

Research and Innovation Studies

Session 4: Responsible Research and Innovation

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Throughout history science and technology have proven to be transformative forces. Research and innovation have changed our world and our lives, and will continue to do so. The European-wide approach in Horizon 2020 called *Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)* seeks to bring issues related to research and innovation into the open. The aim is to anticipate the consequences of research and innovation and to involve society in discussing how science and technology can help create the kind of world and the kind of society we want for future generations to come. But how can the heterogeneous stakeholder groups, such as industry, policy makers, researchers, civil society organizations or educators adopt the concept of RRI? What is an effective way to involve stakeholder groups into the RRI processes?

The RRI-Tools project will develop and deploy a training and dissemination toolkit on RRI. It will be addressed and designed by the above mentioned stakeholder groups. As a first step the term RRI has been clarified, taken into account the different approaches and discussions. In a second step, workshops with representatives of each stakeholder group were conducted in 19 different European countries aiming to identify their versatile thoughts, feelings and interests.

The session will discuss the challenge of reconciling these various interests, needs and constraints as well as opportunities and obstacles of RRI based on the analysis of the described workshops. The results will be accentuated and advanced with gathered experiences in chosen Austrian RRI best practice examples.

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