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Do's en don'ts in setting up European Research Infrastructures

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The landscape of European research infrastructures (RIs), even when we just look at the area of environment, is mind-boggling complex. Why and how would you like to enter this world and what does it take? Some answers based on personal experience will be given.

One of the most important issues for research infrastructures is how to provide access to the data and to make sure that in 20 or even 50 years from now people and machines can still make use of the RIs' data. What are the requirements for this and what tools are available now to accomplish this?