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*Cooperating for Excellence in Research*



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## Objectives (1)

Contributing to a leading role of Europe in ICT:

- by building a European-wide, open network of centres of excellence in ICT.
- by excelling in research and by acting as a bridge to applications.
- by being internationally recognized as a major representative organisation in its field; the portal which gives access to all relevant ICT research groups in Europe.



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## Objectives (2)

- by acting as an interface for the non-EU member institutions within the European Community and other international organisations.
- by cooperating with other international organisations in its field.
- by promoting cooperation in research, technology transfer, innovation and training.

**Thus creating added value for its members,  
for their countries and for Europe.**

The **ERCIM community** is supported by a  
**Consortium of two bodies:**

**ERCIM AISBL**, an international non-profit association under Belgian law, carrying on the activities of ERCIM concerning collaborative research, networking, and support.

**ERCIM EEIG**, the European Economic Interest Grouping, the European Economic Interest Grouping, responsible for managing the ERCIM Office and hosting the W3C European Host.



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ERCIM is a consortium of leading European research institutions committed to information technology and applied mathematics.



## Members



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## Members

Member	Country	Size*	Member since
★ CNR (IT)	Italy	250	1991
CWI	The Netherlands	200	1989 (founding member)
★ Fraunhofer (ICT)	Germany	1750	1989 (founding member, formerly GMD)
FNR	Luxembourg	150	2002
★ FORTH (IT)	Greece	200	2000
★ Inria	France	1800	1989 (founding member)
INESC	Portugal	800	2012
ISI	Greece	50	2008
NTNU	Norway	800	2002
RISE SICS	Sweden	110	1992
SBA	Austria	50	2013
SIMULA	Norway	125	2019
SZTAKI	Hungary	350	1994
UCY	Cyprus	100	2011
UWAW	Poland	250	2007
VTT (IT)	Finland	400	1993

\* estimated staff (FTE) in areas relevant to ERCIM

★ **Members  
of ERCIM EEIG**

## ERCIM AISBL President

Björn Levin

RISE-SICS, Sweden

## ERCIM EEIG President

Bruno Sportisse

President of Inria, France

## ERCIM Office

Manager: Philipp Hoschka

**ERCIM considers it a high priority to develop cooperation with scientists all over the world. ERCIM:**

- hosts the European branch of the World Wide Web Consortium
- participates in EU activities
- has established contacts/cooperation with
  - Informatics Europe
  - European Mathematical Society
  - ETSI, the European Telecommunications Standards Institute
  - European Science Foundation
  - EFICST



**With a pool of IT experts from many European institutes, ERCIM has carried out:**

- Evaluations for the World Bank's INFODEV Programme
- Promotion activity for the EU IST Programme in Latin America
- Organization of strategic workshops (Beyond-The-Horizon, EU-Mediterranean co-operations, EU-US National Science Foundation strategic workshops, EU-India)
- Studies for the EC such as: Cooperation in Grid research between EU and South East Asian countries; Internet in the Mediterranean Region, Tunisian Research in IT, HPCN in the southern Mediterranean Region
- Consultancy in research project management.

## **ERCIM, the European Host of W3C**

ERCIM EEIG became the European host of W3C in January 2003

Three of the European Chapters are currently based at ERCIM institutes, namely at CWI (Benelux), FORTH (Greece) and SZTAKI (Hungary).

Originally, W3C Offices were located at the ERCIM institutes CWI, Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, FORTH, SZTAKI, CNR, RISE/SICS and STFC).



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## **Present Links with W3C**

- ERCIM members involved in Internet/Web research
- Participation in W3C working groups
- Three ERCIM members host W3C Chapters
- Joint participation in EU projects.

## **Potential for the Future**

- ERCIM: research in Web technologies
- W3C: technology transfer and Web standards adoption by EU industry
- Broader base in Europe for W3C
- Increased European participation in Web standardisation
- W3C – ERCIM joint Horizon Europe projects.

### **ERCIM participates in research projects as coordinator or partner**

**Scientific activities:** carried out by ERCIM members

**Administrative tasks:** carried out by the ERCIM office.

Through ERCIM, our member  
institutes have participated in more  
than 100 EU-funded projects

### **Current/recent projects include:**

TRAPEZE, GATEKEEPER, WAI-COOP,  
WAI-GUIDE, Data Market Services, etc.

