

From:
ACTRIS PPP Office
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To:
ACTRIS Romania
Represented by Doina Nicolae

ACTRIS (Aerosols, Clouds, and Trace Gases Research Infrastructure) has been approved to the ESFRI Roadmap 2016 on research infrastructures as a new project in March 2016. ACTRIS aims to establish a distributed European research infrastructure consisting of Central Facilities (Calibration Centres, Data Centre, Head Office) and National Facilities (observing and exploratory platforms). When operational, ACTRIS will provide quality controlled observational atmospheric data, calibration services, expertise and training to the scientific community and other users.

21 countries have participated in the preparation of ACTRIS, and 86 institutions have addressed their support to the project. Five countries (Finland, France, Italy, Czech Republic, and Romania) have expressed support and funding commitment for a pan-European ACTRIS, and further six countries have also expressed their political support.

As one of the core ACTRIS countries, Romania participates in the Interim ACTRIS Council, which is established to discuss and approve strategic issues such as legal, governance and financial implementations, site selection and location of facilities. During the implementation phase the Interim ACTRIS Council is the highest decision-making body in ACTRIS, with a mandate coming from ministries and funding agencies of the ACTRIS Member Countries.

ACTRIS is now in process of organizing its first Interim Council meeting. Also, the ACTRIS Preparatory Phase Project (ACTRIS PPP) under the EU Horizon 2020 programme has been approved by the European Commission and will have its Kick-off in February 2017. The aim of these processes is to have ACTRIS operational in 2020.

By this letter we confirm that the National Institute of R&D for Optoelectronics (INOE) is the representative of the Romanian institutions and Romanian scientific community in ACTRIS. INOE also leads a crucial work package in the ACTRIS Preparatory Phase Project: WP4 Central Facilities. The objectives of this work package are to design, set-up, and prepare for operation the central facilities in ACTRIS.

Additionally, "Babes-Bolyai" University of Cluj-Napoca (UBB) and National Institute for Aerospace Research "Elie Carafoli" (INCAS) are included in the preparation of ACTRIS as associated partners in ACTRIS PPP and by providing part of the Romanian contribution of ACTRIS facilities at national level.

As the Coordinator of the ACTRIS Preparatory Phase Project, we strongly support the initiative of the ACTRIS-RO consortium to develop its facilities towards a fully sustainable operational infrastructure.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sanna Sorvari", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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