



Promoting Global Responsible Research and
Social and Scientific Innovation

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ProGReSS - The International Network

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What is RRI?

The European Union is increasingly confronted with the challenge of linking ongoing innovation with major societal questions. Therefore, delivering European renewal relies heavily on the advancement of responsible research and innovation (RRI)

- that is, research and innovation which is:

- ethically acceptable,
- sustainable by avoiding significant adverse effects,
- and drives towards the common good, i.e., societal desirability.

This network will contribute a global perspective on RRI.

Vision

- We believe that responsible research and innovation (RRI) can help address global challenges.
- We believe that global justice issues should be included in debates about research and innovation policies.
- We aim to maximize opportunities for marginalized peoples as well as industry to input into our work.
- We aim to promote a model of RRI, which uses constitutional values to drive positive outcomes for society.



ProGReSS Members and Advisors at UNESCO-hosted Kick-off Meeting in Paris

ProGReSS - Our Aims

The main aim of ProGReSS is to establish a global network on responsible research and innovation (RRI) involving academia, SMEs, international organisations, policy advisors, research funders, NGOs and industry.

In interactive discussions with relevant societal actors as well as innovators, we will move RRI debates from the national or regional to the global level and achieve the following objectives:

- Link existing international networks of RRI with relevant societal actors on a global scale to focus innovation on societal desirability.
- Complete a major fact-finding mission comparing science funding strategies and innovation policies in Europe, the US, China, Japan, India, Australia, and South Africa.
- Advocate a European normative model for RRI globally, using constitutional values as a driver to inform societal desirability.
- Develop a strategy for fostering the convergence of regional innovation systems at the global level.



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"An excellent and synthetic undertaking: a global network comparing strategies to guide funding towards societal needs."

Prof. Joseph Fins, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York



"Societal desirability is an under-explored topic in science governance: the Progress project is therefore both unique and critical."

Prof. Thomasine Kushner, Senior Bioethicist, California Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco

ProGReSS Project Partners

Centre for Professional Ethics at the University of Central Lancashire (Uclan)

An internationally known research and teaching institution, established in 1993, it has gained a reputation for excellence in various areas of ethics.



Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEP), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)

IWEP is devoted to the study of international economics and politics and engaged in policy-oriented and theoretical research with a special reference to China.



The University of Cape Town (UCT)

A collaboration for Progress with the National Research Foundation chair on bio-economy and the internationally recognised Environmental Evaluation Unit at the principal research and teaching university in Africa.



Centre for Science, Society and Citizenship (CSSC)

Europe's leading independent research centre specializing in advice on political, ethical and social issues raised by emerging technologies.



Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions

CSEP is the first interdisciplinary Center for ethics to focus on the professions, and continues to be one of the United States' leading institutes for practical and professional ethics.



South African San Institute (SASI)

SASI was registered in 1996 as a non-governmental organisation (NGO) dedicated to serving the San communities of Southern Africa (mostly South Africa, Namibia and Botswana).



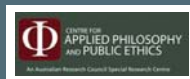
Tecnalia Research & Innovation (TRI)

TRI is a technological research centre, the leading private research and technology entity in Spain and the fifth largest in Europe.



Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics

CAPPE is one of the world's leading research centres in applied ethics. It combines frontier research with close attention to the concrete problems in the public sphere.



Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)

RIS, a New Delhi based autonomous think-tank under the Ministry of External Affairs, specializes in policy research on international economic issues and development cooperation.



Europäische Akademie Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler GmbH, Science and Technology Studies, EA

The EA deals with the scientific study and assessment of the consequences of scientific and technological advances for individuals and society, as well as for the natural environment in order to provide policy advice.



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Dawid Kruiper, 1935 to 2012,
one of the important San
leaders supported by SASI.
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"Through the involvement of the South African San Institute, ProGReSS will explore how marginalized populations can contribute to and benefit from responsible research and innovation."

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