

Press Release

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800 people, 450 tools, 18 languages: A new collaborative toolkit to research and innovate more responsibly is available at www.rri-tools.eu

The new version of the Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) Toolkit has now been released and a community of more than 800 individuals and institutions from all over Europe is enriching it. This open online platform was launched by the RRI Tools project to help research and innovation actors across Europe work in a more social, ethical, and sustainable way, a requisite in many European funding calls.

The website offers new features thanks to contributions of the 26 organizations of the RRI Tools consortium, [external experts](#) and the growing community of users of the platform. The Toolkit contains almost 500 items to put RRI into practice, such as manuals, guidelines, how-tos, inspiring practices, projects, articles and reports. To help visitors find what they need, the website also includes several levels of navigation, first to understand what RRI is and then to browse through the Toolkit, depending on the experience and needs of users (more details on page 2). All these features are now available in 18 languages.

The online platform is participatory. Visitors can [create an account](#), join the [RRI Community](#), upload their own resources to the Toolkit and participate in [the forum](#) discussions. In addition, the [events page](#) and [the blog](#) allow the community to stay abreast of the latest news and events related to Responsible Research and Innovation.

The [RRI Tools final conference](#) will take place on November 21st - 22nd 2016 in Brussels. This event will offer a space for discussion and reflection on how to implement RRI in the perspective of a more open science and innovation system. The conference will also host the Awards Ceremony of the [European Foundations Award for Responsible Research & Innovation](#), a sister initiative that recognises 3 excellent RRI projects and publishes 15 good RRI cases throughout Europe. If you are interested in joining the conference, please send your motivation to finalconference@rri-tools.eu.



The 7 ways to access the RRI Toolkit

1. The introduction page – “[What is RRI](#)” – helps all users understand what the emerging and evolving concept of Responsible Research and Innovation covers.
2. Five pages are dedicated to each of the research and innovation stakeholders: [policy makers](#), the [research community](#), the [education community](#), [business and industry](#) and [civil society organizations](#). They explore what RRI means to them and suggest a selection of resources that would especially fit their needs.
3. Six pages specifically address the key topics covered by RRI: [ethics](#), [gender equality](#), [governance](#), [open access](#), [public engagement](#) and [science education](#). These pages also include some recommended resources on each of these topics.
4. 28 [how-tos](#) have been developed as practical guides to help visitors navigate through the Toolkit and find concrete answers to specific challenges they might face, such as how to set up a participatory research agenda, how to do a business plan embedding the RRI principles or how to advocate civil society organizations’ ideas and set up a project proposal.
5. At the core of the RRI Toolkit, [the search engine](#) allows users to look up the resources they need, filtering them by language, type of resource (tool, inspiring practice, project or library element), expertise required, policy agenda, target stakeholder group and more.
6. The [Self-Reflection Tool](#) allows users to reflect on the implementation of RRI in their daily work and on which strategies are most useful for their practices.
7. [Training](#) and [Communication](#) resources: Throughout 2016 the project provides [more than 90 training sessions](#) on RRI and the Toolkit. The associated resources [are available online](#) for re-use, as well as presentations and [videos](#) to understand more in-depth what Responsible Research and Innovation is about. Communication materials such as a project brief, a poster or a leaflet of the project can be found in several languages on the [media room](#).



About Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)

Responsible Research and Innovation is:

- **Involving society in science and innovation** 'very upstream' in the processes of research and innovation to align its outcomes with the values of society.
- **A wide umbrella connecting different aspects of the relationship between R&I and society:** public engagement, open access, gender equality, science education, ethics, and governance.
- **A cross-cutting issue in Horizon 2020**, the EU Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020.

More information: <http://www.rri-tools.eu/about-rri>

About RRI Tools

RRI Tools is a project funded for three years (2014-2016) by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme (FP7). The objective of RRI Tools is to deliver a participatory set of digital resources - the RRI Toolkit - to advocate, train, disseminate and implement RRI. Collaborating with all stakeholders, the project ultimately aims at creating a Community of Practice in Europe, which ensures the use, evolution and enrichment of the Toolkit. RRI Tools is being carried out by a consortium of 26 partners covering 30 countries of the European Research Area, and is coordinated by "La Caixa" Foundation (Spain).

More information: www.rri-tools.eu/who-we-are

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