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RESPONSIBILITY OBSERVATORY LAUNCH

Official launch of the RESPONSIBILITY project platform for an RRI Observatory

After almost 3 years of intensive development efforts, evaluation workshops, material generation and activities coordination, the RESPONSIBILITY consortium is more than delighted to deliver to the stakeholders of research, academia, industry, civil society and policy making the holistic RRI Observatory platform.

Visit and interact with the RESPONSIBILITY OBSERVATORY: <http://observatory-rrri.info>



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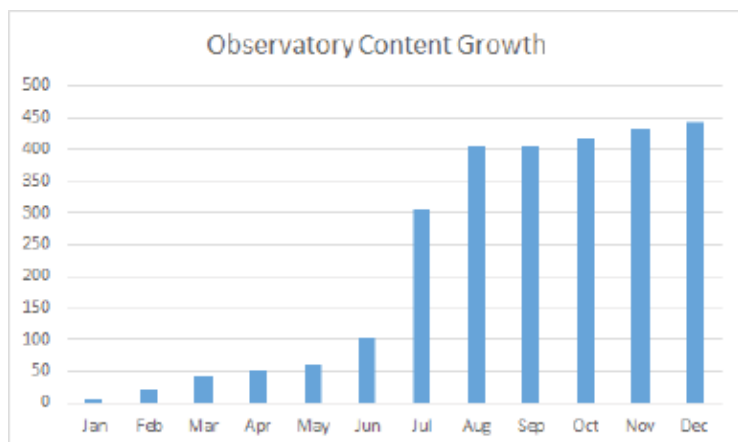
The RESPONSIBILITY Coordination and Support Action has developed a sophisticated observatory that enables users and readers who have relevant interests to find, bookmark, comment on and share resources on social media. Partners have also put substantial efforts (well beyond the efforts anticipated in the description of work) into identifying resources and inputting the data that is required to appropriately tag those resources so they can be effectively and efficiently retrieved by users from different stakeholder groups with different interests and expertise.

In doing so, the RESPONSIBILITY consortium has developed highly-usable ways of facilitating contributions by users of the Observatory. As a result of the combination of the efforts from within the consortium and by other users, the amount of material within the Observatory has prompted the development of several ways of searching, browsing and progressively filtering the content to maximise the chances that users will be able to efficiently find what they need, and gain inspiration when they need it.

Currently the Observatory provides:

- RRI concepts
- Case studies
- Information on current and emerging technologies
- Areas in need of more detailed research
- Areas where public engagement on particular issues may be relevant
- Guidelines for RRI
- Governance arrangements suitable for addressing RRI
- Training material for RRI
- Findings from the project
- Findings from a broader network of researchers and innovators

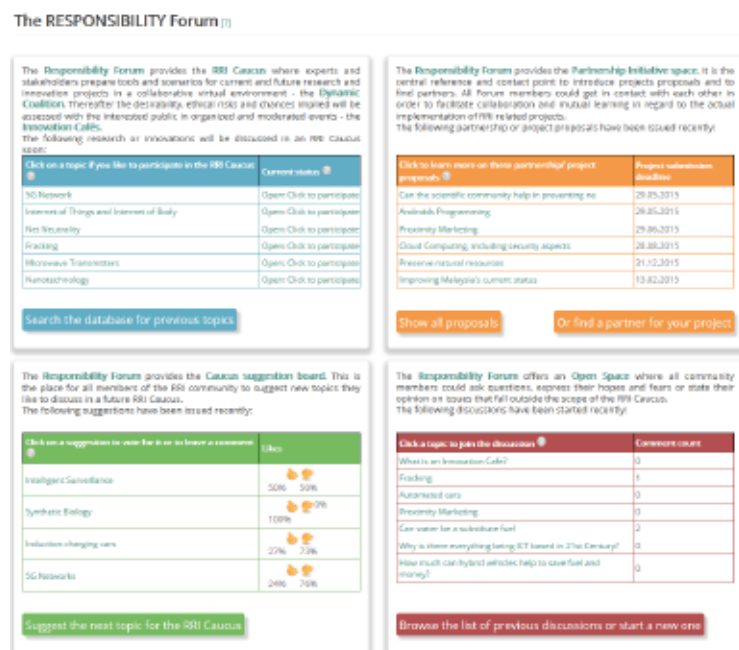
With already more than 500 items the Observatory is well set to become a central repository for Responsible Research and Innovation. However, to achieve this it requires a degree of continued support.



