



## **FZK – KOLLOQUIUM**

**Marine Ressourcen und erneuerbare Energien**

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# OVERVIEW

- How MARINERG-I evolves
- The ESFRI roadmap
- MARINERG-I H2020
- What comes next
- What could this mean for participants

MARINERG-i is already fully supported by the EU Commission and ESFRI review panels

ESFRI

European Strategy Forum  
on Research Infrastructures

- Advanced community
- Unique technical know-how
- Sector of key EU strategic importance
- Emerging ESFRI DRI

### **MARINERG-i H2020** (Jan 2017-June 2019)

- €2M budget
- 14 Partners, 12 Countries
- Scientific Plan, Legal, Business, Financial & Communication Frameworks
- Stepping stone to 2020 ESFRI Application

### **MaRINET2 H2020** (Jan 2017-June 21)

- €10.5M budget
- 39 partners, 13 countries, 57 facilities
- Consolidates and expands upon MaRINET
- €5M allocated for Transnational Access (TA)
- Industry training, Staff exchanges, e-infrastructure
- Standardisation, Round Robin testing

### **MaRINET FP7** (March 2011- Sept 2015)

- €10M budget
- 29 partners, 12 countries, 45 facilities
- Expert ORE technical community united under Irish leadership
- Strong global brand recognition with EU support
- Proven industry relevance – >700 weeks, access provided to 150 companies

€22.5M  
in EU  
funding

# ESFRI – European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures



H2020 Infradev  
GA No- 739550



*ESFRI Facilitates multilateral initiatives for better use of Research Infrastructures e.g. CERN (particle accelerator), ECCSEL (CO2 Storage), EU- SOLARIS (Solar Power)*

<https://www.esfri.eu/>

# 2018 ESFRI Roadmap

DOMAIN	PROJECT	RM ENTRY
ENERGY	IFMIF – DONES Hybrid research reactor (S)	2018
	EU – SOLARIS – solar power	2010
	MYRRHA – nuclear fission energy (S)	2010
	WINDSCANNER - wind energy	2010
ENVIRONMENT	ACTRIS – atmospheric Studies	2016
	DANUBIUS-RI – environmental reive/sea system management	2016
	DiSSCO Distributed system of scientific collections	2018
	eLTER Integrated European long term ecosystem	2018
HEALTH & FOOD	AnAEE- -terrestrial and aquatic systems for food security and environmental sustainability	2010
	EMPHASIS – plant phenomics for food security in a changing climate	2016
	EU IBISBA industrial biotechnology innovation	2018
	METROFOOD-RI Infrastructure promoting metrology in food & nutr	2018
	ISBE – systems biology	2010
	MIRRI – microbial studies	2010
PHYSICAL SCIENCES & ENGINEERING	EST – solar telescope (S)	2016
	KM3NeT – astrophysics for neutrino discovery	2016
SOCIAL & CULTURAL INNOVATION	E-RIHS – heritage service	2016
	European holocaust research infrastructure	2018

**2016  
EMERGING  
PROJECTS-  
(Infradev-funding)**

**MARINERG-i**  
offshore  
renewable  
energy

**eLTER**  
ecosystem  
& ecology

**METROFOOD**  
metrology in  
food

**GGP**  
ageing &  
gender

## H2020 Infradev Project

2.5 yrs  
Jan 2017- Jun 2019

Delivers

- Key components for ESFRI Roadmap Bid in 2021
- ERIC-EU Company template
- Commitment from member states

Bird & Bird



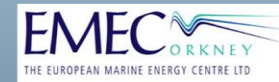
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MARINERG-i project is the **first step** in forming an **independent legal entity** of distributed testing infrastructures for ORE operating through a central hub with a common access portal.

**vision**

**Testing facilities united to form the world's leading distributed infrastructure for delivering Offshore Renewable Energy Technologies to the market**

**mission**

- Drive the development of innovative, investable Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) technologies by :
  - Streamlining research, testing, training & user access
  - Adopting common codes of practice for uniformity in testing performance metrics, validation and certification
  - Implementing an E-infrastructure platform for remote access & secure data and analytical services
- Accelerate the development of the (ORE) industry by leveraging and combining local/regional knowledge and capacity.
- Inform national and EU policy and infrastructure investment strategies to sustain global leadership and reputation in the ORE sector.

