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## **Global Model of Forum and Observatory for International Responsible Research and Innovation Coordination - RESPONSIBILITY -**

The RESPONSIBILITY project was launched on 1st February 2013 and it will run for 3 years. It aims to create a Forum and a virtual Observatory, which facilitates the network of stakeholders to adopt and diffuse a common understanding in Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) between different actors in Europe and around the globe. Indeed, in an increasingly globalised world, dedicated efforts should mainstream in order to engage stakeholders in an international cooperation for creating a common language for conducting and managing responsible research and innovation.

The RESPONSIBILITY Forum will be a body that does not negotiate decisions and is self-regulated, while the participation is open, transparent and remote. The main objectives of the Forum are to be an interface between politicians, society and industry, researchers and CSOs; to determine approaches to the RRI and to construct a virtual meeting place (forum of discussion) for RRI stakeholders. The discussions in the Forum and their outcomes will provide the necessary content for the Observatory.

The virtual Observatory of Responsible Research and Innovation will be a structure aiming to support the enhancement of common understanding, the diffusion of knowledge and the deployment of practical tools. The Observatory will improve the interaction among research outcomes and policy making, exploit the full potential of scientific achievements to be incorporated in the policy development and implementation. Practical and theoretical information will be easily assessable and usable by the societal stakeholders on this organised virtual place. It will be accessible for all interested citizens besides the policy makers and the researchers. Important societal issues interrelated to ethics, human dignity and privacy will be on the core of the Observatory outlook towards societal stakeholders.

The RESPONSIBILITY project also intends to provide a set of recommendations and tools to policy makers and active RRI stakeholders in order to take the necessary measures to nest responsible research and innovation into products and services from the very beginning. The RESPONSIBILITY project will have an extensive societal, economic and research impact.

The RESPONSIBILITY consortium consists of 13 partners, from 7 EU and 3 non-EU countries. The **Fraunhofer-Institut für Produktionsanlagen und Konstruktionsanlagen IPK in Berlin** is coordinating the project. The total budget of the RESPONSIBILITY project is estimated to reach the amount of approx. € 1, 77 M.



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### Notes to editors

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