

# ERIC FORUM

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# Background and milestones

- **1st ERIC network meeting organized by EC** in Brussels; request by EC to ERICs to become „independent“ and more structured.
- So far **six network meetings organized by ERICs**.
- 4<sup>th</sup> ERIC network meeting/ Amsterdam: Fabio Mazzolini, Markus Pasterk and Andrea Oepen got an unofficial **mandate** to draft a proposal for an intensified collaboration between ERICs.
- Proposal to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding the setting up of an ERIC Forum discussed on the 5<sup>th</sup> ERIC network meeting in Paris.
- **Signing of the MoU** in Helsinki during 6<sup>th</sup> ERIC network meeting.
- Today: 1<sup>st</sup> official **ERIC Forum** meeting, Graz.
- Next step?

# ERIC H2020 project

- Aim:
  - strengthen the structured cooperation between ERICs;
  - facilitate the preparation of ERICs to be established;
  - strengthen the capacity of ERICs of developing where appropriate harmonised internal regulations and policies based on best practices;
  - enhance the visibility of ERICs vis-à-vis stakeholders and policy makers
- Conditions:
  - Opening: 05 Dec 2017; Deadline 22 Mar 2018
  - Duration: three years
  - **Project will not start before the end of 2018.**

# Do we need a transition phase?

- Perspective: another full year without a project-related structure, **but**
- Urgent tasks:
  - **address list**,
  - **Website** (as well as a logo)
  - **Representation** of ERIC Forum (upcoming events: Bulgarian Presidency event – 22-23 March 2018; ICRI – 12-14 September 2018)
  - **Collaborative activities** /MoU : e.g. Position paper FP9
- MoU does not foresee any governance structure, but as a collaborative activity the **definition of a Forum governance framework**.

# How to become „operational“?

Interim structure as long as no formal decision about the structure is taken:

- Continuation of the unformal mandate:
  - Implement actions for which a permission can be assumed (website, address list etc.)
  - Including **right of initiative** to propose some actions, on which all ERICs have to agree
  - Draft of proposal for **internal rules** to be discussed during the 2nd ERIC Forum meeting.

# Our Vision?

## Best practise example: EIROforum

- Governance:
  - Basis: charter
  - Council (= Assembly of Director Generals)
  - Coordination Group (= Senior officials of partners)
  - Working Groups
- Activities:
  - Common outreach activities, simplify high level interactions with EC; co-ordinated representation ; policy papers


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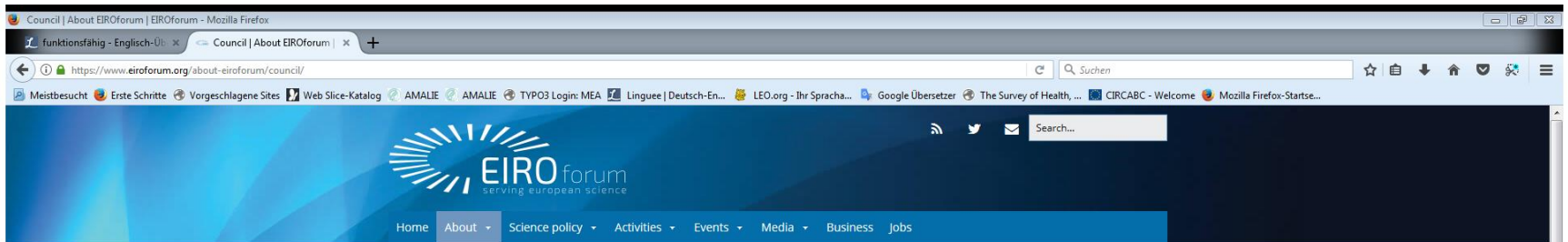


