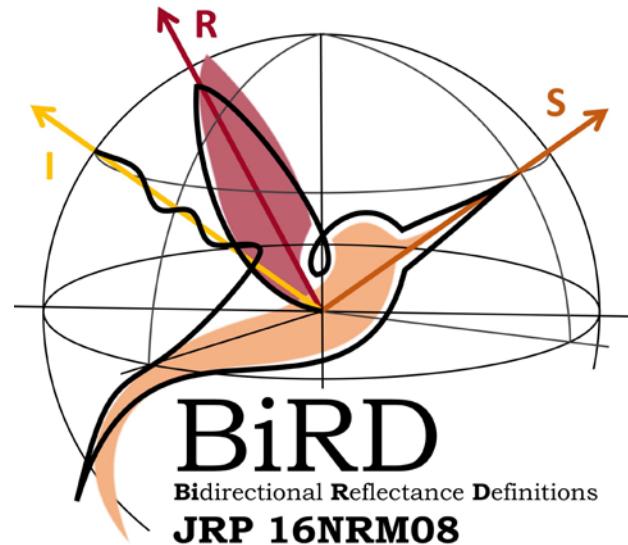


# EURAMET EMPIR Project

## BiRD JRP 16NRM08

Bidirectional Reflectance Definitions  
Project within Call Prenormative 2016



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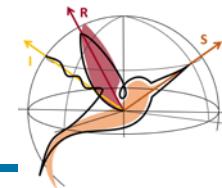
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**EMPIR is the main programme for European research on metrology within HORIZON 2020. It coordinates research projects to address grand challenges, while supporting and developing the SI system of measurement units.**

EMPIR calls between 2014 and 2020, total budget of 600 M€  
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*Example: JRP IND52, Multidimensional reflectometry  
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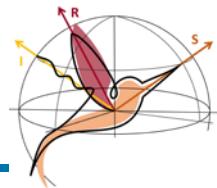
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JRP 16NRM08,  
**Bidirectional  
Reflectance  
Definitions (BiRD)**

Start May 2017  
Duration 3 years

## 11 partners

<b>CNAM</b>	Conservatoire national des arts et metiers	France
<b>Aalto</b>	Aalto-korkeakoulusäätiö sr	Finland
<b>CMI</b>	Cesky Metrologicky Institut	Czech Republic
<b>CSIC</b>	Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas	Spain
<b>PTB</b>	Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt	Germany
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<b>Innventia</b>	Innventia AB	Sweden
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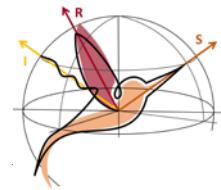
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## WP1: Recommendation for BRDF measurements (PTB)

Task 1.1: Definition of categories of samples and angles of illumination and detection

Task 1.2: Optical parameters of the illumination and detection beams

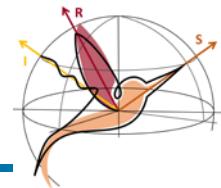
Task 1.3: Measurement area in BRDF measurements

Task 1.4: Influence of polarization and fluorescence as side-effects in BRDF measurements

Task 1.5: Proposal sampling strategy for efficient BRDF measurements

Task 1.6: Technical recommendation on BRDF measurements

*..to prepare the technical recommendation on BRDF as working draft for TC2-85 for discussion and ballot*



## WP2: BRDF data handling and visualisation (UA)

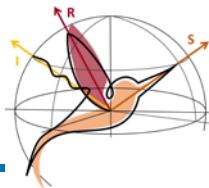
Task 2.1: Universal BRDF file format (CIE Research Forum)

Task 2.2: Appearance descriptors from BRDF data and visualisation modes

*open source codes to plot and compare BRDF in polar mode,  
colour travel in CIELAB space*

Task 2.3: BDRF visualisation and management applet

*basic free management applet to upload BRDF file format and convert it,  
tools for like scientific visualisation modes for essential BRDF  
characterization, appearance features extraction and quality analysis.  
making the initial version of the applet available to stakeholders*



