STRATEGY AND FUNDING NEEDS FOR TRANSNATIONAL ACCESS

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Supporting environmental research with integrated solutions

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MULTI INSTRUMENTED RESEARCH PLATFORMS WITHIN DISTRIBUTED ENVRIS

- **◆Fundamental** in addressing process studies during short-term targeted experiment
- **CFoundational** in Environmental distributed Ris for providing information on long-term trends and variability
- **CAttractive** to users in both the Academic users and the Private sector











PHYSICAL ACCESS TO RESEARCH PLATFORMS ACROSS ENVRIS

- **C**Physical access in distributed ENVRIS
 - ■Physical access is not a systematic priority in ENVRI business model (data provision is)
 - Marginal / Fixed costs are relatively high preventing stakeholders (hosts) to engaged in full support of physical access
 - Project-based funding (including INFRAproject) is an option but with limited sustainability
 - Wery few users can afford costs (even marginal) of physical access

Physical Access is not addressed as a programmatic action by single RIs

LESSONS FOR FAVOURING PHYSICAL ACCESS FROM ENVRI

- Physical Access is efficiently addressed in a joint programming in ENVRIs
 - Improved Visibility and attractiveness for all user types
- Joint strategies for physical access serve **bridging** research across disciplines (key to many environmental challenges)
- Efforts must be made to **provide a more unified** scheme to physical access across ENVRI platforms
 - Charmonized procedures for Type of access, Pricing, IPR, etc..













TOWARDS A PAN-EUROPEAN PHYSICAL ACCESS PROGRAM IN ENVRIS

- **CENVRI** appears the right dimension for promoting Physical Access
 - Multi-disciplinarity is a key driver of innovation- Many ENVRI platforms are by essence multi-disciplinary
 - proposing a coherent access strategy across ENVRIs will increase visibility and use, in particular for the <u>international</u> <u>dimension</u>
 - Optimal cost-benefit for users: maintaining <u>attractiveness</u> (catalogue of services, facilitated access) and <u>trust</u>
- **C**Options for sustainable physical access schemes in ENVRIS (principles, cost sharing mechanisms) have been proposed **DVLENVRIPLUS**

RECOMMENDATION FOR NEXT STEP BEYOND ENVRIPLUS

- An access program attractive to funders and users: adding value for research and innovation, promoting international use of ENVRI platforms, privileging sponsored access to users,..
- **C**A Common understanding where all stakeholders (European, national, RI, users):
 - Contribute to a fair level to support access costs
 - Coordinate the available funding mechanisms
 - ■Ensure the mechanism is not restricted to the INFRA project framework



