

A banner image showing a map of Europe with glowing yellow and orange lines representing research networks. The European Union flag is visible in the top center.

European Research Area

An open space
for **knowledge** and **growth**

Overcome Fragmentation in Research & Innovation

- ❖ The **European Research Area** - an area in which researchers, scientific knowledge and technology circulate freely
- ❖ **Open Access** is a good example
- ❖ **Horizon2020** - an instrument to overcome fragmentation
- ❖ Provide incentives for European Union Member States to orientate national research policies towards **common objectives**

- ❖ The European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) – a platform where Research Infrastructures are programmed and discussed
- ❖ Develop the scientific integration of Europe and to strengthen its international outreach
- ❖ Access to high quality facilities
- ❖ Wide concept of Research Infrastructures - distributed Research Infrastructures notable in the domains of health, biotechnology, environmental and social sciences

Group of Senior Officials (GSO)

- ❖ Framework to address **global challenges** in a **multi-lateral context**
- ❖ Research Infrastructures have to be global as the challenges they address are global
- ❖ **Facilitate the cooperation** in the context of Global Research Infrastructures and help to **provide access** to researchers from all the world