

Decision of the G7 Science Ministers

New mandate of GSO on Global Research Infrastructures

Research Infrastructures are key elements in research and innovation policies worldwide. Many of them deliver substantial knowledge for addressing global challenges and sustainable development goals. Their complexity, the global nature of scientific challenges and resource efficiency are drivers for international cooperation and concerted efforts in the field of “Global Research Infrastructures (GRI)”.

Therefore, in 2008, we decided to establish the “Group of Senior Officials on Global Research Infrastructures (GSO on GRIs)” in order to promote information sharing and facilitate international cooperation on the planning and development of global research infrastructures. Since then, the group

- regularly exchanged information on GRI amongst its members,
- elaborated and updated a Framework of basic principles for the establishment and operation of GRI,
- examined case studies to study best practices for the establishment and operation of GRI,
- delivered a list of research infrastructures open to global cooperation and new partners, and
- created the concept of “global Excellence based Access to Research Infrastructures”.

We welcome the progress of the GSO and in particular support the following future activities:

- Sharing information on plans for upgrading, new construction and/or further cooperation of research infrastructures with potential global relevance;
- Facilitating the mutual access to research infrastructure roadmaps and catalogues as well as identifying common gaps;
- Updating the GSO Framework and identifying further good practices for the establishment and development of future GRIs.