

Press Release

EARTO Economic Footprint Study: Impact of 9 European RTOs in 2014

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Today, EARTO launched its [new publication](#) "Economic Footprint Study: Impact of 9 European RTOs in 2014" at an event which welcomed some 90 participants from EU Institutions, RTOs, industry, among other stakeholders in Brussels. In addition to a presentation on the study by IDEA Consult, the event hosted a [high-level debate](#) on "Impact of Research & Innovation Investments" with representatives from RTOs, EIB and the European Commission DG CONNECT, DG JRC and DG R&I.

The study revealed that in 2014, the aggregated effects of the core-activities as well as activities generated through the bilateral contracts and the spin-offs of these 9 RTOs, resulted in the figures shown in the adjacent graph.

The 9 RTOs used for the study represent 1/3 of EARTO members in terms of employees and turnover: [CEA](#) (France), [DTI](#) (Denmark), [Fraunhofer](#) (Germany), [imec](#) (Belgium), [SINTEF](#) (Norway), [SP](#) (Sweden), [Tecnalia](#) (Spain), [TNO](#) (Netherlands) and [VTT](#) (Finland).

During the launch of this study, EARTO Interim President since 1st January 2016, Mr Frank Treppe, Director Corporate Strategy and International Affairs, Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, welcomed the positive feedback from the high-level panel and explained: *"Demonstrating impact is a key issue in today's economical context where the priority is to boost jobs & growth. These figures are clearly showing the very positive and significant impact of RTOs to EU economy and that applied research is paying off very well!"*

EARTO members will continue their efforts to further develop clearer picture and understanding of RTOs impact on growth and jobs in Europe in collaboration with EU, national and regional policy-makers.

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Links to documents:

- [Study Summary Brochure](#)
- [Study Summary Presentation](#)
- [Full Study with Methodology](#)
- [Event Webpage](#)

Notes to Editors

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Research and Technology Organisations (RTOs) have a distinct mission and a key role in the knowledge and innovation economy: they produce, integrate and transfer science and technology to help resolve the grand challenges of society and support Europe's industrial competitiveness. RTOs occupy nodal positions within innovation eco-systems, bringing together key players across the whole innovation chain, from fundamental to technological research, from product and process development to prototyping and demonstration, and on to full-scale implementation in the public and private sectors.

EARTO is the European trade association of the research and technology organisations (RTOs), a non-profit organisation founded in 1999. EARTO groups over 350 RTOs with a combined staff of 150,000, an annual turnover of €23 billion, special equipment and facilities to a value of many € billions and more than 100,000 customers from the public and private sectors annually. [EARTO Corporate Video](#)

