

PRESS RELEASE

Launching E-RIHS - The European Research Infrastructure for Heritage Science: (Florence, 29-31 March 2017)

On the 29th of March 2017, Florence will host the international workshop “Towards a European Research Infrastructure for Heritage Science”. Scientists and politicians will discuss E-RIHS (European Research Infrastructure for Heritage Science) and its contribution to research and society in Europe. E-RIHS’s ambitious challenges will be presented to the audience, together with its roadmap for their implementation. The event will be hosted at the ex Convento del Maglio, a 13th century monastery and later on serving as a military hospital and military medicine school.

E-RIHS is the only pan European Research Infrastructure on social and cultural innovation adopted by the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructure (ESFRI) Roadmap in 2016. E-RIHS connects researchers in natural sciences and humanities and fosters a trans-disciplinary culture of exchange and cooperation while offering access to a wide range of cutting-edge facilities, high-level scientific instruments, methodologies, data and tools for advancing knowledge and innovation in the study and preservation of Cultural Heritage.

The preparatory phase (PP) of E-RIHS will be officially launched in Florence at the Auditorium of the Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze on the 30th – 31st of March 2017. Led by the Italian National Council of Research, the Consortium includes representatives of 15 European Union countries and Israel. ICCROM, the International Center for the study and restoration of cultural property, from its seat in Rome, Italy, takes an active role in E-RIHS by extending the infrastructure toward countries outside the European Union, with a long-term vision to turn E-RIHS into a true global research infrastructure.

E-RIHS PP’s main challenge is to define the scientific, legal and functional foundations of E-RIHS, in terms of access, training, data exchange, policies and research aspects, so that by 2020 it will become a fully functional ERIC – a European Research Infrastructure Consortium. From its central hub in Florence, E-RIHS will coordinate the activities of its many laboratories and research units distributed across Europe, aggregated in national nodes and regional hubs, offering knowledge expertise and use of state-of-the-art instrumentation, innovative investigation methodologies and access to scientific data.

With support from the Fondazione Ente Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze and the patronages of Regione Toscana and Florence municipality and under the guidance of CNR, the European candidate to host the legal and operative seat of E-RIHS is the city of Florence.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Dates:

29-31 March 2017

Venue:

29 March – Sala Capitolare, ex Convento del Maglio, via Venezia, 5 Florence

30-31 – Auditorium, Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Firenze, via Bufalini, 6, Florence

E-RIHS data:

E-RIHS brings together 18 countries as founding members, 10 international countries as supporting partners and over 80 institutions. The coordinator is the National Research Council (CNR), Italy.

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