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Monitoring Discussions on EU Budget – Time to Talk to Finances Minister at National Level



The question of the future budget of the EU post-2020 is currently debated at institutional level. Such discussions will of course impact what type of budget can be expected for FP9. Commissioners Cretu and Oettinger presented in June a [Reflection Paper](#) which is the last one in a series of documents adopted by the EC in 2017 as a follow-up to EC President Juncker's [White Paper](#) on the future of Europe and aims to feed into the reflection on the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). The MFF will be presented by mid-2018 and lays down the maximum annual amounts which the EU may spend each year in different policy fields over a period of at least 5 years. The MFF will define how much budget can be allocated for R&I. We also had a meeting with Cabinet Oettinger on 17 July and the message was clear: the EC needs support to convince the finance ministers to invest in R&I at EU level, as they are the ones who will take the decision on this matter in the next 3 months. With Brexit, the EU budget would be missing €20bn/year if keeping similar activities and adding new ones (defence, immigration). With the H2020 budget being about €17bn/year, this is seen today as a very easy budget line to cut, as it already happened with EFSI and now with the 2018 budget. We therefore strongly encourage all our members to connect with their national finance ministries about this issue and promote EU collaborative research as one key spending for the EU future.

Future FP9 Budget – The Key Question Today



On 3rd July, the High-Level Group on maximising impact of EU R&I Programmes (“Lamy Group”) published its [report](#) on the future of EU during a [conference](#). The report places R&I as a key geopolitical factor for the future of Europe. It also brings back the target of 3% GDP spending on R&I as one of the new Ten Commandments of the post-Brexit EU. In that view, we can only applaud the call to double the overall budget of the post-2020 EU R&I programme, as this is indeed “the best investment the EU can make”. Mr Lamy called for a seven-year budget between €120-160 billion. The European Parliament has sent a similar message last month with the €120 billion figure. The [Reflection Paper on the Future of EU Finances](#) published end of June similarly calls for an increase of budget to strengthen EU Competitiveness whatever scenario is chosen for the Future of Europe. Hopefully, EU policy-makers will pick these strong recommendations up during the EU budget negotiations; here ministers of research will have to convince the finances ministers. For more information on our views on the Lamy report, please see our [EARTO press release](#).

Following the [Lamy report](#) publication, EARTO Secretary General met with the Cabinet of R&I Commissioner Carlos Moedas to discuss the report recommendation towards FP9 as well as topics

such as the future position of the LEIT programme, synergies of funds and the EIC.

“Missions-Oriented” Approach in FP9



The EC recently developed the concept of “Mission-oriented” approach, to be possibly integrated into FP9. At such early stages, it is not clear how this Mission-oriented approach would fit into the overall structure of FP9 but the main idea is to emphasize the impact of the Programme and create a new narrative to speak to citizens and communicate success stories, showing that the EU invests in the right priorities in the right manner within the right timing. EARTO Board already started gathering ideas to see if EARTO could propose some examples of possible Missions while taking into account RTOs’ great interests in the LEIT programme. Accordingly, EARTO participated in an EC workshop (see [EC presentation & summary](#)) mid-June on this topic and will continue to follow this possible new development in the months to come.

We met with several EC officials in the recent weeks and they plan to come up with one detailed example of a mission using a topic along the line of “resilient manufacturing ecosystems in circular economy” for September.

With this example, further discussions will be taking place to discuss the level of granularity. Expectations are that there will also be “technology-oriented missions” defined, which is a positive sign for LEIT/KETs-related activities in FP9.