# Infradev H2020 MARINERG-i project 2017-2019

UCC-MaREI - WP1: Lead & coordinate

Discovery

Development

Planning

WP2:  
Profiling

WP3:  
E-Infra

WP4:  
Design  
Plan

WP5:  
Governance  
& Legal

WP6:  
Financial  
Framework

WP7: Outreach &  
Engagement

*Business  
Plan  
Options*

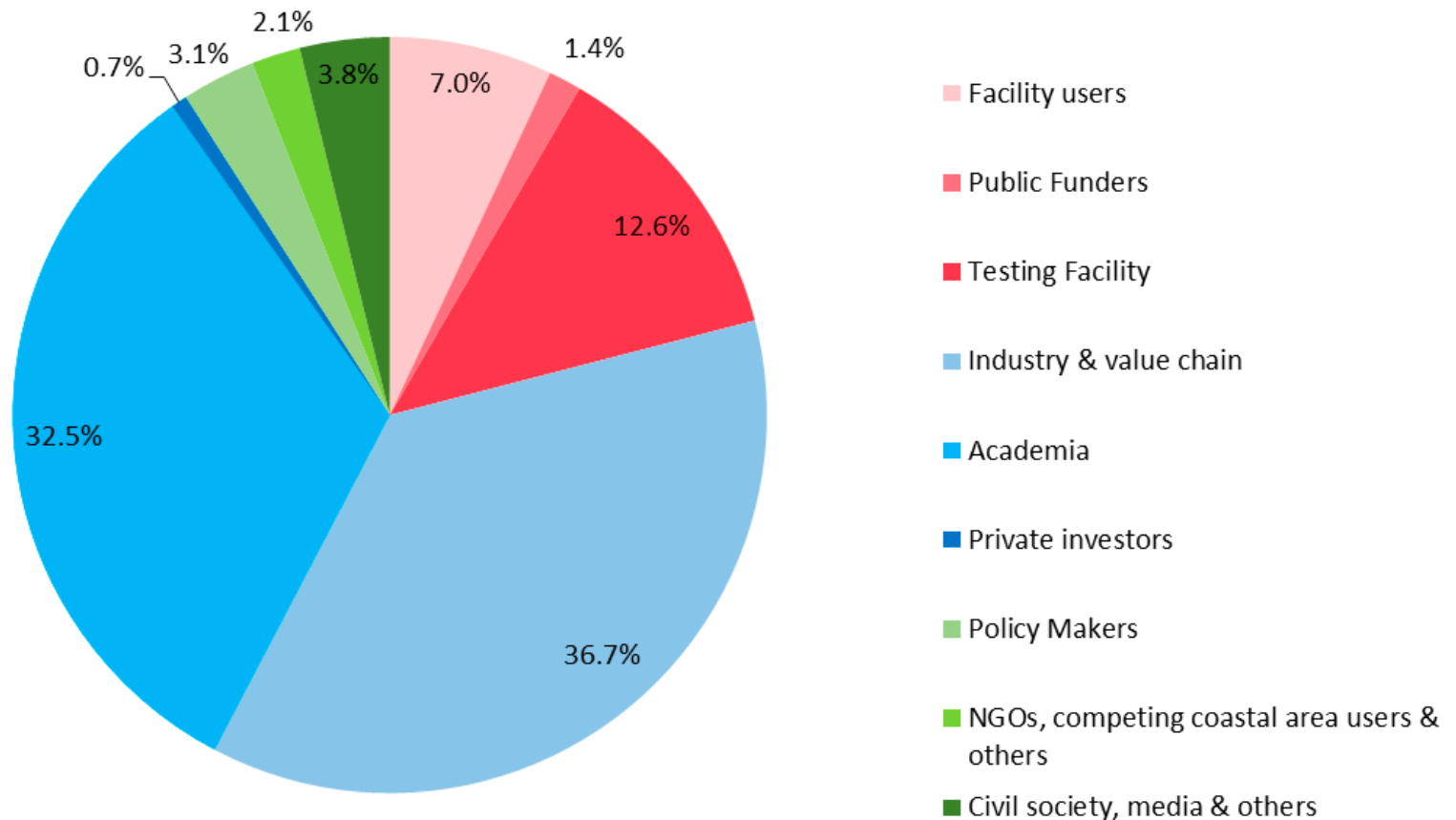
Business Plan

WP9:  
Implementation  
Plan

WP8:



- Categorical structure of MARINERG-i stakeholder database by category
- ~300 members across 30 countries

