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## EARTO Team Teleworking - Contact Information

Due to the global concerns regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, many EU countries including Belgium have now established restrictive measures to the circulation of persons and to the organisation of events of any size. As most of you, the EARTO Secretariat is...

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## EARTO PARTICIPATION IN EU DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

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### Your RTO Efforts related to COVID-19

EARTO team would like to communicate its members' efforts related to COVID-19 crisis. For now, EARTO has actively re-tweeted members' communication on this topic and saw an array of support shown by RTOs while having to face their own labs' operational...

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### Impact of COVID-19 crisis on EU Institutions Functioning

The COVID-19 crisis has impacted the work of EU Institutions: The European Commission is mostly working remotely: first week's issues with IT systems seems now fixed. The European Parliament is working solely on parliamentary matters, all events and access...

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### H2020 Calls - Deadlines Extension

The COVID-19 situation pushed H2020 applicants to ask for some deadline extensions. In an [interview](#) to Science|Business, R&I Commissioner Gabriel explained that decisions will be taken case by case. The EC has already announced that H2020 Calls with...

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### H2020 Projects - Possible Extensions

As for the [H2020 Calls deadlines](#), the EC has published an FAQ on the [clause on force majeure](#) which addresses possible disruptions of the implementation of H2020 projects, additional costs and travel cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 'Force majeure'...

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### Update on MFF Negotiations

The Council Special Summit planned early March to discuss the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) was postponed: there is not yet a clear agenda when the topic will be tabled again. The 26-27 March European Council will now focus on the COVID-19...

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### EARTO Paper on the European Green Deal

On 4 March 2020, the EC presented its proposal for the [European Climate Law](#), part of the [European Green Deal](#), in order to serve [EC's vision to be climate neutral by 2050](#). The European Climate Law constitutes an EU-wide legally binding target for EU...

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### EC Communication on New EU Industrial Strategy

On 10 March 2020, the EC published its [Communication on EU Industrial Strategy](#), which proposes a new policy framework based on key strategic industrial value chains attached to key enabling technologies. The [High-Level Industrial Roundtable "Industry..."](#)

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### EC Communication on SME Strategy for a Sustainable and Digital Europe

Part of the package for a new [EU Industrial Strategy](#), the EC published on 10 March the Communication [An SME Strategy for a sustainable and digital Europe](#). This Strategy puts forward actions based on three main pillars: Capacity-building and support for...

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### Horizon Europe Implementation: Strategic Plan & Partnerships

The EC is currently working on the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan, which should be finalised by June, based on the [revised Horizon Europe Orientations](#). In the meantime, the EC is also working on the first Horizon Europe work programme (2021-2022) based on the...

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### Horizon Europe Draft Model Grant Agreement: IPR & Open Science

A new EC-Member States experts' meeting was scheduled on 16-17 March ([agenda](#)) to discuss non-financial articles of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement (MGA), including those related to ownership, exploitation and dissemination of results, intellectual...

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### EARTO input to the Open Science Policy Platform (OSPP)

The EARTO WG Legal experts have also collected RTOs' best practices and activities in place regarding Open Science, linked to the [OSPP first mandate recommendations](#). This includes topics such as data management and FAIR data, rewards & incentives...

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### Council Partial General Approach on the EIT

On 28 February, the European Council reached a [Partial General Approach \(PGA\)](#) on the future Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) of the [European Institute and Technology \(EIT\)](#). The aim of the SIA is to complement the legislative framework...

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## EARTO INTERNAL AFFAIRS & EVENTS

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### EARTO Network welcomed two new members: AIST (Japan) and CSIRO (Australia)



The EARTO network gladly welcomed two new members: [National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology \(AIST\)](#) in Japan and [Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation \(CSIRO\)](#) in Australia....

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## EARTO Policy Event and Innovation Awards' Ceremony: 28 October 2020 in Brussels – SAVE THE DATE!

EARTO organises its [Policy Event](#) and [Innovation Awards](#) on 28 October 2020 in Brussels. The 7th edition of EARTO Policy Event will gather more than 200 representatives from EU Institutions, RTOs, industry as well as other key R&I stakeholders. During the 12th edition of EARTO Innovation Awards Ceremony, six RTOs' innovations will be rewarded on two categories: Impact Expected and Impact Delivered. You can have a look back at the previous editions of the Policy Event [here](#) and the Innovation Awards Ceremony [here](#). All applications will be featured in the upcoming EARTO Innovation Awards brochure ([see last years' editions](#)). More information on the agenda and registration will follow soon.



## EARTO Annual Conference 2020 in Barcelona in Barcelona – Postponed to 10-12 March 2021

Due to the global concerns regarding the coronavirus outbreak, the subsequent travel bans and participation cancellations received so far, the EARTO Steering Committee decided to cancel the EARTO Annual Conference and related events of 24-26 March 2020 in Barcelona. The EARTO Annual Conference is postponed to 10-12 March 2021 and will still take place in Barcelona, kindly hosted by EARTO Member, [EURECAT](#). Regarding your hotel booking, please note that there will unfortunately be no refund (hotel policy).



### Latest and upcoming EARTO Working Groups

Following growing concerns over the last weeks linked to COVID-19, EARTO WG Financial Experts on 3 March was cancelled, work on dossiers being performed by electronic means. The WG Medtech on 4 March and WG Space on 23-24 March were transformed into conference calls.

Upcoming EARTO WGs as conference calls:

- 01 April – WG Security & Defence
- 30 June – WG Space

EARTO has taken the decision to cancel all physical WG meetings and transform those into conference calls when possible until 30<sup>th</sup> June due to the COVID-19 situation. Accordingly, the WG EU Framework Programmes planned on 28 April is now cancelled, information will be shared electronically. Other WGs meetings are under further review and planning.

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



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