



“On 10th September 2020, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports launched the new roadmapping exercise of large research infrastructures of the Czech Republic. The outcomes of the international peer-review assessment will serve as an expert basis to adopt informed political decision by the Government of the Czech Republic on public funding of large research infrastructures in 2023–2029. As a follow up, the Roadmap of Large Research Infrastructures of the Czech Republic will be updated in 2023.”

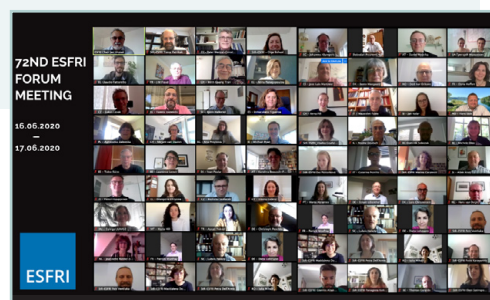
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72nd ESFRI plenary meeting was held virtually

The 72nd plenary session of **European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)** took place virtually in mid-June 2020. The main agenda topics were the presentation of ESFRI **actions developed in response to the SARS-CoV-2/Covid-19 pandemic**, progress in the **ESFRI Roadmap 2021** preparation, and debate on measures to implement the **ESFRI White Paper 2020**. Mandates of ESFRI Chair, Strategy Working Group Chairs and Executive Board Members have been extended by 31st December 2021.



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Importance of science and research infrastructure for fighting the SARS-CoV-2/Covid-19 pandemic

On 15th July 2020, the conference entitled **“Science and Research in the Fight against the SARS-CoV-2/Covid-19 Pandemic – Research Infrastructure as a part of the Critical Infrastructure of the State”** emphasized the role of research infrastructure, and science and research in general, when fighting the health and other socioeconomic impacts of the SARS-CoV-2/Covid-19 pandemic. **The complete video-recording of the conference is available in Czech and English for downloading on dedicated website.**

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International peer-review assessment of large research infrastructures of the Czech Republic in 2021

On 10th September 2020, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports launched the **call for submission of the documentation for the international peer-review assessment of large research infrastructures of the Czech Republic**, to be held in 2021. Besides currently financed facilities, for which the evaluation will be an interim assessment, new project proposals, to address the gaps identified in the Czech large research infrastructure landscape, will be ex-ante evaluated. Dossiers are due to 10th December 2020.



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European Open Science Cloud symposium, 19th – 22nd October 2020

This year's largest event organised by the **European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)** stakeholders will go virtual on 19th – 22nd October 2020. The **EOSC Symposium 2020** will bring together researchers, data scientists, e-infrastructures, research infrastructures, EOSC project participants, EOSC Working Group members, and representatives of EU Member States and Associated Countries to discuss the final steps towards the establishment of a first version of a fully-fledged European Open Science Cloud.

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