a set of public consultations on Transition Pathways: Tourism (closed on 15 September), Energy Intensive Industry EEI (closed on 26 November), Mobility, Construction and Proximity...

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EU – US Trade and Technology Council

The EC recently launched the discussions for the EU – US Trade and Technology Council, which will now take the form of a digital platform [Futurium](#). This platform contains 10 subgroups: [Working Group 1 - Technology Standards](#), [Working Group 2 - Climate...](#)

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Update on Technology Infrastructures

Following our past months' efforts pointing out the importance of Technology Infrastructures (including the work on the JRC Policy Brief on TIs and EARTO Session at CONCORDi Conference on TIs on 25 November), EARTO is currently discussing: 1) with DG R&I...

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EU Missions Updated Work Programme

On 15 December 2021 the EC published an updated version of the [EU Mission's Work Programme](#) for 2021-2022 which includes funding opportunities related to five Missions. €673 million will be dedicated to 19 research calls. More information on the calls for...

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Update on EIC

The European Innovation Council (EIC) recently selected 56 new projects under the [Pathfinder Open Call](#) for the first time since its launch in March 2021. They will receive funding up to of €168 million (approximately €3 million per project). These projects, which were...

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Update on I3

On 24 November 2021, the [Interregional Innovation Investment \(I3\) Instrument](#) launched two calls for 2021-2022, with a total budget of €145 million. The calls are open for submissions and are organised under two strands (Strand 1 - Financial and advisory support for...

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Horizon Europe pre-draft AGA

A [new draft version](#) of Horizon Europe's pre-draft Annotated Grant Agreement (AGA) has recently been unveiled. At the last WGs Financial and Legal Experts, EARTO WG experts briefly discussed the remaining issues and their concerns on this published draft...

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EARTO Meetings with EU Officials

On 9 December, EARTO President Antti Vasara with EARTO SG met with European Commission's Officials to discuss several EARTO dossiers: Ms Maive Rute (Director General, DG GROW) to discuss on the last Industrial Forum Meeting held in early...

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Upcoming French Council Presidency

As of 1 January 2022, France will take over the rotating EU Council Presidency of the first half of the new year, following Slovenia. Last week, the French President Emmanuel Macron presented the French priorities of its EU Council Presidency. During [this press](#)....

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UK Guarantee Letter

The UK government agreed last year, as part of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement with the EU, that the UK would associate to Horizon Europe. The UK and EU signed a Joint Declaration on Participation in Union Programmes and Access to Programme...

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EARTO INTERNAL AFFAIRS & EVENTS

EARTO welcomes LEI



In late November, EARTO network gladly welcomed a new member today: by [LEI – the Lithuanian Energy Institute](#) in Lithuania. LEI was established in 1956 and has 230 employees. LEI is an internationally recognised energy-related research, development, and innovation...

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EARTO Staff Departure - Sophie Viscido

Sophie Viscido, Senior Advisor – Analysis, is leaving EARTO end December. Sophie will continue her career at Technopolis Group Belgium. Sophie was an important and valuable member of EARTO team for more than 7 years. On behalf of the whole EARTO team as well as EARTO Members and colleagues we wish her all the best for the future. For the colleagues based in Brussels, we plan to organise a good-bye drink for Sophie in January, should the sanitary situation allow us to do so.



Latest and upcoming EARTO Working Groups and Task Forces

Latest EARTO WGs and Task Forces:

- 2 December: WG Financial Experts
- 7 December: WG Legal Experts
- 10 December: WG EU RD&I Programmes
- 13 December: TF OECD-EARTO Project
- 15 December: WG Security & Defence
- 17 December: WG Impact Experts

Upcoming EARTO WGs and Task Forces:

- 11 January: WG Space
- 28 January: TF COVID-19
- March: WG Financial Experts
- March: WG Legal Experts
- March: WG Impact Experts

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



EARTO Team Contact Information

Should you need to contact us, please find our contact information [here](#).

COMMUNICATION FROM EARTO MEMBERS



4th TWI Innovation Partner Matching and Brokerage Workshop on 12 January 2022

EARTO Member [TWI](#) is organising on the 12 January 2022 the fourth edition of his popular Horizon Europe online Workshop “Innovation Partner Matching and Brokerage Workshop: consortia building and technology development for Horizon Europe”...

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Please note that the EARTO Secretariat will be closed from 25 December 2021 to 9 January 2022.

