The 9th meeting of the Group of Senior Officials (GSO) on Global Research Infrastructures (GRI) was held in Naples (Italy) on May 15th and 16th 2017. The meeting has been jointly hosted by the Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia (INGV) and the Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn (SZN) on behalf of the Italian government. The two hosting research organizations actively participate, also with a coordinating role, in Research Infrastructures of the ESFRI Roadmap, namely the European Plate Observing Systems (EPOS) and European Marine Biological Research Center (EMBRC).

The GSO was set up in 2008 by the G8+5 to establish a non-binding and open forum for policy exchanges on global research infrastructures and since then it has developed a collaboration framework including a definition of Global Research Infrastructure (GRI). The Group is now exploring collaboration opportunities of a number of large research infrastructure initiatives that have demonstrated a significant level of maturity towards becoming potential GRIs.

The progress on the activities of the GSO will also be reported to the G7 Science Ministers’ meeting that will take place in September 2017 in Torino, Italy.

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