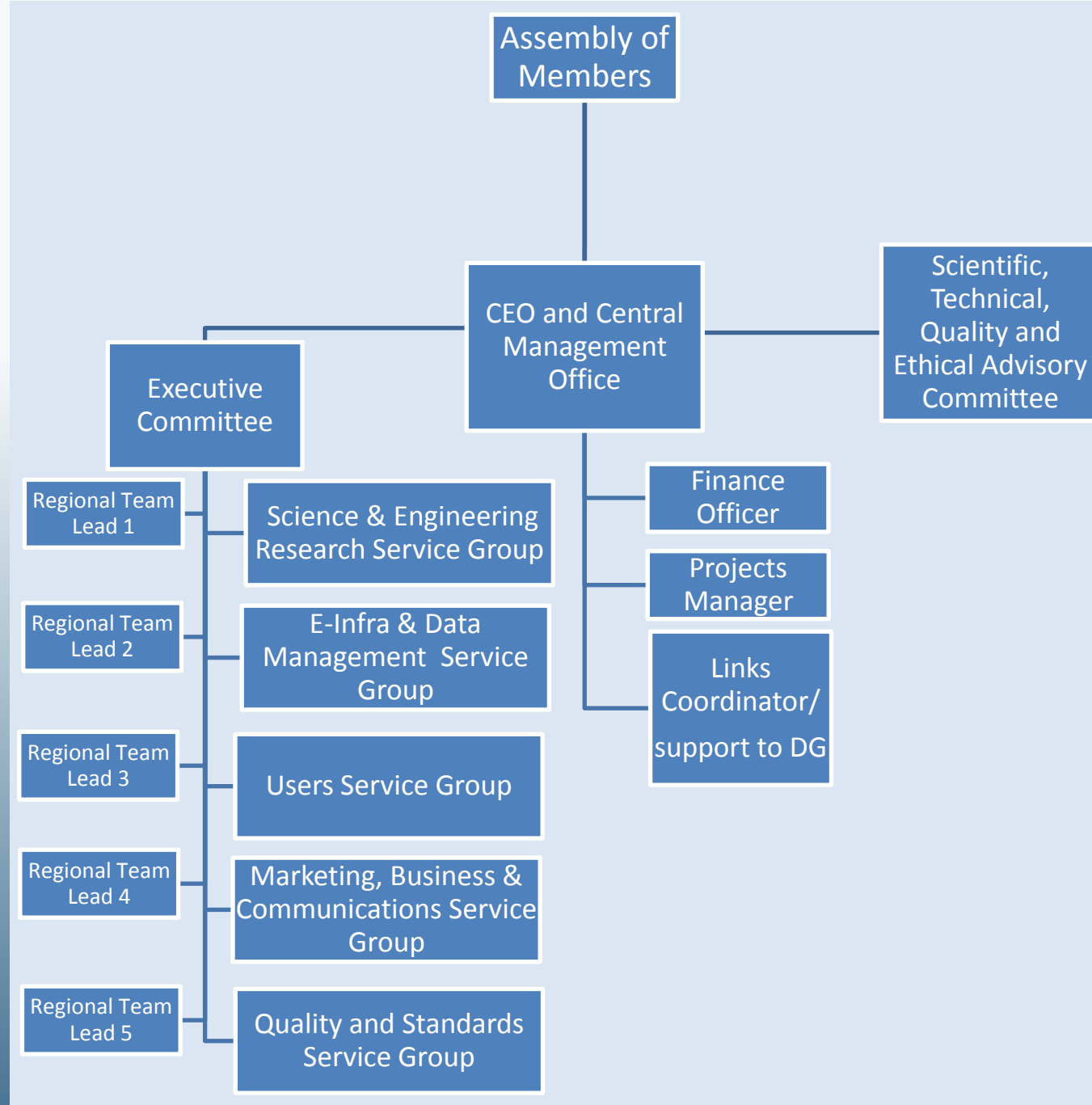


## Science Plan (SP), Design Study (DS) and E-infrastructure

- National level consultations participating countries –Nov 17- March 18 : 10 as workshops, 1 teleconf, 2 as part of national seminars
- MARINERG-i concept established in 12 countries – key gov't and institutional contacts engaged.
- TAC established and active
- Lead Node to be in Ireland – Multi-Institutional support
- Identified MS lead nodes and confirmed internal structures
- Design study and Science Plans in draft
- E-infra – Crucial element that must enable data access but protect IP
- Draft implementation plan in progress led by Ifremer and UCC
  - Follows FAIR principles (**Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, and Reusability**)
  - Builds on pilot work from MARINET2 based on Seadatacloud framework
  - Final details and costings in prep.

## Governance Model & Legal Statues

- DRI - ERIC model implies central hub –interlinked national nodes
- Governance model /operational model
- Draft statutes complete, pending finalisation



## MARINERG-i Business Model

### Key Objectives:

- 1) Promote and provide access to World leading ORE MARINERG-i research infrastructures