## WP3: Gloss (KUL)

Task 3.1: State of the art of gloss measurement and gloss perception

Task 3.2: Establishment of a CIE TC on gloss

Task 3.3: Acquisition of parameters on the physical nature of gloss

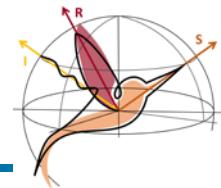
Task 3.4: Acquisition of parameters on the visual nature of gloss

Task 3.5: Recommendations for the physical and visual evaluation of gloss

*..to write recommendations for the physical and visual evaluation of gloss which will include proposals for*

- i) standard terminology (including the concept of a standard gloss observer)*
- ii) a new or adjusted optical measurement method (allowing for the repeatability and reproducibility of gloss measurements)*
- iii) protocol for visual evaluation of surface gloss*

*working draft to be submitted to the new TC on gloss, established in Task 3.2*



## WP4: Sparkle and graininess (CSIC)

Task 4.1: Establishment of a CIE TC on sparkle and graininess

Task 4.2: Definition of measurands and measurement procedure

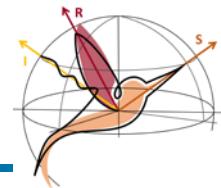
Task 4.3: Testing the present measurement capabilities of NMIs

Task 4.4: Proposal of a measurement and visual scale for  
sparkle and graininess

Task 4.5: Proposal of measurement procedures and visual scales  
for sparkle and graininess

*..to agree on the most appropriate measurement procedures and visual scales for  
sparkle and graininess, submit a working draft to the new CIE technical committee*

## WP5: Creating impact (CMI)



## Partnering meeting May 17<sup>th</sup>, CNAM (Paris)

*Website created*

<https://www.birdproject.eu>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the BiRD project website. At the top is a logo featuring a stylized globe with light rays and the text "BiRD Bidirectional Reflectance Definitions JRP 16NRM08". Below the logo is a navigation bar with links: Home (purple), Summary (blue), Project (green), Partners (yellow), News (red), Project Results (dark red), References (light red), Contact Us (grey), and a search icon (magnifying glass). The main content area has a light grey background and features the title "Bidirectional Reflectance Definitions" in large, bold, black font. Below the title is a paragraph of text about the project's focus on BRDF measurements and goniochromatism. There are also sections for "Survey for industries making surface reflectance or colour measurements" and "In this field, the relevant radiometric quantity is the Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF), which contains extensive information about the light reflected by a surface and therefore information on the appearance of a product." A small logo for INDS2 xDReflect is visible at the bottom of the page.

## Bidirectional Reflectance Definitions

The Joint Research Project „Bidirectional Reflectance Definitions“ focuses on the pre-normative work required to clarify how measurements on standard materials and surfaces exhibiting **goniochromatism, gloss and sparkle visual effects** should be carried out. This will enable a reliable comparison of results provided by different measurement devices and better control of the visual effects of products.

[Survey for industries making surface reflectance or colour measurements](#)

In this field, the relevant radiometric quantity is the **Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function (BRDF)**, which contains extensive information about the light reflected by a surface and therefore information on the appearance of a product.

Significant metrological effort on BRDF measurements has been made over recent years, particularly at the European level due to the EMRP project INDS2 xDReflect.



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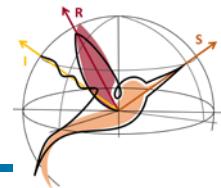


Recent posts

[Survey on measurements of surface reflectance and colour](#)

[Next project meeting](#)

[The project was launched 1st May 2017.](#)



## Bibliography on brdf of white standards, sparkle, gloss

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### References

- [Bibliography on Sparkle](#)
- [Bibliography on White Standards](#)

**Establish Stakeholder committee on a formal basis**

**Deliver proposal to CIE to establish a new TC on Sparkle**

planned new EMPIR-Project on Appearance („xDReflect 2“):

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