EARTO Monitoring EU Funding Programmes

New EARTO Paper on RTOs’ Deep-Tech Start-Ups

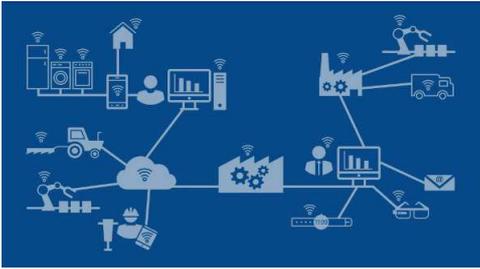


In April, EARTO published a [new paper](#) on “How to Exploit the Untapped Potential of RTOs’ Deep-Tech Start-Ups in Europe”. The EARTO paper explains why RTOs’ deep-tech start-ups have more specific needs and how EU support could be provided, via:

- Supporting the Minds: creating a pan-European investment mechanism for RTOs’ technological infrastructures.
- Linking the Minds: creating a network of RTOs’ deep-tech start-ups accelerator units.
- Connecting Minds & Money: pre-seed funding grant to make innovation investment-ready.
- Connecting Minds & Management to build smart teams.
- Connecting Management & Money: access to liquidity after the start-up creation.

EARTO organised on 28 June its 5th [Innovation School](#), gathering around 40 EU policy-makers who had a lively discussion with experts from our membership on the topic.

Review of JTIs and cPPPs



Following the publication of the [EARTO paper](#) “How Joint Undertakings boost RTOs-Industry Collaboration & Leverage Private RD&I Investments in Europe”, we met with several representatives of JTIs and cPPPs during the past months to discuss the future of these instruments in FP9. We also met with Cabinet Moedas and discussed the review of the JTIs and cPPPs, which will be picked up for the coming review in the Council. JTIs & cPPPs are organising a conference on 24 and 25 October in Strasbourg to showcase the success stories of these instruments.

Structural Funds & Smart Specialisation



EARTO was invited to present its views on synergies of funds during the final meeting of the [High-Level Group on ESI Funds Simplification](#) chaired by Mr Siim Kallas where the [final report](#) of the Group was presented. Having provided inputs to its making, EARTO published a [press release](#) to welcome this Kallas report which monitored simplification for beneficiaries of ESI Funds. The report gives the first recommendations, laying a basis for the principles the future European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) for the post-2020 period.

EARTO also published a [press release](#) to welcome the [EC Communication](#) on Smart Specialisation by DG REGIO which gives perspectives for an efficient future of the Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3). This Communication stresses the need to work jointly together at all levels, from local to European, to activate Europe’s potential for innovation, competitiveness and growth.

EARTO Internal Affairs & Events

EARTO October Events – Registration Open



EARTO organises two events consecutively in Brussels on Wednesday 11 October: the EARTO Policy Event and the EARTO Innovation Awards Ceremony. First the Policy Event on "*Towards FP9: Maximising R&I Impact to Ensure Europe's Position as Global Player*" at the [BIP Info Place](#) from 15.00 to 18.30 (agenda and registration available [here](#)) and the Innovation Awards Ceremony at the [BelVue](#) from 18.30 to 21.00 (agenda and registration available [here](#)). You can have a look back at the previous editions of the Policy Event [here](#) and the Innovation Awards Ceremony [here](#). All 32 applications will be featured in the upcoming EARTO Innovation Awards brochure (see [last years' editions](#)).

On 12 October, for the third year EARTO organised a high-level debate in the frame of the European Week of Regions and Cities, on "*Cohesion Policy Post-2020: inter-regional collaboration of innovation hubs*". The agenda is available [here](#) and the registration is available on the [EWRC website](#) (session code: 12C125).

Welcoming New Members CERGOL and IPC



[CERGOL Research & Innovation](#) is an Italian RTO specialised in the development of new technologies in the naval and industrial sector.

[IPC – Centre Technique Industriel de la Plasturgie et des Composites](#) is a French RTO whose main field is the high added-value manufacturing processes of R&D for plastics and composites industries. IPC had been funded in 2015 and has 80 employees for a turnover of €9,5million.

The full list of EARTO members is available [here](#).

Latest EARTO WG Meetings



Several WG held meetings over the last weeks.

1. **The WG Emerging Technologies for Healthcare** met on 27 June, invited EC speakers on Innovation Hubs and discussed the writing of an EARTO paper on how medtech RTOs could contribute to FP9.

