

EMBRC HQ Update - N.11

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Background: *The EIB requested the ED to regularly prepare an update on the work progress, with a monthly-bimonthly frequency. The present report covers the period 15th April-15th June 2018.*

Scope: *to Update the GA on progress of main items of the work activity at the Headquarters.*

ERIC Status - Towards the operational phase

- The **first General Assembly of EMBRC-ERIC** took place on the 3rd of May 2018, in Paris. The EMBRC-ERIC **expenditure report 2015-2018, the Budget 2018** were presented and approved.
- The **EMBRC-ERIC launch event** and the handing over of the commemoration plate by the EU Commission will take place on Tuesday the 19th of June in Paris and will gather about 50 high level representatives at Governmental, Commission, University and Operators levels. It will be followed by the 2nd GA meeting on Wednesday the 20th of June.
- EMBRC_HQ is currently working on the **finalisation of administrative issues** ie. Opening of bank account, VAT exemption, registration of the association;
- **The Transfer of Assets** from Sorbonne Université to EMBRC-ERIC needs to be finalised.

ESFRI Report

- **ESFRI Report.** Following the ESFRI hearing, that took place on the 1st Feb 2018, in Brussels, the final ESFRI report is expected in June or July 2018, determining the status of EMBRC-ERIC on the ESFRI roadmap.

HR Recruitment

- EMBRC-ERIC will call for a number of positions to be filled at the Paris Headquarters:
 - Executive Director
 - Project Manager
 - Administrative Assistant
 - Access Officer
 - Communication Officer
- On the 28th of May, Sidonie Gras, Masters Student of Northeastern University (MA, USA) joined EMBRC_HQ for a 6-month stage on the EMBRC-ERIC capacity for long-term ecological observations.

Policy engagement

- **EU-LAC:** Following the EU-LAC RI-WG meeting, to which EMBRC was invited to attend, EMBRC-ERIC submitted an expression of interest to host a visit of LAC country representatives.
- **ESFRI Health and Food Working Group:** I. Nardello invited as BMS Chair and EMBRC-ERIC Executive Director to provide her views on the possibility for trans-disciplinary cooperation among RIs, with reference to the new ESFRI RI landscape, which will be presented with the ESFRI roadmap 2018 – Brussels, 09 May 2018.
- **South-Atlantic Cooperation:** EMBRC-ERIC invited to attend the second high-level stakeholder conference in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. The aim to further operationalise the Belem Statement for South Atlantic Research and Innovation Cooperation.

EU Projects and initiatives

- **INFRADEV III** proposal writing, 2nd meeting, Piran, May 2018.

- **The proposal has passed to second stage for BG-08-2018-2019**, All Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance Flagship: «**AtlantEco**», coordinated by SZN. Meetings expected in June and August.

Governance Meetings

- **CoN Meeting X**, 21-22 May 2018, Piran, Slovenia
- **CoN Meeting XI**, 8-9 October 2018, Villefranche, France

Other events

- **ERIC Forum**, 19th and 20th of April, in Oxford