

Opening Science: building bridges between research and society

Science Dissemination course

So far, the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union insisted on the concept of Science in Society by supporting initiatives of science dissemination and communication. Beginning in 2014, the Horizon 2020 program will commit to the concept of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI), with a much broader and transversal perspective about what should be the role of civil society in the research agenda. Any research project financed with European money shall include RRI criteria, among which is included the active and informed participation of citizens in the research process, for which research communication is a prerequisite. It is expected that this approach will be soon seeping from the guidelines of the Commission towards research policies of member states.

This course has a threefold objective: to present the concept of RRI, bring together a network of people interested in working from this perspective and provide tools and basic knowledge to enable them to implement their ideas.

Vision:

The RRI concept is gaining ground in European science policy: get ready.

Mission:

Create a crystallization nucleus for a network of people interested in working at the interface science / society from the RRI (Responsible Research and Innovation) perspective.

Objectives:

- Promote the need to perform science dissemination to engage publics in the scientific agenda.
- Showing public engagement models which promote feedback between experts and non-experts.
- Offering the possibility of creating professional networks, supported by face to face sessions, joint projects and knowledge exchange.
- Providing tools: low-cost communication techniques, sources of funding, science communication plans, assessment methods, academic research in science communication...
- Advising on the implementation of a practical exercise in science engagement, offering participants oversight as part of the training.

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