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Note:

This Annex is part of the founding package of E-RIHS ERIC as submitted to the European Commission. The financial period has been aligned to 2025–2029 to reflect the actual date of establishment of the ERIC, and a formal confirmation by the first General Assembly is reflected in the text.

1. MEMBERS', PERMANENT OBSERVERS' AND OBSERVERS' CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OPERATIONS

The operations of the E-RIHS ERIC are funded by both the Host Country contribution and the cash contributions of the E-RIHS ERIC members, permanent observers, and observers, where applicable.

In-kind resourcing, consisting of the research facilities provided at national level, will be agreed yearly between the Committee of National Nodes and E-RIHS ERIC General Assembly. This in-kind contribution cannot be considered as Host or Membership contributions to E-RIHS ERIC.

Cash contributions of the E-RIHS ERIC members, are intended to cover:

- all costs foreseen to set up and operate the Central Hub (Article 19 of the Statutes).
- all costs needed to operate the service Platforms of E-RIHS (ARCHLAB, DIGILAB, FIXLAB and MOLAB), according to E-RIHS ERIC funding model described in Scientific and Technical Description (STD) Chapter 4, with particular reference to the agreement between Users and E-RIHS Central Hub and travel costs for selected Users.
- all costs needed to operate other services of E-RIHS ERIC, with particular reference to meetings, conferences, and training activities.

As clearly stated in STD § 4.1 "Annually, E-RIHS ERIC declares its access needs, followed by a response by the National Nodes. In-kind contributions are agreed before the beginning of each financial year and reviewed before its end with the aim to assess the balance of services offered and contributed. ...*omissis*...The yearly evaluation of the **value of in-kind contributions** will be based on a document adopted by the General Assembly, specifying the framework for the calculation, and the target of access needed from the National Nodes."

1.1 PRINCIPLES OF CONTRIBUTIONS

1. The annual financial budget shall consist of the Host Country contribution and members', observers', and permanent observers' cash contributions, and it is planned for a five-year timeframe.
2. Italy is the Host Country of E-RIHS ERIC and will offer for free the Hosting statutory seat on the base of a public-private agreement between the Italian National Research Council (CNR) and the bank foundation "Fondazione CR Firenze", based in Florence – Italy. Italy will provide a cash contribution accordingly to the distribution of Membership fees.
3. Definition and rules for the in-kind contribution will be defined in the Internal Rules of Procedure (IRP).
4. Contributions for members, permanent observers, and observers shall be provided in cash only.

5. Contributions shall be made in Euros.
6. Contributions by intergovernmental organizations are established by the General Assembly at the moment of deciding on their application, case by case.
7. Members, permanent observers, and observers joining E-RIHS ERIC will pay the pro-rata annual contribution for the year of entry, based on the month of joining E-RIHS ERIC.

2. CALCULATION OF ANNUAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

The model to set the cash contribution expected from each country is based on a common rule applicable to all and based on a connection with the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) obtained from EUROSTAT data¹.

The Interim General Assembly, after a thorough and careful negotiation and in agreement with ESFRI regulations and different reference RIs, decided and approved at unanimity the calculation algorithm, described as follows.

The Member Cash Contribution is proposed to be calculated as a sum of two parts:

$$\text{Member Cash Contribution} = (\text{National GDP}) * k + A$$

where:

- **k** is a multiplying coefficient that sets a variable amount in relation to the country's GDP. The factor **k** is set equal to **0,0723 10⁻⁶**
- **A** is a fixed amount, the same for all Members; this value is set equal to 35,000.00 €
- **National GDP** is set equal to the average value of the National GDP of the three years 2017-2018-2019.

The observers' and permanent observers' Cash Contribution is proposed equal to 50% of the contribution calculated as if the specific country was asking to be member.

$$\text{Observer Cash Contribution} = 0.5 * ((\text{National GDP}) * k + A)$$

where: **k**, **A**, **National GDP** are the same considered for the calculation of Member Cash Contribution.