2. **The WG Financial Experts** met on 5 July to discuss among others the lump-sum pilots to be launched by the EC within the work programme 2018-2020. The EC has already developed a draft Model Grant Agreement and other relative documents on this (see [here](#)) that the WG members are looking at carefully and will be linking with their internal legal advice to follow up further. Following the WG meeting, the WG Core Team met with DG RTD and DG BUDG representatives to convey questions, comments and recommendations that came out of the WG discussions. We also are keeping track of the various amendments made to the financial regulation proposal by the European Parliament that are linked to this topic as well as to the EU auditing policy.
3. **The WG Legal Experts** met on 6 July and discussed the possibility of preparing a set of new EARTO papers on several topics including Pre-Commercial Procurements as input to a new Communication from DG CONNECT to be expected in 2018, but also on the Importance of IP in the R&I Ecosystem, focussed on issues such as standardisation, patents, licencing, state-aids, etc. Meetings with relevant EC DGs including DG Competition are being planned with the WG Legal Core-Team in September.
4. **The WG European Data Space** held a conference call on 7 July to foresee a physical meeting in September in Brussels.

Meeting minutes and documents will shortly be available in the EARTO [Members Area](#).

Speaking at Several EU Events



EARTO was invited to speak at a series of events lately. The most important ones were the EP ITRE WG on H2020 where Elena Schaeidt from [Tecnalia](#) represented EARTO and talked about RTOs perspective on International Cooperation (see [presentation](#)). EARTO took the opportunity of this presentation to further advertise the JRC policy brief on RTOs' internationalisation. In addition, for the third time, EARTO was invited to present its views on synergies of funds during the final meeting of the [High-Level Group on ESI Funds Simplification](#) where the final report of the Group was presented. EARTO secretariat strives to ensure EARTO representation at the most relevant EU events.

New EARTO Website Coming Soon!



To refresh our communication, a new EARTO website will be launched after the summer. As the objective is to advertise your work, we are collecting communication materials on recent top-level innovations from your organisations. We are happy to receive any HD pictures (innovation, labs, people working, application in everyday life) and any video material you might have! Please send those to [Sophie Viscido](#).

EARTO Monitoring Trends

EARTO in EU Events

EARTO attends and speaks at a variety of events each month. The full list of events since the last newsletter is available for download [here](#).

Meeting	Date	Location	Available Documents
1. Research & Innovation – Shaping our Future	3 July	Brussels	Agenda, Video & Report
2. GIURI Annual Event (EARTO speaker)	6 July	Brussels	Agenda
3. High-Level Group on ESIF Simplification Final Meeting (EARTO Speaker)	11 July	Brussels	Agenda
4. JU FCH Research Group (EARTO Speaker)	11 July	Brussels	Agenda EARTO Presentation
5. EP ITRE WG on H2020 (EARTO Speaker)	12 July	Brussels	EARTO Presentation

Weekly EU Policy Monitoring and Press Review

July 24, 2017 | European news

UK Committed to Support R&I & Guaranty H2020 Funding Beyond Date UK Leaves the EU

In a [Statement](#) on 18 July, the UK Science Minister, Jo Johnson, highlighted the continued importance of collaboration with European and international partners on major science, research and technology initiatives. He reaffirmed also the parameters of the UK Government's underwrite of H2020 funding: the UK Government has committed to underwrite the funding for all successful bids for competitive EU funding made by UK participants that are submitted before the UK leaves the EU. In few words:

- The UK Government guarantees awards where the application is submitted before exit and is subsequently approved. This includes proposals which are informed of their success but, at the point of exit, have not signed a grant agreement, and proposals which have been submitted before exit and that are only informed of their success following exit.
- Two stage application processes are also included in the UK Government's underwrite commitment, provided that the proposal for the first stage of the application is submitted before the UK leaves the EU and that the application is subsequently successful.
- The Q&A also states that the underwrite covers those schemes under Horizon 2020 which are administered in non-standard ways, including Joint Technology Initiatives, Joint Programming Initiatives and ERANETs for example.

