

**Subject: ESFRI 2021 Roadmap Update - Invitation for FNH-RI Hearing**

Dear Project Coordinator,

ESFRI would like to thank you for the submission of the proposal to the ESFRI Roadmap 2021. The proposal was analysed by the ESFRI Working Group on Implementation and the ESFRI Strategy Working Group(s) relevant for the domain of your research infrastructure.

In order to further discuss your proposal, ESFRI has the pleasure to invite you to a Hearing, which will take place on 15 April 2021 at 09:30 CET. Please confirm your presence to the ESFRI Secretariat ([esfri@ec.europa.eu](mailto:esfri@ec.europa.eu)), no later than 31 March, indicating the names and e-mail addresses of maximum three representatives of the proposal, including the Project Coordinator, who will attend the Hearing.

This Hearing will be organised as follows:

- ESFRI will be represented by an Executive Board member who will chair the Hearing, the SWG and IG Chair, the SWG and IG Rapporteurs and/or Deputy Rapporteurs assigned to the project, SWG members in charge of the project evaluation as well as the European Commission;
- The Project representatives will be offered 40 minutes for the Presentation, specifically addressing the questions prepared by ESFRI, which will be communicated to you by 15 March 2021 in a separate message through the MoS+ system. In order to use the time effectively, we would ask you to strictly address in an oral presentation the issues raised in the questions and not present the overall concept of the project;
- The Presentation will be followed by a 40-minute Questions&Answers session with the panel.

The objective of the Hearing is exclusively a further clarification of the submitted material, therefore no additional documents will be accepted during the Hearing. However, from the 1 April 2021 until the date of the Hearing, you will have the opportunity to submit, via the MoS+ system, any additional letters expressing political support or funding commitment to the project, which you obtained between the proposal submission deadline and the date of the Hearing. You will receive a notification from the MoS+ system. Until the date of the Hearing you are also welcome to submit your presentation, which will be shared with the evaluation panel after the Hearing. The presentation should be sent to the ESFRI Secretariat ([esfri@ec.europa.eu](mailto:esfri@ec.europa.eu)). Please note that no documents will be accepted after the hearing.

After the hearings, ESFRI will continue the evaluation process and is expected to communicate the final results in July 2021.

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