

WINTER MEETING | 6 MARCH | PORTO, PORTUGAL

POLICY, GOVERNANCE, AND FUNDING FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURES

Detailed Agenda

Morning: High-Level Open Session – Policy, Governance, and Funding for RIs and TIs

Objective: Discuss the evolving European and national policies for Research and Technology Infrastructures, their governance models, and investment frameworks.

09:15 – 09:45 Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Representative of University of Porto (tbc)
- João Claro (President and CEO of INESC TEC)
- Ana Paiva (Secretary of State for Science)

09:45 – 11:15 High-Level Policy Dialogue: Aligning EU, National and Regional Infrastructure Strategies

- Dominik Sobczak (Deputy Head of Unit, RTD.E1, European Commission) – EU perspective and presentation of the Expert Group on Technology Infrastructures (EGTIs) Report (January 2025)
- Elena Hoffert (Vice-Chair of ESFRI – European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures) – The RI Landscape Analysis, role and future of RIs, ESFRI Roadmap 2026. The French Case – The French policy for RIs (tbc)
- Madalena Alves (President of FCT – Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia)
- Silvia Garcia (Executive Board Member, ANI – Agência Nacional de Inovação)
- Ricardo Simões (Head of Innovation, CCDR-Norte – Norte Portugal Regional Coordination and Development Commission)

Moderator: Arlindo Oliveira (President of INESC Holding)

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee Break & Networking Informal discussions among participants

11:45 – 12:45 Strengthening the RI & TI Ecosystem: Governance, Sustainability, and Funding Strategies

Panel discussion with European policymakers, infrastructure managers, and funding agencies

- Bertrand Bouchet (Director of CEA EU Representation)
- Ana Teresa Freitas (Coordinator of Life and Health Technology, INESC ID)
- Ana Portugal Melo (Executive Director of MIRRI)

Moderator: José Carlos Caldeira (Advisor to the Chairperson at INESC TEC)

Key themes: Multi-level alignment, RTIs and R&I ecosystems, RTIs and competitiveness, RTIs in FP10

Sum up and closing: Inês Lynce, Chair of the Management Committee of the INESC Brussels HUB, President of the Board of INESC ID

13:00 – 14:30 | Networking Lunch

Afternoon: Needs Assessment Workshop

(in partnership with RITIFI Project)

Objective: Validate critical gaps and funding needs for RIs and TIs, fostering collaboration and cross-sector synergies.

Moderators: Sophie Viscido (Technopolis) and Ricardo Migueis (INESC Brussels HUB)

14:30 – 14:45 Introduction and Methodology Overview

Quick session explaining the objectives and interactive methodology

14:45 – 15:15 Presentation of Findings:

Needs Assessment - Summary of identified gaps and challenges

- Mentimeter consultation (live participant feedback)

15:15 – 16:15 Case Study Panel

Key Case Studies - Short presentations on infrastructure needs, funding, and sustainability

- Selected case study leaders & external experts

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee Break & Networking

16:00 – 17:15 Interactive Discussion: Addressing Needs & Policy Recommendations

- Mentimeter session: Prioritizing needs

- Breakout discussions: groups discuss key areas: Funding, Governance, Cross-border Collaboration

- Final consolidation of recommendations

17:15 – 17:30 Closing & Next Steps