- 2) Be a Not-For-Profit ERIC leading and Informing the ORE Research Agenda
- 3) Become financially self sustaining Within 10 Years of receiving ESFRI recognition
- 4) To support and facilitate investment into MARINERG-i infrastructures to maintain global position

# ERIC Operating Structure : Set-up Conditions for Financial Modelling Process

7 Participating Members  ; 5 Observers

Entity	Entity Type	Mode	Central Node	Service Group Host	No of Infras	N. of Units of Access (total)	Regional Team Lead	Service Group Nominated
Ireland	Member State	Participating Member	Yes	Yes	6	10		Access Jt Lead
France	Member State	Participating Member	No	Yes	6	13		e-infra/access
Italy	Member State	Observer Member	No	No	4	6		
Norway	Associated Country	Observer Member	No	No	1	1		
United Kingdom	Member State	Participating Member	No	Yes	18	40	All UK	Q & S
Belgium	Member State	Participating Member	No	Yes	2	30	Benelux	Sci & Eng
Netherlands	Member State	Observer Member	No	No	3	1		
Denmark	Member State	Observer Member	No	No	2	4		
Germany	Member State	Participating Member	No	No	2	8	Inc Scand	
Portugal	Member State	Participating Member	No	No	1	9		
Spain	Member State	Participating Member	No	No	7	20	All spain	Business & marketing
Sweden	Member State	Observer Member	No	No	2	2		
Totals					54	145		

