Opportunities the European Green Deal and Energy Union provide for RIs



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The "whats", "hows" and "whys" of the European RIs



Tools for science operating as facilities, resources and services;



Develop our **technology** and provide a **thruster** for the advancement of **knowledge** by offering unique research services to the **users** and **stakeholders** from many states;



Conduct top-level research in **all** possible scientific **disciplines**: from social sciences to astronomy and from genomics to nanotechnologies;



Vehicles to break current barriers both within and between disciplines are ready to play their role within the new Framework;

...but what do they offer to the new Framework?



The European RIs offer...



On the science side

Consilience (unity of knowledge): "Literally a 'jumping together' of knowledge by the linking of facts and fact-based theory across disciplines to create a common groundwork of explanation."

Synthetic knowledge: Looking for knowledge stemming out of evidence from as many disciplines as possible (cross-domain).



On the technology side

An environment **boosting integration**, **community de-fragmentation**, and **innovation** and **growth**, practically without limits.

But...they are facing challenges: scientific, technical, societal, cultural Are the RIs need to be organically linked to Green Deal & Energy Union?

Opportunities for the RIs in the Green Deal & Union Energy

- New challenges for the RIs to expand: further developing science and technology in supporting the Union, assisting policies and serving communities;
- Assist EU to address the UN's SDGs;
- Access to new initiatives (e.g. Missions, Clusters, etc.);
- Deliver science-based and nature based solutions to global challenges;
- **Synergies** with public funding, businesses and industry, towards a new innovation landscape;
- Cross-domain integration, technical composability, community de-fragmentation in a wide spectrum of topics: clean energy, sustainable industry, building and renovating, sustainable mobility, biodiversity, from farm to fork, eliminating pollution.





