RRI LEADERS News

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4th RRI-LEADERS newsletter

Welcome to the fourth and last RRI-LEADERS newsletter! Have a look at the news we have gathered for you and learn more about the project and its impacts and outcomes. Please forward the newsletter to anyone in your network who might be interested.
(You can also download it by clicking here)

Four territories are participating in the RRI-LEADERS project to explore the implementation of territorial policy strategies following the RRI principles: the city of Sofia, Bulgaria; the Region of Western Macedonia, Greece; the city of Sabadell, Spain; and the city of Thalwil, Switzerland.

During all these months we have presented to you what each territory is doing.

In this fourth and last newsletter we would like to introduce to you Western Macedonia/Greece and the role of the RRI-LEADERS project partners from this territory: the Regional Association of Local Government of Western Macedonia (LGA-WM), and the University of Western Macedonia (UoWM).

Listen to Western Macedonia's representatives on the RRI aspects focused on their territory.

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The experience of RRI in Western Macedonia

The Region of Western Macedonia (RWM) in Greece has been in the process of energy transition since 2021, implementing the mega task of abandonment of its lignite-based production model and moving to a new development model, based on sustainability and innovation.

The participating citizens and the stakeholders of the RRI-LEADERS project in Western Macedonia appear to follow a similar pattern in adopting actions that encompass "responsibility" in the direction of social benefit and regional development. **Read more.**

Energy transition from coal and carbon: Effects on societies

Prof. Ricardo García Mira, ENTRANCE Project Coordinator (ENergy TRANsitions from Coal and carbon: Effects on Societies) from University of A Coruña, Spain, delivered a lecture on social aspects of transition to clean energies in Europe at the RRI-LEADERS final policy conference held in Brussels on 19 October 2023. Don't miss the following article where he explains the scope of the project.

Read more

The Danish Board of Technology (DBT) on methodologies applied in RRI-LEADERS: The Citizen Review Panel (CRP)

Maya Bidstrup, Project Manager at the Danish Board of Technology (DBT), Denmark, explains the role played by the institution in the RRI-LEADES project and the importance of co-creation methodologies applied to public policy development, in particular the Citizen Review Panel. **Watch the interview**. Take a look at the **CRP events** organised by the different territorial partners.

RRI-LEADERS: Experience and achievements in a nutshell

Zoya Damianova, RRI-LEADERS project coordinator, from the Applied Research and Communications Fund, Bulgaria, made an overview of the ambition, achievements and impact of the project. Learn more about RRI-LEADERS impacting co-creation process for territorial transformation strategy through the integration of RRI-AIRR as a framework for addressing significant policy areas in the territories. **Read more**.

Benefits from and barriers to RRI implementation in policymaking

How can Responsible Research and Innovation transform our public policies? What are the barriers to and benefits from integrating ethics into research and development? How can we shape a more ethical future through Responsible Research and Innovation? Prof. Ellen-Marie Fosberg, Managing Director, Norwegian Institute of Sustainability Research (NORSUS), Norway, and Member of the Advisory Board of the RRI-LEADERS project, shared her perspectives on this topic. **Read more.**

Wrap-up: RRI-LEADERS Final Policy Conference

On 19 October 2023, we celebrated the culminating event of three years of hard work: our RRI-LEADERS Final Conference at the European Committee of the Regions, in Brussels. It was a day full of inspiration and collaboration.

RRI-LEADERS Policy Conference brought together diverse participants from across Europe: project partners in ongoing or recently completed RRI-focused projects – RRI-LEADERS, RIPEET, WBC-INCO.NET, TetRRIS, TeRRItoria, ENTRANCES, stakeholders from the city of Sofia (Bulgaria), the region of Western Macedonia (Greece), the municipality of Thalwil (Switzerland), the city of Sabadell (Catalonia, Spain), RRI policy supporters, regional development agencies, business and industry associations, decision-makers in STI at different levels of governance (local, regional, national), as well as representatives of the Research Executive Agency of the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, the European Committee of the Regions.
Read more.

Cross-sectoral collaboration and multi-stakeholder involvement in contributing to the advancement of RRI

Dr. Claire Nauwelaers, Independent Policy Analyst and Governmental Adviser, Belgium, Advisor to RRI-LEADERS, shared with us her thoughts and insights on regard cross-sectoral collaboration and multi-stakeholder involvement in contributing to the advancement of RRI and her vision for RRI's future. What role will projects like RRI-LEADERS play in shaping the future? How to drive positive change through Responsible Research and Innovation?
Watch the interview.

