



How do European Research Infrastructures contribute to tackling Grand Societal Challenges?

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Society is facing challenges that are both global and complex:

- How will we improve our food-systems to feed a world population which might have doubled by 2050?
- How will we maintain an acceptable quality of life despite each generation will be longer lived than the prior one?
- Which alternative sources of energy will we develop to counterbalance the exhaustion of fossil fuels?
- How will we preserve our cultural heritage?

Find out more about the key role European Research Infrastructures are playing in meeting these grand challenges!

Moderator:

Tim Radford

Freelance science writer (former The Guardian)

General introduction to the objectives of the session and set up

Speakers:

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Welcome address; Embedding of the session in MOFRI/MERIL activities

Martin Hrabé de Angelis

Director of the Institute for Experimental Genetics, Helmholtz Centre Munich

Views from the bio-medical sciences

Milena Žic-Fuchs

Chair of the ESF Standing Committee for the Humanities/ Professor in Linguistics at the University of Zagreb

Views from the Humanities science base

Pär Omling

President of the European Science Foundation (ESF)/ Vice-President of Science Europe (former President of the Swedish Research Council)

Views from the national and European science policy and funding perspective

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