

# MO Forum on Research Infrastructures

Three years of activities

# Why do we need a Forum?

- ▶ RPOs and RFOs as important stakeholders
- ▶ Representation of MOs in European discussions of ERA
- ▶ Positioned between ministries and researchers
- ▶ Boundary conditions of RI funding and operation require European discussion
- ▶ Many important RI topics are independent of RI size
- ▶ Development of funding schemes according to requirements from science

- ▶ Annual meetings
- ▶ Representation in European discussions
- ▶ Contributions to several papers/publications
- ▶ Basic requirements for RIs
- ▶ Joint MOFRI/MERIL/ESFRI workshop on European relevance
- ▶ MERIL

# What requires continuation?

- ▶ Intense interaction with scientific community
- ▶ Actions on mobility
- ▶ Fostering networks of RIs
- ▶ Joint funding of RIs
- ▶ Legal aspects
- ▶ Financial aspects (for example structural funds)
- ▶ MOFRI and ESFRI, alignment of activities

**→ NEW WORKING GROUP of SCIENCE EUROPE in 2013**

- ▶ MOFRI serves for a joint understanding of RI related topics
- ▶ MOFRI enables discussion and dissemination of results
- ▶ Funding schemes can be improved based on that
- ▶ MERIL as platform for researchers
- ▶ MERIL as platform for MOs/policy makers