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The International Science Shop Network

DEMOCRATIZING RESEARCH & SCIENCE AGENDA SETTING TO COUNTER CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Science Shops PERARES and RRI Tools

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- Established 1984
- About 50 members
- Non-profit-association
- non-university based
- Budget ca. 3 Mio EUR
- No external funds
- Demand driven and creating own fields of work
- Partner in various EU funded projects: e.g. „PERARES“ and „RRI Tools“
- Professional staff of 35 in flat, collective structure



Science Shops



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are organizations created as mediators between citizen groups

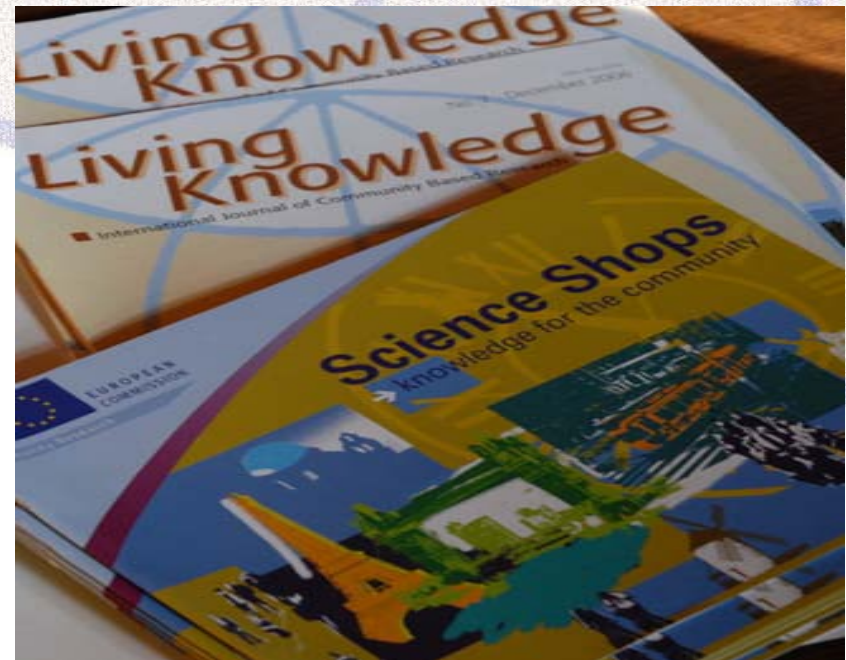
e.g. trade unions, non-profit organizations, environmentalists, consumers etc.)

and research institutions

e.g. universities, independent research facilities

They are just one type of interface between science and its researchers and society.

How they are organized and operate is highly dependent on their context.



Definition

A Science Shop (is a unit that) provides independent participatory research support in response to concerns expressed by civil society.