[Jo Johnson Statement](#)

[See UK Gov Website for more information](#)

EARTO Press Release - Boosting Innovation-Led Growth in EU Regions: EARTO Welcomes EC Communication on Smart Specialisation

EARTO Press Release
Boosting Innovation-Led Growth in EU Regions -
EARTO Welcomes EC Communication on Smart Specialisation Strategies

EARTO very much welcomes the European Commission's [Communication on Smart Specialisation](#) published by DG REGIO, which gives perspectives for an efficient future of the Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3). This Communication stresses the need to work jointly together at all levels, from local to European, to activate Europe's potential for innovation, competitiveness, and growth. It identifies four main challenges to regional innovation under the regions' smart specialisation strategies:

- Boosting the innovation and competitiveness potential of European regions as a basis for a sustainable growth model, strengthening the focus on less developed and industrial transition regions;
- Increasing interregional cooperation in innovation investment, which is a key element in globalised economies;
- Reforming regional innovation systems with a focus on three cross-cutting issues: the quality of public research, efficient business-science cooperation with the right support for technology transfer, and a business-friendly environment;
- Facilitating synergies between EU policies and instruments supporting innovation, particularly between Horizon 2020, the Cohesion policy funds (ERDF) and the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) under the Juncker Plan.

EARTO can only agree with such statements and hopes that the future generation of Smart Specialisation Strategies can be embedded in a more global approach of designing R&I strategies in the EU, overcoming current barriers like state-aid rules or the complexity of complementarity between Programmes.

A 2015 JRC [Policy Brief on RTOs and Smart Specialisation](#) already identified RTOs as key actors in Smart Specialisation through their policy role and their capabilities to identify industry needs and technological opportunities. By stressing the necessity to support technology transfer within RIS3 strategies, EARTO believes that this new EC [Communication on Smart Specialisation](#) looks in the right direction.

EARTO very much hopes that the key messages developed in this EC Communication will be picked up by EU policy makers, as they are vital to create an efficient R&I landscape in Europe. In our current economic and political context, further thinking is really needed to find practical ways to allow R&I actors like RTOs to effectively experience and support complementarity between EU Programmes. Combined with the [Kallas report's recommendations](#) published last week, the EC efforts to plan the next funding period are going in the right direction by looking at how to boost regional innovation ecosystems.

EARTO hopes that the EC will consider involving various RTOs in its proposed Pilot Actions & Projects, as they will be key to deliver any proper technology transfer to industry as well as to further develop our regional innovation ecosystems. In addition, EARTO believes that the development of Thematic RIS3 Platforms is of interest. New ways of supporting the scaling up of inter-regional R&I pilot projects - such as those offered under the Vanguard Initiative in which many RTOs are involved for instance - need to find specific and fitting support in the next funding period.

EARTO and its members remain ready to continue the dialogue with EU institutions and provide additional input on these topics to boost innovation-led growth in EU regions.

July 19, 2017 | European news

EIT Organises its Innovation Forum on 16-17 October in Budapest

The EIT organises its Innovation Forum on 16-17 October in Budapest. This event aims to focus on shaping innovation in Europe and consulting stakeholders on the EIT's Strategic Innovation Agenda 2021-2027. This year, it combines the EIT Awards and the EIT Stakeholder Forum.

[Programme](#)
[Registration](#)

July 17, 2017 | European news

EC Organises a Workshop on Proof of Concept on 21-22 September in Trieste

The European Commission organises a workshop on proof of concept in South Eastern Europe: "Best Practices, Challenges and Opportunities for Promoting Technology Transfer and Innovation" on 21-22 September 2017 in Trieste, Italy.

This workshop intends to explore best practices in the creation and management of PoC support programmes and to consider possibilities for the creation of additional PoC support schemes in the region. The conclusions of this meeting are also expected to feed into broader political developments.

[Draft programme and concept note](#)
[Event on JRC Website](#)

July 14, 2017 | European news

ICT Proposers' Day in Budapest on 8-10 November 2017

ICT Proposers' Day 2017 will take place on 9 and 10 November in Budapest. This networking event centres on European ICT Research & Innovation with a focus on the Horizon 2020 Work Programme for 2018-20.

