**Expression of Interest (EOI) to participate in a Mapping exercise of Malta’s Research Facilities / Infrastructures (instrumentation, equipment, computing systems, archives, data etc)**

The Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST) is issuing an EOI to identify Research Infrastructures including: instrumentation, equipment, computing systems, archives and data used for research purposes in Malta and Gozo. The main aim is to identify labs, institutes, and other structures who could become candidates to participate in European Research Infrastructures calls. To enable this, the Malta Council for Science and Technology will be implementing a few pilots in the form of study visits for identified Research Facilities based in Malta to visit operational European Research Infrastructures across Europe with a view of connecting the Maltese facilities to World Class Research Infrastructures through joint projects under the Horizon Europe Programme. This data will be used for information purposes and to help in the planning of a new scheme to further assist in the operation and sustainability of our current Research facilities.

Kindly send the completed form to [ian.a.gauci-borda@gov.mt](mailto:ian.a.gauci-borda@gov.mt) by not later than **30 April 2023.**

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| A Research Infrastructure can be:  major scientific equipment or sets of instruments  collections, archives or scientific data  computing systems and communication networks  any other research and innovation infrastructure of a unique nature |

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| **Name of Entity** |  |
| **Name of Research Facility** |  |
| **English-language Website of RI** |  |
| **Website of RI** |  |
| **Description of RI / Research Facility** *(what it is, general objectives, who owns/funds it, when it was established, main networks to which it belongs, principles of access to the services or facilities)*  *Max. 200 words* |  |
| **List/Inventory of all Research Equipment/Instruments, its current use and how old it is** |  |
| **Can you identify any specific needs / New Instrumentation /** **new services required?**  *New Services can also include access to European Research Infrastructures which might have more advanced, better instrumentation, equipment or data which could be tapped.* |  |
| **Can you identify a European Research Infrastructure / ERIC which you think is relevant for your work?** |  |
| **Have you ever been in touch with a European Research Infrstructures or have any sort of relations? YES/NO**  *If you answer YES to this question please state reason why you have not become a member of the RI.* |  |
| **Research Facility / RI Coordinator** *(name and email of person authorized to be contacted and to represent the Research Facility / RI Coordinator)* |  |

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| Research Facility checklist | YES | NO |
| 1. Does the RI have a policy of providing access to users **outside of the country** in which it is located or by which it is coordinated? |  |  |
| 1a. Does your Research facility / RI have a policy of providing access to users **outside your organisation** ?  *(open to for the use of Maltese citizens / entities)* |  |  |
| 2. Does the RI provide clear **access rules** (for example application forms, open calls and contact information) and an access point for users on a publicly available web page? |  |  |
| 3. Does your **website** include the access rules to access your Infrastructure / Facility? |  |  |
| 1. Does the Research Facility / RI receive national, regional or European public funding?   **Please Specify source:**  *(If more than one source of funding kindly provide the approx. percentage (%) share of each source - % of Public funding, % of European Funding, % Private resources etc)* |  |  |
| *Criterion only applicable to RIs that are part of an* [ESFRI](http://www.esfri.eu/) *landmark /project* *as a node*:  6. Does the RI offer any services (including providing access to equipment) in addition to those already being offered through the ESFRI landmark/project?  To clarify, this means that different aspects of the RI can be accessed through two independent access points (e.g. webform, contact person, etc.):   1. The access point of the ESFRI landmark/project for services linked to an ESFRI landmark/project 2. RI’s own access point for services not offered through an ESFRI landmark/project |  |  |

ANNEX I: [List of European Research Infrastructures Landmarks and Projects](https://roadmap2021.esfri.eu/media/1252/rm21-part-3.pdf)

# ANNEX II: [2023-2024 Work Programme of Calls for Research Infrastructures under Horizon Europe](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023-2024/wp-3-research-infrastructures_horizon-2023-2024_en.pdf)