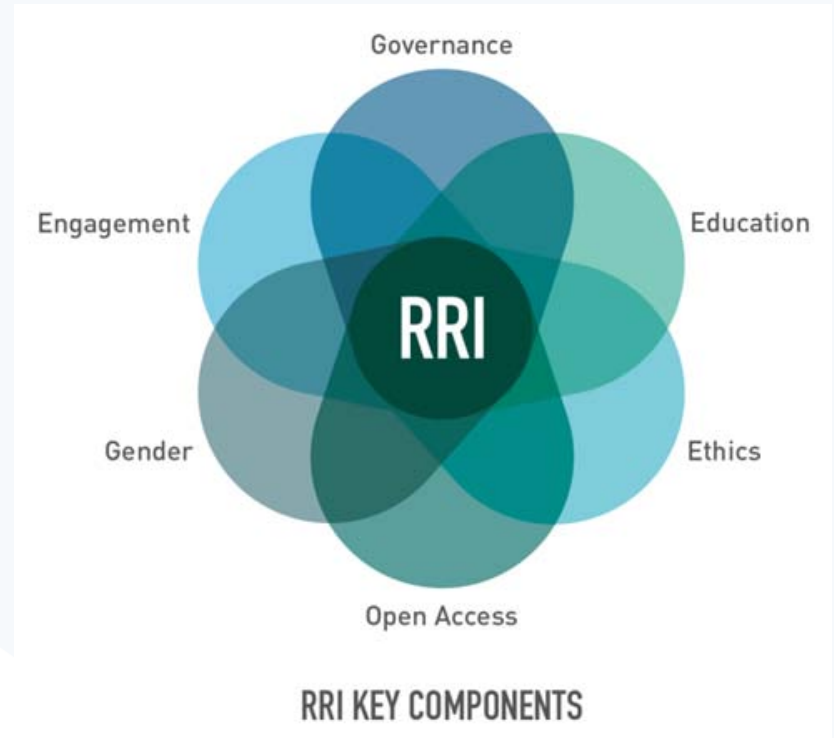
The PERARES Project

developed and performed by (and for) Science Shops, Universities and CSOs

- Bring together 25 Science Shops, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Universities from 16 European countries
- Advance the engagement of Civil Society Organisations in setting Research Agendas - from single individual projects to larger programs
 - Set up 10 new Science Shops across Europe to do projects with/for CSOs (UK, IRE, F, ITA, GRE, CYP, EST, IL, NOR)
 - Pilot forms of scenario workshops with researchers and CSOs
 - Implement direct co-operation among researchers and CSOs.
 - Study and experiment advancements in doing, evaluating and promoting engaged research and learning; e.g. in curricula / Higher Education and Research Funding (and related policies)

Responsible Research and Innovation

“RRI is a transparent, interactive process, by which societal actors and innovators become mutually responsive to each other with a view to the (ethical) acceptability, sustainability and societal desirability of the innovation process and its marketable products (in order to allow a proper embedding of scientific and technological advances in our society)”



RRI DIMENSIONS: Anticipatory, reflective, deliberative, responsive

RRI Tools

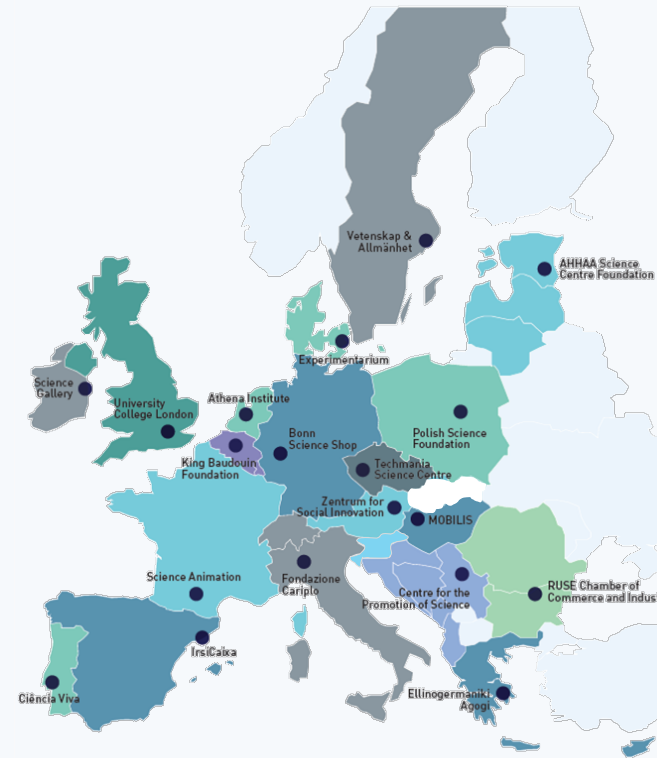
EU 7th Framework Program project

26 partners

19 Hubs covering 30 countries

Main goal & outcome: develop a
*Training and Dissemination Toolkit on
Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)*

*keystone to foster RRI among all stakeholders
-explicitly referred to in several Horizon2020 calls-*



- RRI quality standards
- Case studies
- Already existing tools

