



Conclusions

1. The conference underlines the importance of research infrastructures for capacity building, training of researchers and generation and transfer of new knowledge. In this context, special attention was paid to ensure that the whole of the EU 27 benefits.
2. The conference acknowledges the high visibility and quality of the ESFRI Roadmap and urges policy makers to take the necessary steps for implementation.
3. A prerequisite for the implementation of the ESFRI Roadmap is the development of national roadmaps for research infrastructures which should be integrated in the European and the global roadmaps.
4. The active role of the European Commission in the field of research infrastructures was welcomed by the conference.
5. For the realisation of the 35 projects on the ESFRI Roadmap, the conference underlines in particular the importance of the following issues:
 - a. The availability of top talents and researchers;
 - b. The creation of a dedicated legal structure at European level which includes efficient governance models;
 - c. The effective financial management by combining different sources of funding, notably national, EU framework programme, structural funds, EIB, charities, etc.;
 - d. The effective use of e-infrastructure; and
 - e. Appropriate arrangements for data storage, security and preservation.
6. The conference felt that special attention should be paid to the international dimension of research infrastructures and called for increased cooperation with Europe's main partners around the world.
7. End-user involvement is of key importance from the conception of new infrastructures and needs to be fostered effectively to ensure an appropriate transfer of knowledge during the operational phase.
8. The interdependence of all research infrastructures is acknowledged irrespective of the user community and lessons can be learnt from considering the best practices in each.