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Global model and Observatory for international Responsible Research and Innovation Coordination

The RESPONSIBILITY project aims to create a Forum and a virtual Observatory in Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI); which facilitates the network of stakeholders to adopt and diffuse a common understanding in RRI between different actors in Europe and around the globe.

RESPONSIBILITY project was launched on 1st February 2013, for three years' implementation, until 31st January 2016. 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.

Vision

The RESPONSIBILITY project has the vision to become an effective knowledge transfer tool that diffuses scientific knowledge and simultaneously involves in a user-friendly manner researchers, policy makers as well as societal stakeholders to the concept and practice of RRI.

The strategy for fulfilling this vision is to integrate the RESPONSIBILITY Observatory through an innovative way with construction of innovative activities that will assist the research community to induce their ideas in the RRI concept and practice. Furthermore, it aims to create a critical mass of interested public surrounding and supporting in implementing the RRI, at the researchers' daily work, in their individual context.



Expected Outcomes

The RESPONSIBILITY project will have an extensive societal, economic and scientific impact and particularly it will enhance the:

- International Coordination in the field of RRI, spreading results of best practices of technologies without any discrimination among countries, common European identity and perceived sense of RRI.
- Networking and collaboration, establishing a virtual place to find the tools to active networking, for dialogue and polls, on line discussion to stimulate and respond to issues raised / identified in RRI.
- Creation of an on line Directory facilitating the exchange of information, concepts, approaches on RRI.
- Creation of a critical mass in confronting multi-dimensional and complicated societal issues.
- Promotion of networks of scientists to facilitate the definition of research priorities, avoiding duplication of efforts and strengthening the collaboration under horizontal issues.



Forum

The RESPONSIBILITY Forum is conceived to 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.



Observatory

The Observatory of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) aims to be established as a permanent point of reference and actual fore-thinking regarding the current concept and developments in the field of RRI. RRI is fast changing with revolutionary technologies and attitudes towards them still developing; including, particularly, attitudes about what would constitute responsible innovation. The RESPONSIBILITY project will maintain relevance and impact over a longer period by producing and maintaining an Observatory of RRI. This Observatory will be a repository of findings from the project, but will also be designed to harness the involvement of the broader network of researchers and innovators to provide information on:

- Current and emerging technologies and the issues they are likely to raise for RRI
- Governance arrangements suitable for addressing RRI
- Case studies, examples of good practice and training materials in RRI

The Observatory will be evaluated and seeded by the network and will then be opened up to the global RRI community. It will allow researchers to identify areas in need of more detailed research and it will identify where public engagement on particular issues might be relevant.



RESPONSIBILITY Project partners

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