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Even if the scientific community is often not aware of it, the free movement of knowledge (also known as the "fifth freedom") is anchored in the Lisbon Treaty. Its Article 179 reads "The Union shall have the objective of strengthening its scientific and technological bases by achieving a European research area in which researchers, scientific knowledge and technology circulate freely [\cdots]".

The talk will reflect on the role of e-Infrastructures in enabling the "fifth freedom" and devise some of the challenges ahead.

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