

Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in Albania

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Science can and should contribute to solving many global challenges our society faces, such as climate change, health, pollution and resource depletion. With that aim in mind, the European Commission (EC) recently pushed forward the concept of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) to foster and facilitate research and innovation in an inclusive, societally oriented way.

The goal of RRI Tools project funded by EC, is to emphasize the importance of societal issues in science and innovation and to empower collaboration between different groups of stakeholders in research and innovation process (e.g. scientists, science educators and policy makers).

Before encouraging the collaboration, the dialogue between science community and general public needs to be improved. In order to do that we should go back to school where teaching and learning scientific literacy begins.

The European project “RRI Tools” has been set up in order to empower all actors to contribute their share to a Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI), built with and for society. Significant opportunities for businesses and scientists could come from Responsible Research and Innovation, according to the findings of a series of different events organized by “RRI Tools” in 30 European countries, gathering participants from 5 stakeholder groups - researchers, business and industry, policy-makers, civil society organizations and education community.

Program at the University of Vlora

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- 11:00 Brief presentation of Re@WBC project (15 min)
- 11:15 General introduction to the RRI concept and its goals (20 min)
- 11:45 RRI Tools project overview (30 min)
- 12:15 Basic training for the use of RRI toolkit (30 min)
- 12:45 Discussion / Q&A

About the Center for the Promotion of Science (CPN)

Apart from being one of the partners at the RRI Tools project, Center for the Promotion of Science also acts as the SEE Hub Coordinator for Serbia, Croatia, Albania, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Center for the Promotion of Science in Serbia is a public institution established by the Law on Scientific Research with the task to promote science and technology. The Center cooperates with research and educational institutions (universities, research centers and schools) in Serbia and abroad, works closely with the government ministries as well as the media and the private sector.

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About the Responsible Research and Innovation concept (RRI)

A cross-cutting issue in the European Commission 'Horizon 2020' Framework Programme, "Responsible Research and Innovation" (RRI) aims to bring together researchers, citizens, policy makers, businesses and educators to cooperate during the entire research and innovation process in order to align the outcomes of research with the values and needs of society. The Commission has put forward this notion of RRI to simultaneously address both society's grand challenges (climate, energy, transport, food security, health, ageing of population...) and shortcomings existing in research and innovation practices.

More on RRI: <http://www.rri-tools.eu/about-rri>

About the RRI Tools project

RRI Tools is a project funded for three years (2014-2016) by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme (FP7). The main objective of RRI Tools is a participatory set of digital resources – the RRI Toolkit. Collaborating with all stakeholders, the project ultimately aims at creating a Community of Practice in Europe, which will ensure the use, evolution and enrichment of the Toolkit. RRI Tools is being carried out by a consortium of 26 partners extending across 30 countries of the European Research Area, and is coordinated by "La Caixa" Foundation (Spain).

About the RRI Toolkit

The RRI Toolkit aims to encourage the uptake of research and innovation processes better answering the needs and expectations of society. The RRI Toolkit is designed for individuals as well as institutions involved in research, policy-making, business and industry, education, or civil society organizations. It also addresses topics such as open access, gender in science, ethics, science education, governance, public engagement.

It is available at www.rri-tools.eu

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