Forum

The Forum homepage (<http://observatory-rri.info/?q=resp-forum>) is the access point to all Forum based information and interaction.

Based on their level of experience and involvement with the Forum, the homepage offers an equally useful user experience to every type of user. Thus it is necessary that it provides an overview of all the relevant information and functionality to the inexperienced user and easy access to the content for the occasional user and community members. Apart from that the homepage should convey the feeling that the reader has come to an inviting, vivid place where the users make the content.



Workshops & Events

“RRI Shaping New Horizons”, Go4 Joint Conference, Brussels, 14-15 January 2016

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the projects GREAT, ResAgora, Responsibility and Progress (Go4 projects) organised the conference:

“RRI Shaping new Horizons: Responsible Research and Innovation in Europe and across the World”; which was held at the EESC premises, Rue Belliard 99, in Brussels, on 14 – 15 January 2016.

The conference aimed to highlight work undertaken by the EESC and the GO4 projects’ Consortiums and stimulate debate between representatives of the main stakeholder groups involved in research and innovation. The interplay between RRI and Commissioner Carlos Moedas’ key priorities of “Open Innovation, Open Science and Openness to the World”, was addressed. RRI also has contributions to make to the current European Commission’s 10 high-level priorities (from a new boost for jobs, to democratic governance).

RESPONSIBILITY project integral part of the RRI community was present during the 2 days conference and disseminated results of the project and especially the OBSERVATORY and its current functionalities. The Responsibility OBSERVATORY and Forum is a holistic networking platform where research and innovation stakeholders can be informed and interact on elements of Responsible Research and Innovation RRI.

The Agenda from the Meeting and the presentation on

RESPONSIBILITY Workshop are available in the Appendix 6.

The RRI Conference videos can be found [here](#)

The website of the European Economic and Social Committee can be found [here](#)



Conference plenary



Mr. Mohamad Ajami presenting the RESPONSIBILITY OBSERVATORY



Dr. Rohaya Mohd Nor of University of Malaysia addressing the audience

Launch of the 3rd OBSERVATORY Assessment workshop, Berlin 22 October 2015

The third Forum assessment was conducted at Fraunhofer IPK, Berlin on the 22nd of October 2015.. There were two parts to this assessment, as with the established process, decided in collaboration

with the Observatory Task Force. It was felt appropriate to conduct an internal usability review of the platform, to scrutinise its functionality according to the dialogue principles proposed by ISO 9241/ Ergonomics of human-system interaction. These dimensions included:

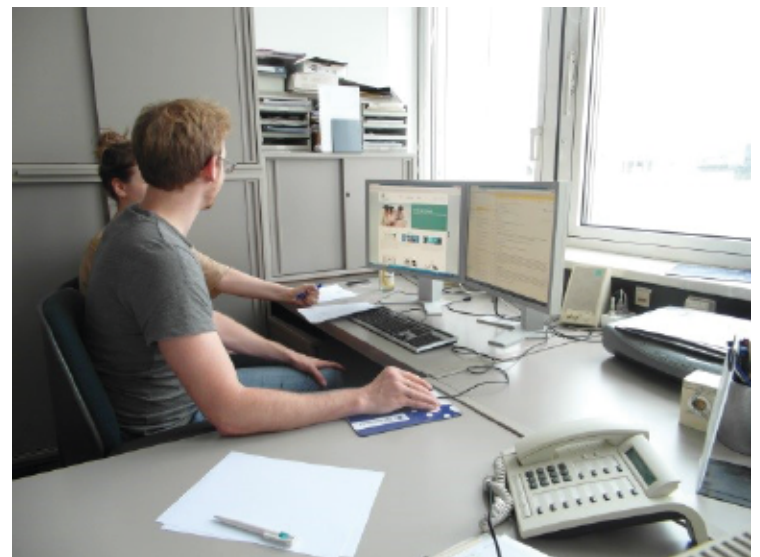
Suitability for the Task

- Self-Descriptiveness
- Controllability
- Error Tolerance
- Conformity with User Expectations
- Suitability of Individualisation
- Suitability of Learning