The programme will include:

- Networking sessions where potential proposers present their project ideas, organised according to the Pillars and Topics of the Work Programme 2018-20;
- Information sessions on how to prepare and submit a proposal;
- Information stands on the ICT-related topics of the Work Programme 2018-20 and the content of the calls for proposals;
- A European Commission information desk to supply information on the content and logistics of the event;
- Booths, organised by village, which serve as meeting points for people interested in the same research topics;
- Ample space for informal networking and bilateral meetings between participants.
- Workshops and Face to Face Brokerage organised by Ideal-Ist.

[ICT Proposers' Day 2017 Information and Registration](#)

July 12, 2017 | European news

Registration Open for EARTO Session "Cohesion Policy Post-2020: inter-regional collaboration of innovation hubs" at 12 October EWRC

European Week of Regions and Cities - EARTO Session: "Cohesion Policy Post-2020: inter-regional collaboration of innovation hubs"

12 October 2017 – 9.00-10.45

Committee of the Regions – Room JDE 51, Jacques Delors Building

This high-level debate will explore the means to strengthen research and innovation in the future Cohesion Policy post-2020. The European Institutions have already started to look at ways to simplify and improve how the regional funds can be used more efficiently. So, what future can be imagined for the RIS3 and a proper implementation of synergies of funds supporting the implementation of R&I strategies at regional levels? A new framework boosting interregional collaboration, coupling DG REGIO and DG R&I instruments, could help to develop the synergies, improve to reduce the gap between EU-13 and EU-15 and benefit the R&I landscape at all levels.

Agenda

Registration (go to tab 12/10/2017, session code: 12C125)

July 12, 2017 | European news

The European Commission Organizes the Conference on the Future of EU Finances in Brussels on the 25 September 2017

The European Commission organizes the Conference on the future of EU finances on the 25th September 2017 in Brussels, hosted by Commissioner Günther Oettinger.

With the Commission reflection paper on the Future of EU finances published in June and the upcoming proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework, the Conference on the future of EU finances will bring together high-level members of European institutions, representatives of EU governments and other stakeholders to discuss how the EU budget can contribute to shape the future of Europe: how to put money where it matters; how to capitalise on achievements; and how to design future-proof EU finances.

The conference is part of the Budget Focused on Results (BFoR) initiative launched in 2015 with the purpose to maximise the Union's budget effectiveness and value added.

[Conference on the future of EU finances](#)

[Registration Link](#)

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/budget4results/conference/index_en.cfm

July 10, 2017 | European news

The Joint Research Centre Opens its Scientific Labs and Facilities to Research Sector

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) opens its scientific laboratories and facilities to people working in academia and research organisations, industry, small and medium enterprises, and more in general to the public and private sector. The JRC strategy aims to enhance dissemination of scientific knowledge, boost competitiveness and bridge the gap between research and industry.

The Scientists will have the opportunity to work in the fields of nuclear safety, chemistry, biosciences, physical sciences, ICT and foresight. Three of the 41 facilities (the Reaction Wall and the HopLab in the European Laboratory for Structural Assessment (ELSA), the NanoBiotechnology laboratory) will open their doors on a pilot basis for research carried out by scientists. The other facilities will gradually provide access as from 2018.

The relevance-driven access is exclusively dependent on scientific and socio-economic relevance at European level. It is based on a peer-review selection process following a call for proposals.

[JRC website](#)

July 5, 2017 | European news

The Estonian Presidency and the Estonian Research Council Organize a Conference on European Excellence Research on the 11-13 October in Tallinn

The Estonian Presidency and the Estonian Research Council organize a Research Policy Conference on *European Research Excellence – Impact and Value for Society* to demonstrate to policymakers that excellent research is essential to addressing Europe's challenges and for increasing competitiveness. R&I Commissioner Carlos Moedas will open this high-level event with the Estonian Minister of Education and research, Mailis Reps.