H2020-INFRADEV-2016-2

1/17 - 6/19

ESRFI info.  
session 1/19

Letters of support  
due 6/19 - 7/19

INFRADEV 2 Prep phase  
application CSA 1/21

c. 25 m- under MARINET2 7/19 - 7/21

INFRADEV-2 project  
(€2-4m) 8/21 - 1/24

INFRADEV 3 ESFRI support application 3/24

c. 8 months unfunded 2/24 - 9/24

INFRADEV-3 project  
(€2-5m) 10/24 - 9/26

Core membership  
clear & national  
commitments  
obtained

6/19

ESFRI application  
8/20

2021 ESFRI roadmap  
publication  
4/21

ERIC  
established  
1/25

ERIC First Annual  
Fees Due  
2/26

ON ESFRI ROADMAP

ERIC OPERATIONAL

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

2025

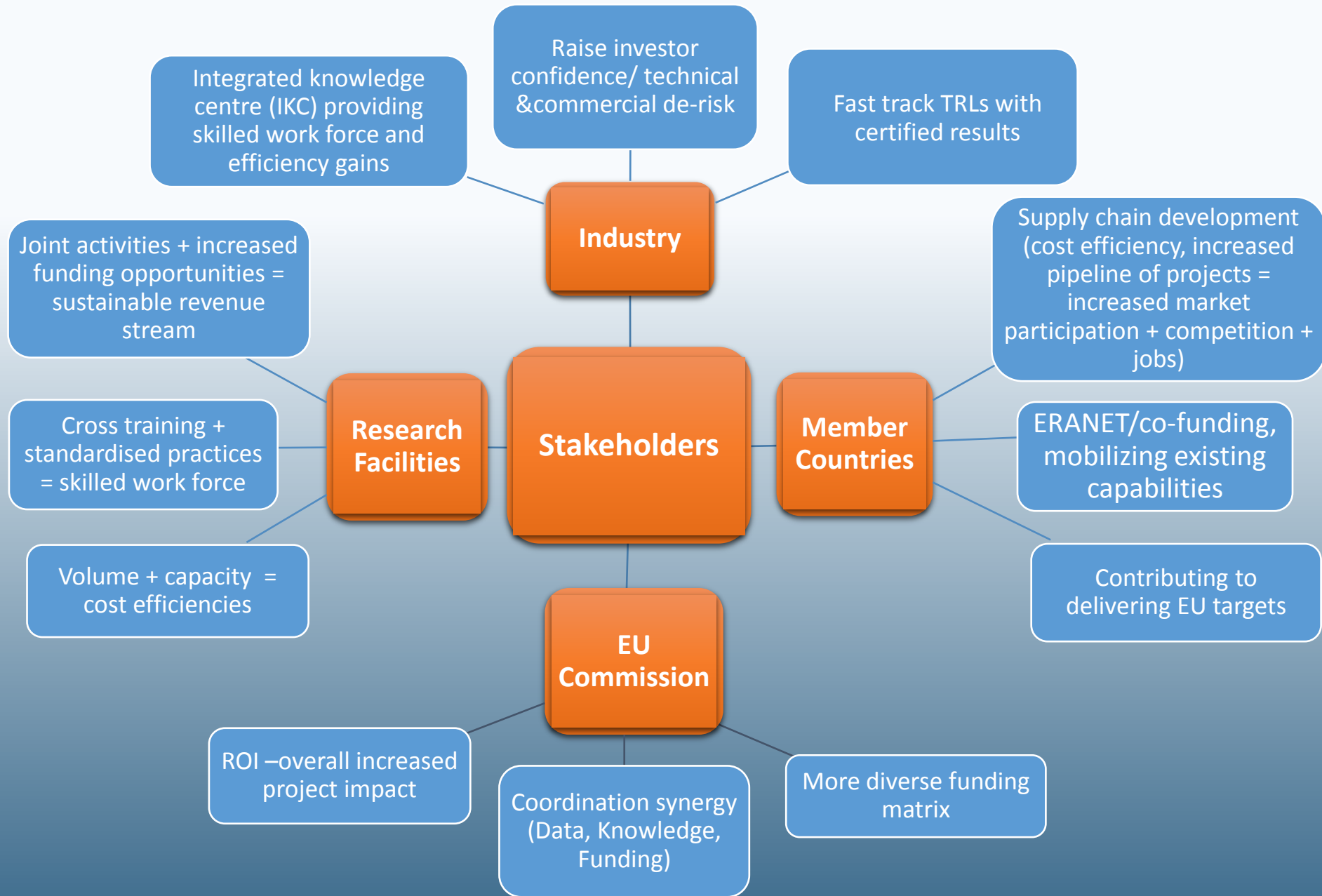
2026

2027

Today

# MARINERG-i Development Timeline Key Milestones 2017-2027

# Value add for stakeholders



German Stakeholders Participation. Please feel free to:

