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EARTO PARTICIPATION IN EU DECISION-MAKING PROCESS



Defending RD&I Budget as Key for EU Industrial Competitiveness

The latest news on possible agreement on the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), covering the period 2021-2027, are not very encouraging in terms of timing. The decision by the Council is not expected before the end of 2019 at the earliest. EARTO will keep monitoring developments and asks its members to keep pushing for a €120bn budget for Horizon Europe, in alignment with the European Parliament's position. Within this HEU budget, we strongly support a 60% allocation to Pillar II of HEU.



Trilogue on HEU Regulation & HEU Specific Programme: compromise reached!

Most of EARTO proposed text changes on HEU Regulation and Specific Programme have been integrated either by EP, Council or both. Trilogue between Institutions started on 9 January 2019. Since then, meetings have been organised each week. EARTO has been constantly monitoring the key aspects of negotiations...

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HEU Implementation: towards HEU new Model Grant Agreement

EARTO actively participated in the European Commission's Stakeholders' Workshop: "Shaping how Horizon Europe is implemented" on 30 January 2019. Following the workshop, the EC has now a set timeline for the HEU Model Grant Agreement (MGA) that will define how the HEU rules for participation will be implemented...

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HEU Strategic Planning - Missions, Partnerships & Shadow Programme Committees

Beside the preparation of the MGA, the next step to prepare for the implementation of the programme is the development of the HEU Strategic Planning, which is now also starting at EC side. The Strategic Planning is of interest as it will further define the contents of HEU ([see draft timeline](#)), and especially with regards to Missions, Partnerships and the role of stakeholders...

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EARTO in EC HLG on IPCEIs & Strategic Value Chains

Along with colleagues from CEA and imec, EARTO Vice-President Antti Vasara has been an active member of the EC High-level Strategy Group on IPCEIs (Important Projects of Common European Interest), whose preliminary recommendations on Strategic Value Chains were presented on 6 February, in the frame of the EU Industry Day...

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Revision of EU Directive on the Re-Use of Public Sector Information (PSI) adopted

The final text of the [PSI directive](#) has been agreed on by the 3 EU Institutions early February 2019. EARTO has published many papers on this topic in 2018, including a [Joint Declaration](#) with key EU stakeholders. Such intensive work has since then paid off and EARTO efforts can be considered successful. After formal vote in the EP and approval by the Council, the Directive will need to be applied by Member States...

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Digital Europe Programme adopted

In the context of the current discussion on future EU policy on (digital) innovation hubs and tests beds led by DG CONNECT & DG RTD in the current H2020 work programmes, EARTO followed closely the trilogue discussions for the new Digital Europe Programme (DEP), which have now been quite successfully finalised (see [final text](#)). During the very fast negotiation process, the main point of discussion was linked to Innovation Hubs (Recital 11 and Article 16), with issues on: definition, list of hubs, criteria and designation/selection process for Hubs and role of Member States, potential duplication with HEU.



Romanian Presidency

Starting the 1st of January 2019, Romania holds the EU Council Presidency for the first half of 2019, following Austria...

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EARTO INTERNAL AFFAIRS & EVENTS



EARTO elects new EARTO President and Vice-President

On 19 March, EARTO held its Board, General Assembly (GA) and Members meetings. Antti Vasara, CEO of VTT (Finland) has been unanimously elected President, and Iñaki San Sebastian, CEO of Tecnalía (Spain) has been unanimously elected Vice-President. EARTO Members thanked Frank Treppe for his leadership as EARTO President during his term...

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EARTO Annual Conference on 19-20 March 2019 in Espoo (Finland)

The [2019 EARTO Annual Conference](#) was a great success, welcoming some 250 participants. The event was hosted by EARTO member [VTT](#) on 19-20 March 2019 in Espoo, Finland. All presentations, videos and photos of the event are now available...

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Welcoming New Members



The EARTO network welcomed 2 new members in March: [REDIT](#) in Spain and [National Institute of Chemistry \(NIC\)](#) in Slovenia...

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EARTO Innovation School: Towards the Next Cohesion Policy Programming Period

An EARTO **Innovation School** on Technology Infrastructures in the Innovation Ecosystems Post-2020 took place on 14 January 2019 with support of ERRIN and Vanguard Initiative to present our views to EU Institutions representatives. A month later, on 14 February MEPs agreed on [new rules](#) for the Regional Development and Cohesion funds, aiming to strengthen the EU's economic, social and territorial cohesion policy...

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New EARTO Paper on Accelerating the Digitisation and Market Access of Emerging Technologies for Healthcare

In view of the preparation of the next EU Framework Programme Horizon Europe as well as the EU Digital Europe Programme, the EARTO Working Group Emerging Technologies for Healthcare presented its [four policy recommendations](#) for the future of Healthcare research policies..

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New EARTO Open Letter on Human Resources Issues

EARTO as the representative of European RTOs is strongly committed to improve international researcher mobility supporting the enhancement of a European single market...

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Launch of the new EARTO website

EARTO's brand [new website](#) is now online. The access to the [members' area](#) is now personalised with your own name and email address, and a password of your choosing (not by organisation any longer). In the members' area you will have access to our internal news, newsletters, official documents as well as Working Groups' documents for the WGs in which you participate. If you have not already done so yet, [register now!](#)



EARTO Innovation Awards Ceremony 2019 - 24 Applications received

EARTO organises its [2019 Innovation Awards](#) on 8 October 2019 in Brussels. Six RTOs' innovations will be rewarded on two categories: Impact Expected and Impact Delivered. The deadline for applications was 28 March 2019, and 24 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 [new EARTO website](#).



Latest EARTO Working Groups

Meeting minutes and documents of the EARTO WGs are available in the [EARTO Members Area](#). The following WGs met over the last months:

- 17 January 2019 – WG Impact.
- 4 February 2019 – WG Legal Experts.
- 12 February 2019 – WG EU Framework Programmes.
- 26 February 2019 – WG Financial Experts.
- 12 March 2019 – WG MedTech.



New Policy Intern at EARTO Secretariat

Eleni Dritsakou started a 6-month internship at the EARTO Secretariat in January 2019. Eleni, a Greek national, did her Bachelor's Degree in International, European and Area Studies at Panteion University of Athens. She has previously done an internship at the European Office of Cyprus in Brussels, at the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and at the Greek Embassy in Paris. Eleni supports the EARTO Secretariat's policy team with monitoring policy developments, newsletter, preparation of briefing notes as well as with the organisation of working group meeting and events.



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