### **Past projects:**

ABCDE, BigDataEurope, SPECIAL, VRE4EIC,  
WAI-ACT, and many others.

See <https://www.ercim.eu/activity/projects>

- Blockchain Technology
- Computational and Methodological Statistics
- Dependable Software-Intensive Embedded Systems
- Ethics – Beyond Compliance
- Formal Methods for Industrial Critical Systems
- Image and Video Understanding (MUSCLE)
- Linked Data
- Security and Trust Management

- Organise workshops
- Prepare common projects
- Receive fellows from ERCIM's fellowship programme
- Are entitled to financial support

## Expert Groups

- Big Data
- Security and Privacy
- Open Access
- AI

- Are established on the initiative of the ERCIM Board to investigate current topics
- Limited period
- Produce strategic papers to coordinate relevant activities of common interest
- Receive financial support



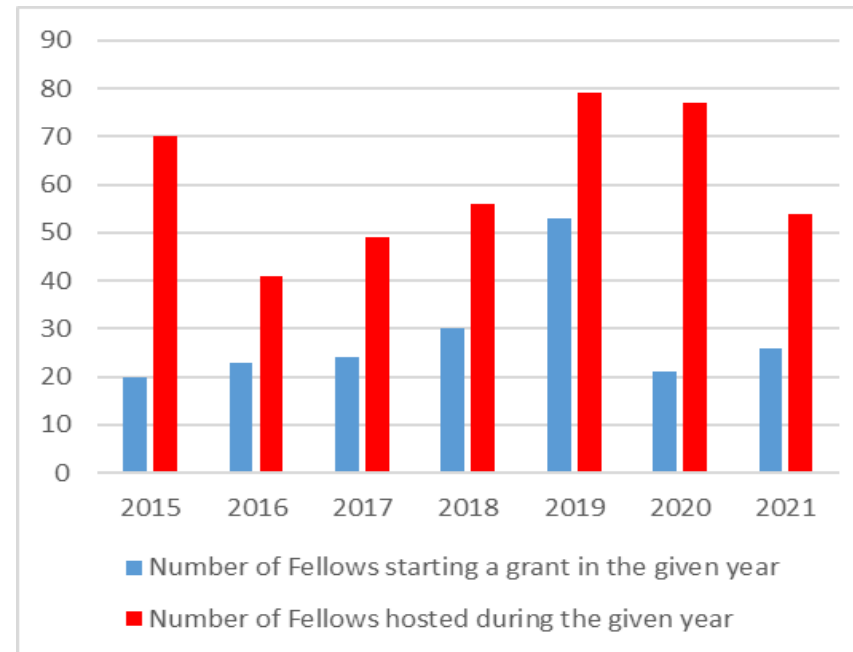
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## Human Capital

### Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme

- Open to PhDs, world-wide
- Over 750 fellowships awarded since 1990
- 12 months duration at an ERCIM institute (with possible extension)
- Co-funded by the EC Marie-Curie Co-fund program from 2012-2015
- Includes exchange programme for a short visit in a second ERCIM institute (Research Exchange Programme)
- Competitive salary





### Cor Baayen Young Researcher Award

- awarded every year to a promising young researcher in computer science and applied mathematics.
- created in 1995 to honour the first ERCIM President.
- consists of a cheque for 5000 Euro together with an award certificate.

#### Latest Winners:

- 2020: Stefano Cresci
- 2019: Ninon Burgos and András Gilyén
- 2018: Martina Lindorfer
- 2017: Tim Baarslag
- 2016: Michał Pilipczuk
- 2015: Zuzana Kukelova

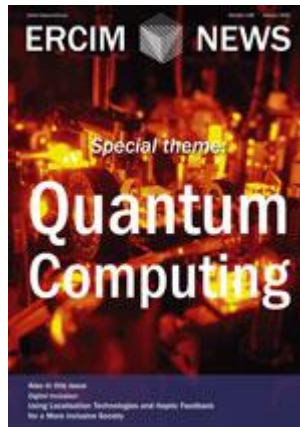


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## Outreach

### ERCIM News



- Quarterly magazine
- Free subscription
- Published in print (circulation 2000 copies) and online (+8500 subscribers)
- Referenced by dblp
- Each issue features a special theme
- About 120 articles published per year



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