¹ Source: https://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=nama_10_gdp&lang=en

3. THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE

3.1. FIRST FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The Interim General Assembly (iGA) after a thorough and careful negotiation among founding members decided and approved at unanimity about the first five-year financial plan. For the first five-year period of E-RIHS ERIC, the estimation for expenditures is shown below (Table 1), evinced from the Document E-RIHS Costbook v.0.7_2020.12.21.

Table 1: The Plan for E-RIHS ERIC Expenditures for the First Five Years

| Cost item / year | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Central Hub | € 736,731 | € 736,731 | € 736,731 | € 736,731 | € 736,731 |
| User-related services² | € 187,305 | € 187,305 | € 187,305 | € 187,305 | € 187,305 |
| Outreach | € 145,384 | € 145,384 | € 145,384 | € 145,384 | € 145,384 |
| TOTAL | € 1,069,420 | € 1,069,420 | € 1,069,420 | € 1,069,420 | € 1,069,420 |

² for ARCHLAB, FIXLAB and MOLAB, including user travels, meetings and trainings.

3.2. CALCULATION OF ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Membership contributions for all Countries potentially interested in joining E-RIHS ERIC are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Membership Fee, Calculated for Founding Members, as Approved by the iGA

| Country | GDP (M€) | k ($\times 10^{-6}$) | A (€) | Total (GDP*k)+A(€) |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Cyprus | 21,721.2 | 0,0723 | 35,000 € | 36,570 € |
| France | 2,361,212.3 | 0,0723 | 35,000 € | 205,830 € |
| Hungary | 136,294.6 | 0,0723 | 35,000 € | 44,860 € |
| Italy | 1,765,801.0 | 0,0723 | 35,000 € | 162,750 € |
| Malta | 12,548.5 | 0,0723 | 35,000 € | 35,910 € |
| Netherlands | 774,126.7 | 0,0723 | 35,000 € | 91,010 € |
| Poland | 499,199.4 | 0,0723 | 35,000 € | 71,120 € |
| Romania | 205,202.3 | 0,0723 | 35,000 € | 49,850 € |
| Slovenia | 45,754.8 | 0,0723 | 35,000 € | 38,310 € |
| Spain | 1,203,626.7 | 0,0723 | 35,000 € | 122,080 € |
| United Kingdom | 2,434,466.8 | 0,0723 | 35,000 € | 211,130 € |

3.3. ESTIMATED ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FIRST FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

The Membership Contributions are based on estimated participation of the countries that have joined the iGA and approved the Documents; they have been confirmed by the first General Assembly.

Table 3: Annual Contributions per Member for the First Five-Year Period

| Country | Contribution type | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Cyprus | Membership | 36,570 € | 36,570 € | 36,570 € | 36,570 € | 36,570 € |
| France | Membership | 205,830 € | 205,830 € | 205,830 € | 205,830 € | 205,830 € |
| Hungary | Membership | 44,860 € | 44,860 € | 44,860 € | 44,860 € | 44,860 € |
| Italy | Membership | 162,750 € | 162,750 € | 162,750 € | 162,750 € | 162,750 € |
| Malta | Membership | 35,910 € | 35,910 € | 35,910 € | 35,910 € | 35,910 € |
| Netherlands | Membership | 91,010 € | 91,010 € | 91,010 € | 91,010 € | 91,010 € |
| Poland | Membership | 71,120 € | 71,120 € | 71,120 € | 71,120 € | 71,120 € |
| Romania | Membership | 49,850 € | 49,850 € | 49,850 € | 49,850 € | 49,850 € |
| Slovenia | Membership | 38,310 € | 38,310 € | 38,310 € | 38,310 € | 38,310 € |
| Spain | Membership | 122,080 € | 122,080 € | 122,080 € | 122,080 € | 122,080 € |
| United Kingdom | Membership | 211,130 € | 211,130 € | 211,130 € | 211,130 € | 211,130 € |
| TOTAL | | 1,069,420 € | 1,069,420 € | 1,069,420 € | 1,069,420 € | 1,069,420 € |