



WAITRO Benchmarking Project and many more Opportunities

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter! In this issue, we are excited to share updates on the WAITRO Benchmarking Project, Fellowship opportunities, the new WAITRO Secretariat, Horizon Europe - Tools and Tips Workshop and much more. Get ready to dive into insightful articles and stay informed about the exciting happenings within the WAITRO community.

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES



The WAITRO Secretariat 2023 – 2026

The 91st Executive Board meeting considered a proposal to optimize the experience and continuity of the Secretariat by confirming **Paul Burrows** (JITRI) as Secretary General, also creating (for the life of the current Secretariat only) a new position of Chief of Staff to be filled by **Eckart Bierduempel** (Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft). The Secretariat work plan was approved. The Executive Board also approved the appointment of the new Regional Focal Points (RFPs).

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WAITRO Fellowships

The WAITRO Secretariat is seeking to create a fellowship pool for staff exchanges on joint projects. By matching the right resources with projects and funding from respective hosts, WAITRO aims to make the initiative more impactful with increased member participation. Learn about the **BRIN Fellowship Programme**, a potential model, by clicking below. If your organization has a similar scheme contact the



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WAITRO Online Benchmarking Project



Join over 50 members in the WAITRO Online Benchmarking Project. The deadline has been extended by popular request. Contribute your data for access to benchmarking results and capacity development activities. Already, 20+ members completed data entry. A workshop will be held to discuss results, best practices, and options for the next phase. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the discussion - it is only by actively participating you can join in.

[Obtain Your Login Credentials](#)

Online Workshop - Horizon Europe Tools & Tips

Leitat Technological Center and WAITRO invite you to the online workshop Horizon Europe Tools & Tips, next **June 21st at 14:00h**. During the session we will present the structure of international cooperation in the Horizon Europe programme and what aspects should be considered by international partners to promote and enhance their participation. If you are interested, register by **Friday June 16th** in the link below:



[Register Here](#)

Honorary Member



WAITRO's 25th General Assembly established the Honorary Member category for individuals who make significant contributions to the association. Honorary Members are proposed and seconded by the Executive Board and approved by the General Assembly. The Executive Board proposed Moses Mengu (DTI and CSIR, Ghana) as the first Honorary Member and this was unanimously approved by the General Assembly. We congratulate Moses Mengu on his most appropriate status as WAITRO's first Honorary Member!

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WAITRO MEMBERS OUTREACH

WAITRO Member Engagement, a Call to Action!



Clearly you are interested enough in WAITRO to be reading this, so please take a moment to spread the word! The Secretariat faces a challenge as technically, you, as an individual, aren't a WAITRO Member; your company or institute is. But it's people who innovate and create cross-border partnerships. Connect better by recruiting colleagues to sign up for the [WAITRO Newsletter](#) and [SAIRA](#). If your organization isn't a member, consider [applying](#).

EVENTS

Past Events | February

WAITRO at G-STIC Rio



Sergio Ibáñez Pérez (LEITAT), the WAITRO Regional Focal Point for Europe, organized and moderated a special WAITRO session at the **Global Sustainable Technology & Innovation Community (G-STIC)** conference in **Rio de Janeiro**. The session highlighted the significance of global partnerships for the SDGs and featured renowned speakers. Also, if you missed it and would like to experience the entire event, see the recording [here](#).

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The WAITRO Secretariat, hosted by JITRI, continues with the important involvement of the German Office at Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft. The China Office now handles more infrastructure responsibilities, including the website and membership database. We are aware of the currently inoperative online membership application and are working to resolve it as soon as possible. Please email requests to info@waitro.org for prompt assistance.

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