

## EPOS Legal Entity

On October the 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, the European Commission granted the legal status of European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) to EPOS. The ERIC legal framework provides EPOS with legal personality and capacity recognised in all EU Member States and with the flexibility to adapt to the specific requirements of each infrastructure.



Based in Italy, EPOS ERIC is currently joined by ten countries: Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia and the United Kingdom. Greece, Iceland and Switzerland will initially participate as observers.

By linking up hundreds of individual research infrastructures located in the European countries, EPOS ERIC will provide open access to a large pool of integrated data, data products and facilities for researchers.

The EPOS ERIC legal seat is hosted in Rome, at the Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia (INGV) headquarter. The ICS Central Hub (ICS-C) is hosted in the United Kingdom (BGS) and France (BRGM) with technical operational support from Denmark (GEUS).

The ERIC-mandated elements are central to the success of EPOS ERIC: the General Assembly (GA) of members is the governing body. The Executive Director, supported by its Executive Coordination Office (ECO), is directly responsible to the GA for all aspects of the EPOS ERIC activities. The Services Coordination Committee (SCC) representing all the Thematic Core Services (TCS) and the Integrated Core Services Central hub (ICS-C) will support and advice the Executive Director in formulating and executing the EPOS ERIC Annual Work Programme.