This conference will take place in Tallinn on the 11-13 October 2017. It will encourage an open debate on how excellent research generates societal and economic added-value and how we nurture the framework post-2020 with the aim to influence the debate on European research policy in the lead-up to the next Framework Programme. The outcome of the EU Presidency Conference will be presented in a final declaration, the Tallinn Call for Action.

[Registration for the event](#) (opening at the beginning of July)
[Programme of the Event](#)

July 5, 2017 | European news

DG CONNECT organises the ICT Proposers' Day 2017 in Budapest on 9 and 10 November

The DG CONNECT organises the ICT Proposers' Day 2017. This event takes place in Budapest on 9 and 10 November.

This networking event centers on European ICT Research & Innovation with a special focus on the Horizon 2020 Work Programme for 2018-2020. An opening ceremony and social event organised by the Hungarian Ministry of National Development will take place on 8 November (at 18:00).

For Registrations is [here](#).

For more information and the programme, you can consult the [ICT Proposers' Day 2017 website](#).

July 14, 2017 | European news

Estonia Presidency Consultation on the Impact of R&I

The Estonian Presidency launches a public consultation on "Research & Innovation: How to get more impact?". The aim of the survey is to gather the views of key scientists, financiers, journalists, corporate executives, academics and policy makers.

The survey will inform the Tallinn Call for Action to increase the impact and societal value of European Research Excellence to be released at the Presidency's Research Conference in Tallinn on 12 October 2017.

Public consultation

July 3, 2017 | European news

EARTO Press Release: R&I Recognised as Key Factor for EU's Future!

EARTO Press Release

R&I Recognised as Key Factor for EU's Future!

EARTO very much welcomes the [report](#) of the High-Level Group on Maximising EU R&I Impact chaired by Pascal Lamy, which definitely closes the circle and goes back to the essential. It places research & innovation as a key geopolitical factor for the future of Europe. It also brings back the target of 3% GDP spending on R&I as one of the new Ten Commandments of the post-Brexit EU. In that view, we can only applaud the call to double the overall budget of the post-2020 EU R&I programme, as this is indeed "the best investment the EU can make". A seven-year budget of €120 billion would be the bare minimum: it is now a crucial time for the EU to invest in its future! The [European Parliament](#) has sent the same message last month, and the EC [Reflection Paper](#) on the Future of EU Finances published last week similarly calls for an increase of budget to strengthen EU Competitiveness whatever scenario is chosen for the Future of Europe. EU policy-makers must now pick these strong recommendations up during the EU budget negotiations.

Our motto being "Impact Delivered", EARTO also strongly supports the focus on impact throughout the report. Besides, the report recognises that the EU added value lies in an ecosystem approach with cross-border and multidisciplinary collaboration between all actors in industrial value-chains. With their Open Innovation business models, Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs) are at the core of such R&I ecosystems, partnering with their industrial partners (large and small) to bring technologies all the way from and within LABs, FABs and APPs for the benefit of society.

The report stresses the need to make EU State-Aids rules more innovation-friendly, which EARTO very much agrees with. This is also the key message of the EC sponsored [ENIRI study on State Aids for RDI](#) published last April: "The EU's State Aid Framework constitutes a handicap for EU industry and research". As there is no equivalent abroad, EU state aid rules hamper EU's competitiveness in today's globalised world, distorting the playing field at the EU's disadvantage. In this view, EU policy makers must better integrate R&I and competition policies for Europe to be able to play a key role at international scale.

EARTO strongly supports the reports' call to stop looking at FPs as a standalone programme, and to include the synergy of funds for R&I as a new mindset in the EU's budget negotiations. It is indeed crucial to design the EU post-2020 R&I programme and the future structural funds "with complementary, mutually reinforcing and interoperable intervention logics". Modernising the cohesion funds with a substantial focus on financing R&I capacity-building is also essential.

Finally, EARTO also agrees on the fine-tuning of the 3-pillars' structure for the future programme, with Pillar 2 focussed not only on innovation with the EIC but also on Competitiveness with a strong role for Public-Private Partnerships to mobilise joint investment. This will be key to link to industry and leverage private investment to reach the EU target of 3% GDP invested in R&I. This is a point we strongly made in our [Joint Declaration](#) with Industry last month.

