

# ERF – Association of European-level Research Infrastructure Facilities



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# What is ERF ?

The ERF-AISBL was founded in 2007 as a complement to EIROForum to ‘promote the cooperation and the projects between European-level RIs which are open, at international level, to external researchers’

These RIs include national infrastructures as well as European networks and consortia of research infrastructures



# What is ERF for ?

- Acts as a single voice for Members with decision makers at European and national level, supported by widespread consultation and surveys e.g. *LTS, KPIs, Charter for Access, COVID-19 survey*
- Sets up subgroups for Members to work together towards more effective European impact, establishing workshops, and meetings to share and develop best practice, provide training and support other transverse activities e.g. *workshops on access, HR inc. mobility, SEI, tech transfer and relations with industry, data challenges, energy management, public awareness*
- Develops and implement projects and initiatives of common interest with EU and /or international funding e.g. *RESAVER and RAMIRI*

# Where does ERF sit in the European RI Landscape ?

- **Complements** EIROForum, which represents European Facilities/RIs established through international conventions or agreements
- **Complements and** to some extent **overlaps with** ERICForum and ARIE which bring together respectively ERICS and Members of e-DREAM, EMFL, INSPIRE, LASERLab Europe, LEAPS, LENS, RADIATE
- **Complements** ESFRI, which brings together policy makers who represent ministries of Member and Associate Countries
- **Member** of the group of RI Associations – together with ERICForum, EIROForum and EOSC – that provides input to the ERA Forum