

## Digital Single Market

# Workshop on the use of Structural Funds for the construction of distributed e-Infrastructures supporting environment initiatives

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The main aim of the Workshop is making a point on the current interests of the different regional stakeholders (mainly authorities) in the development of Research Infrastructures, in their 3S strategy for the 2014-2020 programming period; and coordinating the inter-regional cooperation strategies dealing with ENVIRONMENTAL initiatives, focusing on the case study of LifeWatch European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI), in order to emphasize the synergic actions for the "in kind" construction, develop joint actions using different programming opportunities, such as 3S to INTERREG, to LIFE+ and others: complementarities with H2020 actions (e.g., within the framework of Research e-Infrastructures programs, among others).

The Workshop is organized under the auspices of the precedents LifeWatch Lecce & Granada Operational meetings, and specially by following one of the main conclusions of the 35th e-Infrastructures Reflection Group (e-IRG) delegates meeting (Vilnius, November 2013), where it was stated that besides national input, the regional dimension is also important: As an example, ESFRI has excellent good practices on regional issues, (e.g., inter-regional cooperation between Spain and Portugal based on IBERGrid initiative), and how important it is to promote the use of complementary instruments such structural funds for Research Infrastructures, highlighted along with realistic approaches which are being recently reflected by the Regional Strategies for Smart Specialization (RIS3) of many of the regions which have confirmed the attendance to the Workshop.

In fact, similar conclusions have been recently stated by the recent document "Prioritization of Support to ESFRI Projects for Implementation - ESFRI Executive Board (April 7, 2014)", where it is emphasized the use of Structural Funds by LifeWatch as a good practice case study to follow, enhancing the process recommended by the ESFRI high level Assessment Expert Group (AEG) on the formation of clusters ("clusterization") among similar ESFRI initiatives, e.g. and specifically: EURO ARGO, IAGOS, ICOS & LifeWatch.

Therefore, the Workshop will try to get a view on all these synergy opportunities, by envisaging,

among others, the development of shared distributed e-Infrastructures facilities among ESFRI ENVironmental initiatives, e.g., the construction of the LifeWatch ICT e-Infrastructure to support big and complex (BIG) data.

Maximum capacity of the room: 120 persons

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