The second part of the assessment was initially planned to be embedded within a workshop at Fraunhofer IPK. However, unforeseen circumstances determined that this could not be the case, and an alternate plan was organised in a short time frame. Instead, a task based user study was organised with three students working within the domains of Computational Engineering Science, Computer Science and Production Engineering. This was a slight deviation from the preference for pairs of participants, however it was by no means a disadvantage as some insightful and valuable feedback was received from the study and also the focus group following this.

The outcome of the assessment was presented to the Observatory Task Force in two forms: the first, an internal assessment report and the second an outline of implications drawn from the focus group.

More information on the overall platform assessment methodology and procedure can be found at the deliverable D5.2 Assessment Report and can be available upon request.



Participants of the OBSERVATORY assessment

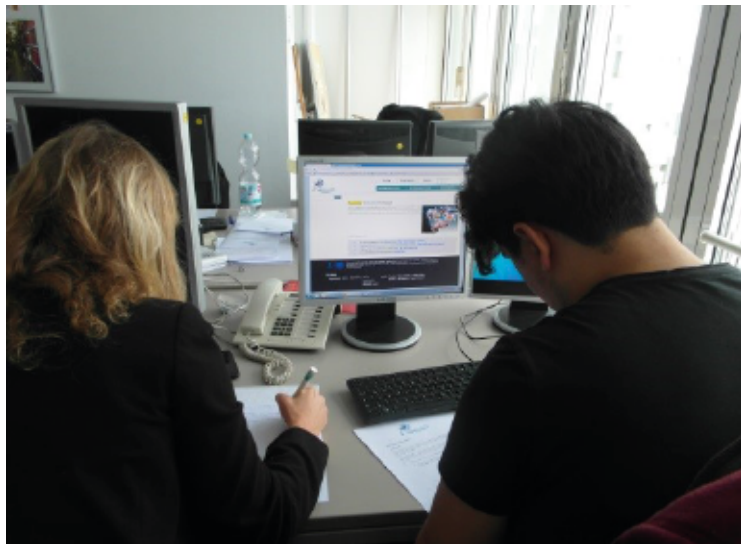
Publications

Policy reflection paper on civil drones and regulations in EU

This publication is intended to facilitate discussions and debate on the current use, regulations and potential concerns of civil drones in the European Union. It provides an initial working level assessment on policy, raises questions and proposes practical steps to tackle the issue at hand. This document was developed by the RESPONSIBILITY project and is part of deliverable D3.3 Briefings Report.

Full version of the reflection paper can be downloaded here:

<http://goo.gl/Xn5qq3>



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RESPONSIBILITY project results at Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics, Nicosia 14 September 2015

Key results of the RESPONSIBILITY project were presented during the information Day “Ethics in Project Proposals for Horizon 2020 Calls” that was organized by the Research Promotion Foundation in Cyprus. This one day event that took place in Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics focused primarily on providing guidance and sharing knowledge on procedures and practices to overcome ethical implications of research when applying for EU funded research programs.

After the presentations of Mrs. Agni Kortsidaki, Representative of the Ethics and Research Integrity Sector of DG Research & Innovation of the EC, and Professor Constantinos Phellas, Chair of the Cyprus National Bioethics Committee, the session was opened to previous experience of successful applicants, followed by a Q&A session. Towards the end of the event Litsa Kountouridou of the RPF introduced the RESPONSIBILITY project and Mr. Aris Anastasiades of Geolmaging Ltd, presented elements of RRI within the Horizon 2020 program and the RESPONSIBILITY Observatory and Forum platforms that are almost ready to be launched to the public.

Photo of the event are presented below.



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