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a smarter future“
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Role of Research Infrastructures

- ▶ **Excellent RIs – a precondition for the excellence of European, national or regional R&I eco-systems. Initial objectives of ERA in the area of RIs attained**
- ▶ **Excellent European RI of key importance in a cross-sectoral and knowledge-based approach to efficiently address the great challenges of our time**
- ▶ **European RI play a crucial role in our common fight against COVID-19**
- ▶ **Medium-sized and large RI essential for conducting the most demanding research**



Effective, sustainable and impactful European Research Infrastructure

- ▶ The role of RIs in looking for knowledge-based solutions to challenges like climate crisis, digital revolution and human-centric development of AI
- ▶ Vision from the ESFRI White Paper should be kept in mind in the process of ERA evolution
- ▶ For more R&I impact in the main political priorities of the EU we need more „directionality“ in the future ERA
- ▶ In their essence, R&I are curiosity driven – need to nurture experimentation and „blue skies“ research, also within European RIs



Slovenian contribution to the (European) Research Infrastructure

- ▶ Importance of access of Slovenian researchers to large European and global RIs
- ▶ Participation of Slovenia in large European and global RIs and in activities of ESFRI. National Research Infrastructures Roadmap (NRRI 2011-2020).
- ▶ Slovenian HPC capacities and NMR Centre
- ▶ Main strategic principle – integrating, upgrading and maintaining our existing national activities, facilities and resources
- ▶ Effects of the substantial public investment in RI do not appear immediately, but in the long term constitute the basis for competitive research and maintenance of the highest international standards