



RRI

RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
SHAPING NEW HORIZONS

Responsible Research and Innovation in Europe and across the World

Go4 Joint Final Conference
14-15 January 2016



ProGRReSS



ResAGorA

Governance framework
for Responsible Research
and Innovation



European Economic
and Social Committee



GO4



In February 2013, four EU-funded projects, the “Go4”¹, were launched (FP7, SiS work programme 2011). GREAT, Res-AGorA, ProGReSS, and Responsibility share a common concern to improve our understanding of the emerging concept of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI), and develop approaches, tools and mechanisms to facilitate the uptake of RRI across Europe and beyond.

The Go4 projects will present key results of their work at a joint final conference, which will maximize their dissemination and potential impact.

Responsible Research and Innovation

The EU seeks to become a genuine Innovation Union by 2020, striving for excellent science, competitive industry, and a better society without compromising on sustainability, ethical acceptability or societal desirability.

Responsible Research and Innovation, RRI, is a governance approach that supports the Innovation Union.

There is an active debate on how best to translate the broad aims of the Innovation Union into principles and concrete actions for RRI (e.g. European Commission leaflet², Rome Declaration on RRI³ and Europe 2020⁴). While the discourse on RRI is far from being settled, an impressive number of RRI activities have unfolded over the past few years. The European Union’s funding of dedicated RRI research projects and coordination activities has significantly contributed to this development. The first wave of these projects, the Go4, will be ready to present their findings, conceptual developments, concrete messages and policy recommendations to the full range of stakeholders (researchers and research organisations, government policy at European, national and international levels, business and industry, and civil society) on 14-15 January 2016.

The interplay between RRI and Carlos Moedas’ (Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation) key priorities of “Open Innovation, Open Science and Openness to the World”, needs to be 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).

Juncker’s 10 priorities for Europe

1. **A New Boost for Jobs, Growth and Investment**
2. **A Connected Digital Single Market**
3. **A Resilient Energy Union with a Forward-Looking Climate Change Policy**
4. **A Deeper and Fairer Internal Market with a Strengthened Industrial Base**
5. **A Deeper and Fairer Economic and Monetary Union**
6. **A Reasonable and Balanced Free Trade Agreement with the U.S.**
7. **An Area of Justice and Fundamental Rights Based on Mutual Trust**
8. **Towards a New Policy on Migration**
9. **A Stronger Global Actor**
10. **A Union of Democratic Change**

¹ GREAT (<http://www.great-project.eu>), Res-AGorA (<http://res-agora.eu>), ProGReSS (<http://www.progressproject.eu>) and Responsibility (<http://responsibility-ri.eu>).

² https://ec.europa.eu/research/swafs/pdf/pub_ri/KI0214595ENC.pdf

³ http://ec.europa.eu/research/swafs/pdf/rome_declaration_RRI_final_21_November.pdf.

⁴ http://ec.europa.eu/europe2020/index_en.htm.

Key Themes of the Conference

- RRI and the current EU policy-landscape
- How can Responsible Research and Innovation shape new horizons?
- Global voices: what is the international dimension of RRI?
- RRI and Governance
- The evolution of RRI
- What are RRI priorities and how to address them?
- RRI case studies and success stories
- RRI: From theory to practice
- Implementing RRI
- How can RRI be evaluated?
- RRI - the way forward

Keynote Speakers and Participants

The organizers are expecting approximately 250 participants representing policy makers, academics, policy advisors, civil society, industry and research funders.

A number of high-level institutional representatives and decision-makers (EU institutions, EU Parliament and member state governments) will be invited as keynote speakers.

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