

EAA is a member of the Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE). In its own words, ISE is "an independent platform of European learned societies and scientific organizations whose aim is to support all fields of science at a European level, involve scientists in the design and implementation of European science policies, and to advocate strong independent scientific advice in European policy making". ISE was created in 2004 and played an important role in the creation of the European Research Council in 2007, which was created to secure the funding of fundamental research. After that, ISE has issued statements on European research policy in various forms, and organized workshops on science policies. A notable activity was when ISE issued an online petition in 2012, "No cuts on Research" which collected more than 100000 supporters. In 2017, ISE was registered as a non-profit organization in Strasbourg and relocated there, after having been hosted by EMBO in Heidelberg.

Martin Andler, who is also vice-president of Euroscience, is the ISE president since 2017.

EAA is one of the learned societies that are full members. Notably, EAA is the only representative from engineering/technological fields and therefore, EAA has the special role of bringing forward aspects from such scientific fields, as well as aspects of small-to-medium sized scientific societies. ISE usually organizes a general assembly once per year, where EAA is represented.

Several organizations represent various stakeholders in the European science arena. Like ISE, Euroscience represents scientists in Europe, with an important difference being that Euroscience has individual members and calls itself a "grassroots organization". Euroscience organizes the biennial Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF), which is held in Toulouse, 9 - 14 July 2018.

#### *Activities by ISE in 2018*

Notable activities in 2018 include the renewal of the web-site, at [www.initiative-se.eu](http://www.initiative-se.eu), which is being developed at this moment. Furthermore, on 2 July 2018, a statement on the European Commission's Horizon Europe (FP9) Proposal, was published here (URL [https://initiative-se.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/18\\_06\\_27\\_ISE-statement\\_Horizon-Europe\\_FINAL.pdf](https://initiative-se.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/18_06_27_ISE-statement_Horizon-Europe_FINAL.pdf)). Earlier in 2018, ISE joined Euroscience and Science Connect in a statement on the newly introduced concept of "Missions", read more here (URL <https://www.euroscience.org/news/policy-paper-on-missions-in-fp9/>).