



*"The family of the European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERIC) is growing in number. The ERIC Regulation has already provided the legal basis for operations of 24 European research infrastructures, out of which 16 are participated by Czechia. Setting-up of 3 new ERIC consortia, managing operations of the ACTRIS, CTA and INFRAFRONTIER European research infrastructures, is expected this year or early next year. It's memorable that the ERIC Regulation entered the EU legislative regulatory framework in 2009 during the first Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU. Since then, it has proved its irreplaceable and indispensable role and mission in integrating the European research infrastructure ecosystem."*

Dr Jan HRUŠÁK  
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## CTAO ERIC consortium is one step closer to establishment

On 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022, Italy, as the future host country of the statutory seat of the **CTAO ERIC** (*Cherenkov Telescope Array Observatory – European Research Infrastructure Consortium*) consortium, submitted to the European Commission the application to set up the consortium. Czechia will become a Founding Member of the CTAO ERIC cooperation through the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and the **CTA-CZ** large research infrastructure project of the Czech Academy of Sciences' Institute of Physics.

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## LUMI supercomputer has been inaugurated

On 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022, the inauguration of the **LUMI supercomputer** took place in Kajaani, Finland. LUMI, owned by the **EuroHPC Joint Undertaking** and operated by a consortium of ten European countries, is the **3<sup>rd</sup> in the TOP 500** ranking of the world's most powerful supercomputers and the leading one in Europe with a measured performance of 151.9 PFlop/s that will be increased to the target 550 PFlop/s. Czechia is involved through the **IT4Innovations** National Supercomputing Centre, a part of **e-INFRA CZ**.

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## Application to set up INFRAFRONTIER ERIC has been submitted

On 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Germany, Czechia, Finland and France put forward the step 2 application for setting up **INFRAFRONTIER** (*European Research Infrastructure for the Generation, Phenotyping, Archiving and Distribution of Model Mammalian Genomes*) as an ERIC (*European Research Infrastructure Consortium*) consortium. Czechia will engage in INFRAFRONTIER ERIC via **CCP** (*Czech Centre for Phenogenomics*), operated by the Institute of Molecular Genetics of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

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## ELI ERIC names Andrew Harrison Director of Science

Prof Andrew Harrison, CEO of the **Diamond Light Source** since 2014, will join **ELI ERIC** (*Extreme Light Infrastructure – European Research Infrastructure Consortium*) as Director of Science. He has extensive experience with top-class research infrastructures. He was Director General and Associate Director for Science at **ILL** (*Institute Laue-Langevin*), the world's leading neutron source. He chaired the EIROForum. Currently, he chairs **ERF**, an association of Europe's leading research infrastructures not in EIROForum.

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