



"The Presidency of Czechia of the Council of the EU will be commenced with the flagship Conference on Synergies in the Research and Innovation Funding in Europe, to be held from 7th to 8th July 2022 in the premises of the Prague Congress Centre. The topic of synergies will be approached from various angles and different perspectives, including the research infrastructure one. The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports has devoted a parallel break-out session, to be attended by leading European stakeholders, to debate how to exploit the full potential of synergies in the area of research infrastructure policy-making and funding. The conference will be arranged as a hybrid event with about 350 participants present in person and many others following the webstream. The conclusions from the event will be recorded in the so-called Prague Declaration on Synergies in the Research and Innovation Funding in Europe, to be later endorsed by European Research Ministers."

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Conference on synergies in the research and innovation funding in Europe

At the beginning of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU, the **Conference on Synergies in the Research and Innovation Funding in Europe** will be held in Prague from 7th to 8th July 2022. The event will be followed by the Informal Meeting of European Research Ministers in Prague on 21st and 22nd July 2022, including a political debate on synergies. The Czech EU Council Presidency will also facilitate the debates of the EU Member States to adopt the EU Council Conclusions on Synergies.

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SHARE-ERIC becomes long-term

The Council delegates of Europe's largest social science panel study, the **Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)**, unanimously adopted the decision to extend the duration of SHARE-ERIC beyond 2024, when SHARE-ERIC would have terminated. SHARE, aimed at studying the effects of health, social, economic and environmental policies over the life-course of European citizens, thereby becomes long-term. Czechia is engaged in the SHARE-ERIC consortium via the **SHARE-CZ** national node.

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ICOS ERIC stakeholders met in Prague

The General Assembly of the **ICOS ERIC (Integrated Carbon Observation System)** consortium held its 16th meeting in the Czech Academy of Sciences' Villa Lanna in Prague from 17th to 18th May 2022. On this occasion, thirteen new greenhouse gas measurement stations including those operated in Bílý Kříž and Lanžhot by the **CzeCOS** large research infrastructure were granted the ICOS ERIC certification after passing a rigorous quality assurance process stipulated for the standardised ICOS data production.

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EOSC Roadshow 2022

On 3rd and 10th June 2022, the e-INFRA CZ e-infrastructure organised a series of events aimed at debating the implementation of the **European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)** initiative in Czechia. The **EOSC Roadshow 2022** was held in Prague, Brno and Ostrava. Development of the Czech national data infrastructure to process, store and share scientific data in accordance with the FAIR principles will be funded with EUR 120 million investment from the **Operational Programme Johannes Amos Comenius**.

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