EARTO very much hopes that these key recommendations will be picked-up by EU policy makers, as they are crucial for the EU to invest in its own future.

July 3, 2017 | European news

EIT Publishes the Evaluation Criteria for the 2018 Call and two New KICs Proposal

The EIT published the Evaluation Criteria for the 2018 Call for Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) proposals.

The EIT will also publish the Framework of Guidance in November 2017 followed by the official launch of the Call on 12 January 2018.

Two new Innovation Communities, EIT Manufacturing and EIT Urban Mobility, will join the EIT Community gathering more than 1000 partner organisations: business including SMEs, higher education and research institutions from across Europe, to develop innovative products and services, start new companies and educate a new generation of entrepreneurs.

[New EIT's Evaluation Criteria](#)
[New EIT's KICs](#)

July 3, 2017 | European news

Publication of High-Level Group Report on Maximising Impact of EU R&I Programmes

The [High Level Group](#) on maximising impact of EU Research and Innovation Programmes ("Lamy Group") today published its final report on the occasion of the 'Research & Innovation – Shaping our Future' conference in Brussels.

The report gives a series of 11 recommendations, including:

- Prioritise R&I in EU and national budgets
- Build a true innovation policy that creates future markets
- Design R&I Programme for greater impact
- Rationalise and simplify

The report is available [here](#).

July 3, 2017 | European news

Digital Innovation Hubs' European Event in Madrid on 22 September (copy 1)

Innovalia, the Spanish Ministry of Economy (MINECO) and the European Commission organise the first Digital Innovation Hubs' European event that will take place on the 22nd of September in Madrid.

The Spanish Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness will organize also the 1st "Congreso Nacional de Industria Conectada 4.0" on the 21st of September in Madrid.

June 30, 2017 | European news

Joins Us at our 3 EARTO Events on 11 & 12 October 2017

On 11 & 12 October 2017, EARTO is organising 3 events in Brussels. Please find here under the timings, locations, agendas and registration links for those events.

- 11 October 2017

EARTO Policy Event: "Towards FP9: Maximising R&I Impact to Ensure Europe's Position as Global Player"

Timing: 15.00-18.30

Venue: [BIP Museum](#), 2-4 Rue Royale, 1000 Brussels

[More information & Agenda](#)

[Registration](#)

EARTO Innovation Awards Ceremony 2017

Timing: 18.30-21.00

Venue: [BELvue Museum](#), Place des Palais 7, 1000 Brussels

[More information & Agenda](#)

[Registration](#) (same as above)

- 12 October 2017

EARTO High-Level Debate: "Cohesion Policy Post 2020: Inter-Regional Collaboration of Innovation Hubs" at the European Week of Regions and Cities (EWRC)

Timing: 9.00-10.45

Venue: [Committee of the Regions](#), Rue Belliard 99-101, 1000 Brussels

[More information](#) (Agenda will be published shortly)

Registration will open on 10th July via [EWRC website](#)

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June 28, 2017 | European news

EC Publishes its Reflection Paper on the Future of EU Finances

The Commission publishes its [Reflection Paper](#) on the Future of EU Finances that Commissioners Oettinger and Cretu presented to the EC and EP this week.

At a time when Europe has to decide on its future, the EU needs a budget that is fit for purpose and makes every euro work for its citizens. This reflection paper complements the Commission's "White Paper on the Future of Europe" which outlined 5 possible scenarios for the future of the EU. Linked to these scenarios, this Reflection Paper maps out possible budgetary implications of the different possible choices. In any of the 5 scenarios, the reflection paper recommends an increase of budget for EU Competitiveness, which includes R&I.

This paper feeds into preparing the proposal for the next multiannual financial framework (MFF), which the Commission intends to present in mid-2018. The MFF lays down the maximum annual amounts which the EU may spend each year in different policy fields over a period of at least 5 years.

Future of EU finances: Five Scenarios
Future of EU finances: Facts and Figures
Reflection Paper the Future of EU finances