

The voice of Research Infrastructures in Europe

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Mission and Ambition



- ► ERF is the largest association of European-level Research Infrastructures and networks of Research Infrastructures.
- ▶ **Statutory mission:** encouraging "the coordination, the development, the setting-up and the operation of high-quality infrastructures, open at world level, contributing to the strength of the European Research Area".

Vision and ambition:

- Representing the interests of Research Infrastructures towards decision-makers and funding agencies at EU and national levels
- Promoting the long-term sustainability of RIs
- Identifying and disseminating best practices in all areas of RI management and operation
- Fostering multi-disciplinary exchanges and collaborations among RIs.

Organisation



 Legal structure: international association under Belgian law (legal personality and capacity) since 2013

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2008	2013		

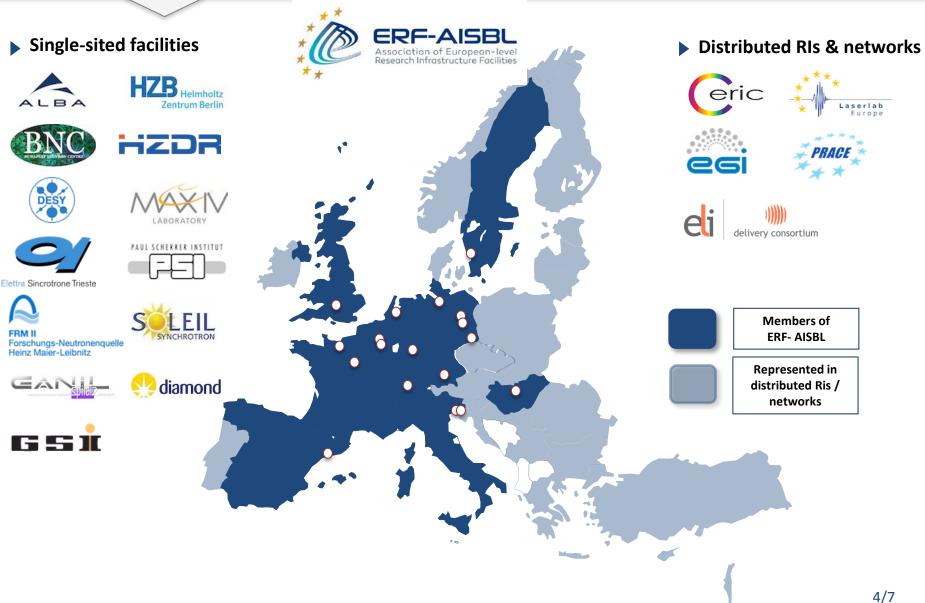
Statutory bodies:

- General Assembly: strategies, annual budget, admission of new Members
- Executive Board: daily management
- Chair

Conditions for accession:

- Membership open to operators or owners of Europeanlevel RIs or representatives of consortia of RIs
- Members should provide <u>open and quality-based</u> <u>international access</u> to experimental devices, computing engines and/or research services unique in their fields.

A truly European membership across disciplines



Diverse activities



ERF-AISBL activities

Regular workshops

- Open access and open data
- Human resources mobility
- Energy sustainability
- Socio-economic impact of RIs
- Technology transfer
- Industrial relations
- Public awareness of RIs

Chapters and working groups

- Best practices / Policy papers
- Coordination for better impact at European level

Representation

 Participation in ERA Stakeholders' Platform