DEMOCRATIZING RESEARCH & SCIENCE AGENDA
SETTING TO COUNTER CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Science Shops
PERARES and RRI Tools

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The Bonn Science Shop

- 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

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)

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“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