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## Council

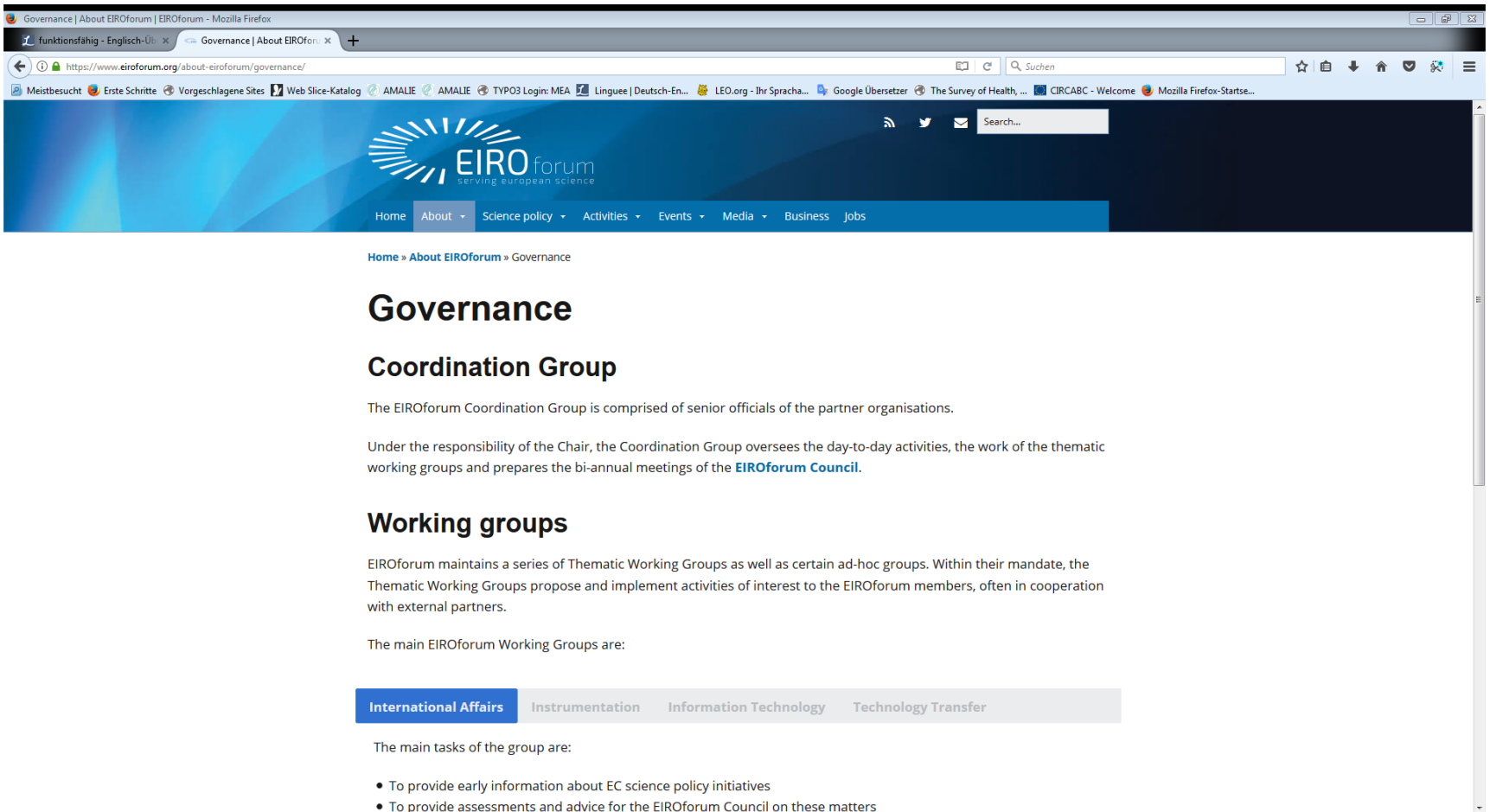
The EIROforum Council is comprised of the Directors-General (or equivalents) of the member organisations. As such, the EIROforum is an authoritative and representative actor in the current process of creating the European Research Area.

EIROforum's [Directors General Assemblies](#) take place twice a year, in spring and autumn.

### EIROforum Council members







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## Governance

### Coordination Group

The EIROforum Coordination Group is comprised of senior officials of the partner organisations.

Under the responsibility of the Chair, the Coordination Group oversees the day-to-day activities, the work of the thematic working groups and prepares the bi-annual meetings of the **EIROforum Council**.

### Working groups

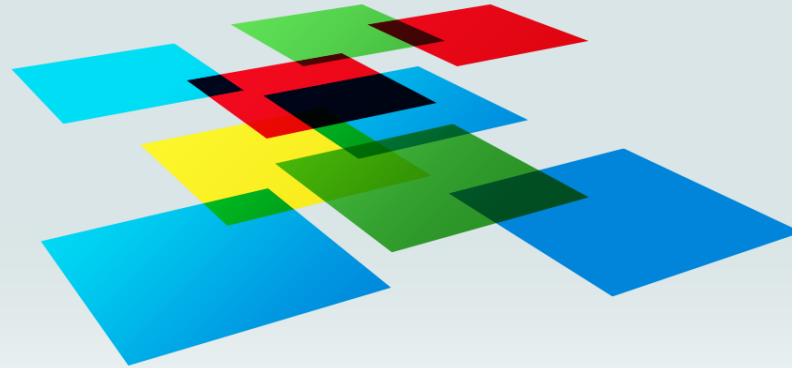
EIROforum maintains a series of Thematic Working Groups as well as certain ad-hoc groups. Within their mandate, the Thematic Working Groups propose and implement activities of interest to the EIROforum members, often in cooperation with external partners.

The main EIROforum Working Groups are:

- [International Affairs](#)
- [Instrumentation](#)
- [Information Technology](#)
- [Technology Transfer](#)

The main tasks of the group are:

- To provide early information about EC science policy initiatives
- To provide assessments and advice for the EIROforum Council on these matters



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Thank you

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