- Maintain active engagement with the MARINERG-i team  
(Germany – Jochen Bard - NC, Stefan Schimmels TAC member, GS & JM @ IE)
- Support team in awareness raising and gaining ministry level support for L.O.C
- Disseminate MARINERG-i message through your own contact networks and at national and international events
- Pass on any specific requests or to the MARINERG-i team for action
- Alert the MARINERG-i team of opportunities
- Give consideration to your potential role in regard the future MARINERG-i activities, particularly to identify where synergies may add significant value.
- Browse website for information and copies of public deliverables

**Website:**  
**[www.marinergi.eu](http://www.marinergi.eu)**

**Email: [marinerg-i@ucc.ie](mailto:marinerg-i@ucc.ie)**

**Thank you for your attention**



# Understanding the ERIC – Implementation General Provisions

## Organisation

- Distributed infrastructures are set up as a central hub coordinating the operation of distributed facilities which retain their legal personality
- The state which is member or observer of the ERIC appoints and gives a specific mandate to the representing entity according to its own rules.
- The terms of the representation, including the terms for exercising voting rights, and any change in the designation of the representing entity or in the rights and obligation delegated to it should be communicated to the ERIC.

## Implementation- Task and Activities

The principal task of an ERIC is to establish and operate a research infrastructure

Under Eric- members have clear mission and responsibility for operation of infrastructure including:

- defining the overall strategy
- providing and supporting effective access to the infrastructure;
- defining common standards and improving interoperability
- providing or supporting training and facilitating mobility of researchers
- supporting technology transfer activities.

NB ERIC statutes & agreements between ERIC & legal entities operating national facilities clearly identify balance of responsibilities  
I.e. for activities and resources between the parties

Statutes contain:

- basic principles with specific policies on:
  - access policy for users
  - scientific evaluation policy
  - dissemination policy
  - intellectual property rights policy
  - employment policy, including equal opportunities
  - procurement policy
  - data policy.
- essential provisions which may be completed by detailed provisions included in the implementing rules or other internal documents adopted by the ERIC.

Scientific evaluation of the ERIC activities.

- may be included in the tasks of the scientific board or may be carried out by other external experts, also
- scientific evaluation prior to access to the ERIC facilities, under e.g. 'Access policy for users'.

## High Level Representation – Influencing Policy & Advocacy

MARINERG-i ERIC will be the organization that allows us to have greatest influence on policy going forward, instead of simply analysing what just happened.

Belonging to MARINERG-i ERIC means you get to share and interact with the leaders in the ORE space.

Main voice for progressive thinkers who want to improve the system, not just react to it.

Interactions with policy and regulators afford the ability to have essential dialogue to inform and influence direction

Distilled and targeted analysis - information (centrally and across the network)– policy-legal/market/funding/trends/investments etc. e.g.??

Participation in concerted action for identifying and filling strategic research gaps through joint research activities leveraging the combined capacity of facilities. .e.g. ???

Efficient participation in H2020 – ERIC as a partner with participating nodes/as

Access to common pool of knowledge – knowledge sharing and staff exchange

Access to (and influence over development of) certification scheme based on application of codes of practice that include adoption of groups of standards

Joint procurement (no VAT & own procurement rules)

- e.g. of stock of standardised reference devices (shared pool of scale models) and accompanying test data sets and protocols e.g. as exemplars for optimising device designs & to provide working applications of testing standards \*
- e.g. sensors and associated calibration/maintenance contracts
- software licenses – analytical systems
- testing equipment – mechanical, electrical
- IT and associated services infrastructure
- Skills training services
- Quality standards auditing

\*Benefit = fostering originality in innovation as well as technology convergence (weed out repetition right across RI)

## E-infrastructure

Joint enablement of access to datasets, metadata and remote access through e –infrastructure-

Common access portal – e-infrastructure

Capacity development to support rapid implementation and adoption of common IT approaches to enable seamless and harmonised infrastructure operation

Operational efficiency/consistency through common access policy and procedures

Drive business development and growth (more of the right types of users at the right time, less downtime, less cancellations, better preparation of users.

Free access = public data

Commercial access = proprietary data