Open and Responsible Research and Innovation in the European Union involvement in contributing to the advancement of RRI

What strategies or policies are essential to foster a culture of Responsible Research and Innovation in Europe and beyond? What are the key challenges and opportunities in promoting

responsible research and innovation in today's world?
Dr. Georgios Papanagnou, Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, Belgium, conveys to us key messages and a call for action regarding Responsible Research and Innovation.
Watch the interview.

Vision for Responsible Territorial Policymaking

The objectives of RRI-LEADERS project were twofold: To support the adoption of Responsible Research and Innovation principles within territorial policymaking in selected policy areas through innovative, inclusive, and responsive multi-actor approach to the development of policies; and to provide an evolutionary perspective on the future of responsible research and innovation in territorial policymaking.
Read more.

Outcomes of RRI-LEADERS project: The Case Narratives

Four individual case studies presenting a qualitative evaluation of project activities and revealing the experiences of universities, companies, local and regional administrations, and citizens as they engaged with the RRI-AIRR (**A**nticipation, **I**nclusiveness, **R**esponsiveness, **R**eflectiveness) framework. The Case Narratives propose a pathway towards transformative changes in territories to help them meet the challenges of sustainable development. **Read more**.

Outcomes of RRI-LEADERS project: The Transformative Outlooks

The Transformative outlooks are the ultimate outcome of RRI-LEADERS's co-creation process for Sofia (Bulgaria), Western Macedonia (Greece), Thalwil (Switzerland), and Sabadell (Catalonia, Spain). They represent a future-oriented strategy and action plan focused on the specific policy areas, chosen by each territory, and specifically outline the strategies and measures that will define the intended transformation in the territory's policy agenda in terms of both processes and outcomes. **Read more.**

Outcomes of RRI-LEADERS project: The Policy Recommendations

The policy recommendations presented herein have been identified by the RRI-LEADERS consortium based on the project results as well as the experiences, gathered by the partners during project implementation, with contributions by the tetRRIS, RIPEET, ENTRANCES and WBC-RRI.NET projects. The recommendations target territorial policymakers although they might be of interest to representatives of national and EU-level institutions as well. **Read more.**

End of Project

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this journey. Together, we have accomplished something exceptional, and we are looking forward to what the future holds.

Take a look at our **promotional video** for the conference. This is not just a little visual summary, it is a window of recognition into our team's dedication and commitment to this exciting journey of Responsible Research and Innovation.
This video is the celebration of our shared successes!

Events

Find below the past events of the previous quarter and the upcoming ones regarding practical implementation of RRI topics & dimensions:

- **Democracy R&D annual conference**. Let's give democracy an overhaul! October 4th – 5th

- **TetRRIS event**. What can RRI offer S3 in their reorientation towards sustainability? October 13th

- **RRI-LEADERS** Final Policy Conference. Results from the RRI-LEADERS project. October 19th

- **Young Professional Day 2023:** Carbon Markets. What is the Carbon Market and who are its players? October 24th

- **Sabadell's Entrepreneurship Week**. Territorial event aimed to reinforce the entrepreneurial ecosystem. November 20th – 24th (CAT)

- **Cross-alliances forum 2023**. Science with and for society in European universities alliances. November 30th - December 1st

- **ERA-LEARN event.** European Partnership Stakeholder Forum 2023-from idea to practice. December 5th -6th

- **Research and Innovation Week.** #RIDaysEU. The future of R&I. March 18th – 21st

- **8th World Conference on Research Integrity**. Catalysing the translation of research into trustworthy policy and innovation. June 2nd -5th

Links

In this section you can learn more about other RRI related projects and other interesting topics.

- **RRI presence in Catalan universities' and research centres' websites**. Analysis

- **Futures of science for policy in Europe**. Scenarios and policy implications

- **Mapping RRI Dimensions and Sustainability into Regional Development Policies.** Scientific Article

- **RRI in Europe: Empirical evidence from regional planning initiatives in Austria, Norway and Spain.** Scientific article

- **The role of local communities in the co-creation of innovations for inclusive and sustainable territorial development.** Scientific article

- **EU Annual Report 2023.** The State of Regions and Cities

- **WBC-RRI.NET.** Embedding RRI in Western Balkan Countries: Enhancement of Self-Sustaining R&I Ecosystems

- **RIPEET.** Responsible Research and Innovation Policy Experimentations for Energy Transition

- **TetRRIS**. Territorial Responsible Research and Innovation and Smart Specialisation

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