

Press Release

RTOs' First Thinking on FP9: EARTO Recommendations to Improve Impact of EU R&I Spending Discussed at EARTO Policy Event 2016

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350 European RTOs Responding to Today's Innovation Challenge: EARTO Presents its First Recommendations for FP9 to Foster Smarter and Sustainable Growth and Jobs through High Impact Research & Innovation.

The debate on the future of Europe's research & innovation policy is up and running, strengthened by Commissioner for R&I Carlos Moedas last year with the announcement of the European Innovation Council, with the launch of the Horizon 2020 Mid-term Review process and discussion on its successor. Today, European Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs) take the opportunity to put forward their first thinking on FP9 highlighting the following key recommendations to ensure impact from EU R&I spending:

- 1. Prioritise Impact**
- 2. Strengthen Excellent European Collaborative Applied Research**
- 3. Ensure a Balance between the 3 Funding Pillars**
- 4. Target Europe's Innovation Capacity**
- 5. Promote Collaborative Participation by Industry**
- 6. Further Promote European Added-Value**
- 7. Ensure Grant-Based R&I Funding as Key Element**
- 8. Taking Stock of Existing Research & Innovation Infrastructures**
- 9. Continue Efforts on Simplification**

EARTO [recommendations](#) were presented to some 200 guests on the occasion of the [EARTO Policy Event 2016](#), which featured a keynote speech by Commissioner for R&I Carlos Moedas and a high-level panel with representatives from RTOs, industry, OECD and EU Institutions. Commissioner Moedas said: "RTOs represent Europe's strengths in technology and are a valued partner in European Research and Innovation policy. In particular, EARTO has helped develop the idea of a European Innovation Council. With RTOs' help, Horizon 2020 is the first Framework Programme to integrate innovation."

This paper is part of a set of various EARTO inputs to support Horizon 2020's Mid Term Review and FP9 elaboration. Other papers recently published include [EARTO Feedback for Horizon 2020 Mid-term Review](#) and [EARTO Paper on Horizon 2020 Funding Model](#), both already presented to EU Institutions' representatives on different occasions. The full list of EARTO inputs can be found [here](#).

Notes to Editors

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