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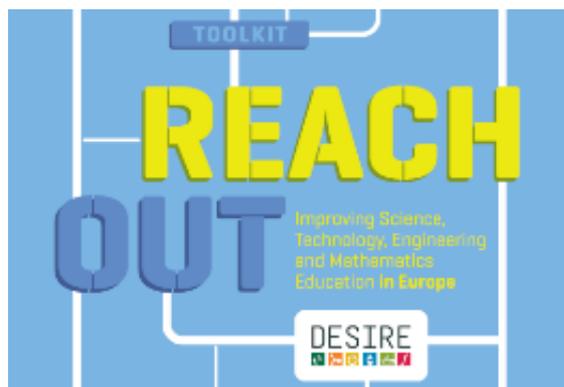## Casting light on Responsible Research and Innovation in practice

Dear reader,

What better way to illuminate the concept of Responsible Research and Innovation than with examples? A new catalogue of good RRI practices is now available. It has been put together by our member Athena Institute, based on the practices collected by the Hubs in the stakeholder consultations and on the RRI criteria defined this Spring. This is a foretaste of the RRI Toolkit to be released in November!

The Community of Practice is being built: invite your contacts to subscribe today to be involved in the making of the Toolkit. You can also follow us and participate on the blog, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube and on two new platforms: Slideshare and Flickr.

Learn about our latest achievements and best tools and practices below. The RRI Tools team wishes you pleasant and enlightening reading.

The tools of the month

The DESIRE Reach Out Toolkit

The European project [DESIRE](#) (Disseminating Educational Science, Innovation and Research in Europe) has developed a [toolkit](#) to help spread the results of science education projects to teachers and other education stakeholders, providing practical tips based on lessons learned and previous experience. Each section shows tools, recommendations and good practices with the aim of helping and inspiring users.

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The Living Knowledge Science Shop Toolbox

Are you thinking of starting a project to enhance the relationship between university and society? The [Living Knowledge toolbox for Science Shops](#) provides information on how to build strong and meaningful partnerships between community-based and university-based researchers. Find out how to develop a successful Science Shop, and to build bridges between experts, and between experts and non-experts.

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RRI in practice

Hao2.eu

Practice collected by [UCL](#), the RRI Hub for the United Kingdom

Hao2 is a small social enterprise that designs, programs and sells 3D virtual office software. The systems, which use avatars to allow people to interact in a virtual environment, have been developed by people with autism

MARLISCO

Practice collected by [Ciência Viva](#), the RRI Hub for Portugal

Marine litter is an emerging threat to the environment, human health and safety, as well as livelihoods. The European project MARLISCO's overarching goal is to raise public awareness, facilitate dialogue and

for people with autism but are now being used much more widely. The complex needs of the Hao2 workforce, a creative, diverse, and highly skilled staff, 80% of whom have autism, are what strengthened the development of the Hao2 products. These applications help those with disabilities or other barriers in finding work.

Find out more about Hao2.eu on their website or in the interview of Nikki Herbertson, CEO and founder of the company, by Steve Miller (UCL).

promote co-responsibility among the different actors towards a joint vision for the sustainable management of marine litter across all European seas. By developing innovative mechanisms and tools, MARLISCO aims to effectively engage, inform and empower society, reaching the widest possible audience, through various formats such as studies, best practices, stakeholders' surveys, video contests, national debates, exhibitions, festivals, clean-ups...

Find out more about MARLISCO.

RRI Tools news

Co-designing for the Roskilde music festival

27 May 2015, Copenhagen, Denmark

The RRI Hub for Denmark put responsible innovation at the top of its agenda by involving various stakeholders in creating posters for the Roskilde festival, an annual music festival bringing together more than 130.000 participants. On 27 May, they explored throughout the day responsible innovation and the method of co-design with a number of different stakeholders from education, research, business and policymakers. Conducting RRI is all about involvement. But how do you make people from different fields come together, talk and contribute in a way that makes sense to everybody?

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Stimulating mutual learning among projects

21-22 May 2015, San Sebastian, Spain

The SIforAGE Project aims at promoting Active and Healthy Ageing in society by strengthening cooperation between researchers, product and service developers, policy-makers, and civil society organisations. Among the different activities that are being developed in the framework of SIforAGE, stimulating mutual learning from complementary initiatives at European level is a key one. For that reason, during the last SIforAGE General Meeting, three different European initiatives, RRI Tools, CROSS Project, and EIT Health were invited to present their work.

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RRI good reads

Making responsibility a reality

[Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) is a cross-cutting theme of Horizon 2020](). The basic idea behind this is simple and powerful: given science and innovation's power to transform our world, we need to make sure that they work with and for society. But what does this mean in practice for research and researchers?

RRI Tools' Ignasi López Verdeguer and Melanie Smallman answer this question in [an article released in Research Europe on 19 June](), in advance of their presentation at [the EARMA conference]() in Leiden (28 June-1 July 2015).
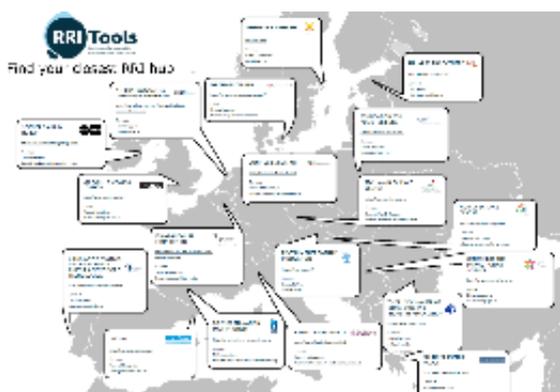
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Roger Strand: "RRI is a window of criticism, it is a dissident discourse"

On 8 June, Prof. Roger Strand gave a talk on the origin, definition and application of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) at [Universitat Pompeu Fabra]() in Barcelona. To start the session, he exposed an obvious contradiction of RRI: on the one hand, it is vital at an institutional level and for new EU projects; but on the other hand, it is a rather unknown term among the scientific community and the general public. He also analyzed some of the sentences of its definition to prove that it is still quite an ambiguous term.

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RRI Tools top publications in social media

#1 on Facebook: Science & You

Find your closest [#RRI]() hub in Europe: Come and visit us at [Science & You 2015]() in Nancy until Friday!

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Follow us on [Facebook]() to keep up-to-date with RRI and RRI Tools!

#1 on Twitter: Open science

Interested in [#openscience]()? Read the special issue of [@EuroScientist]() magazine: [euroscientist.com/science-2-0/]()

Follow us on [Twitter]() to not miss our activities!

Coming events

Responsible Innovation: a European Agenda?

24-25 August 2015, The Hague, Netherlands

The Fourth International Conference on Responsible Innovation will discuss the merits, practices and necessity of responsible innovation for technological development. Pim Klaasen and Sara Vermeulen from the RRI Tools project (Athena Institute) will give talks on "The state of the art in RRI: what we can learn from promising RRI practices" and "Quality Criteria for European RRI practices". Find out more on the conference website.

ETHICOMP 2015: Exploring the ethical and social issues of ICT

7-9 September 2015, Leicester, UK

ETHICOMP 2015 will review ethical and social issues raised by contemporary computing and look at ways of identifying and addressing them in the future. The conference aims to be practically relevant and bring together the various communities involved in the development, implementation, use of computing and reflection on it in its various guises. More information on the ETHICOMP 2015 webpage.

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