Memorandum of Understanding
for the establishment of the
ERIC Forum

The undersigned European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERIC)

Hereinafter referred to as the Parties

Considering that the Council Regulation (EC) No 723/2009 on the Community legal Framework for a European Research Infrastructure Consortium provides a new legal instrument for facilitating the establishment and operation of large European research infrastructures in view of furthering the implementation and the development of the European Research Area;

Considering that the implementation of the ERIC Regulation through the establishment of European Research Infrastructure Consortia by Commission Implementing Decisions gives rise to a number of common specific policy, regulatory and administrative questions at European and national level due to the novelty of the legal instrument;

Considering that the undersigned Parties all have been established as ERICs by a Commission Decision pursuant to the ERIC Regulation;

Considering that the European Commission has initiated and encouraged the organization of network meetings between already implemented and upcoming ERICs and the European Commission to address common questions that are being encountered;

Considering that ERIC network meetings have been based until now on the voluntary organization provided by some of the already implemented ERICs;

Considering that with the increasing number of implemented and upcoming ERICs a more formal and structural collaboration, as suggested during the above mentioned meetings, will be more effective for addressing common subjects;
Have hereby agreed as follows:

1. Objectives

The objectives of the present MoU are to establish a Forum to further intensify collaboration between ERICs and in particular

- To identify common challenges affecting the Forum Members as entities subject to the ERIC Regulation;
- To collectively develop responses to these challenges;
- To contribute to the further development of the ERIC Regulation, ESFRI framework and European and international research context; and
- To foster the visibility, impact and sustainability of ERICs.

2. Membership

The Forum shall be open for membership to any established ERIC willing to actively contribute to its activities.

3. Collaborative Activities

The ERIC Forum shall carry out activities including:

a. the definition of a Forum governance framework.

b. the organization of two Forum Meetings a year, also open to other entities, which have already formally presented their ERIC application to the EU Commission, open to the EU Commission as well as to national ministries representatives, and open to the new European research infrastructure projects (e.g. new ESFRI projects) planning to become an ERIC. The responsibility of hosting and organizing these meetings will be rotated amongst the Forum Members. Every ERIC shall nominate a contact person. Part of these meetings may be restricted to the Forum Members only.

c. the organization of Working Groups on specific matters of common interest;
d. the coordination of activities aimed at key stakeholders including but not limited to the following: EU institutions (Commission, Council, Parliament, Committee of the Regions), ESFRI, national ministries, funding bodies, user communities, international partnerships, regulatory authorities and industry.

e. any other activity deemed necessary by the Forum Members.

The ERIC Network meetings will be succeeded by the ERIC Forum meetings by June 1st, 2017.

4. Costs

In principle each Member shall bear its costs related to its participation to the Forum.

5. Amendments

Any amendments to the present memorandum shall be approved by the Forum Members by consensus.

6. Durations and Withdrawal

The Forum may be dissolved upon mutual agreement of the Forum Members.

Each Forum Member can withdraw from the Forum giving in writing six months of advance notice.

This MoU is not legally binding but reflects a spirit of collaboration between the Forum Members.
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Biobanking and BioMolecular resources Research Infrastructure - European Research Infrastructure Consortium

BBMRI-ERIC

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Prof. Jan-Erik Littton

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Central European Research Infrastructure Consortium - European Research Infrastructure Consortium

CERIC-ERIC

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JAN KOLAR

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Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure
European Reasearch Infrastructure Consortium

CLARIN ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):
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Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities
European Research Infrastructure Consortium

DARIAH ERIC

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European Advanced Translational Research Infrastructure in Medicine European Research Infrastructure Consortium

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European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network - European Research Infrastructure Consortium

ECRIN-ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):
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European Multidisciplinary Seafloor and Water Column Observatory European Research Infrastructure Consortium

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Professor, Lampitt, Richard

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Euro-Argo Research Infrastructure - European Research Infrastructure Consortium

Euro-Argo ERIC

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European Social Survey European Research Infrastructure Consortium

ESS ERIC

Name of the person authorized to sign (Title, Family Name, First Name):
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European Spallation Source - European Research Infrastructure Consortium

European Spallation Source-ERIC

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Agneta Nestenborg

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Integrated Carbon Observation System European Research Infrastructure Consortium

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Joint Institute for VLBI (Very Long Baseline Interferometry) -
European Research Infrastructure Consortium

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LifeWatch European Research Infrastructure Consortium

LifeWatch ERIC

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Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe - European Research Infrastructure Consortium

SHARE-ERIC

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