

TERRITORIES AS LEADERS IN RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Policy Conference

Organised by the consortium of the RRI-LEADERS Project
19 October 2023, Brussels

Agenda

 **Venue:**
Committee of the Regions
Batiment Jacques Delors, Rue Belliard 99/101, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

Room JDE51

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| 8:30 – 9:30 | Registration, coffee and refreshments |
| 9:30 – 10:00 | <p>Opening the conference</p> <p>Zoya DAMIANOVA, Coordinator of RRI-LEADERS Project Applied Research and Communications Fund, Bulgaria</p> <p>Keynote addresses</p> <p>Dr. Georgios PAPANAGNOU, Policy Officer, DG Research and Innovation Silvia ABAD, European Research Executive Agency</p> |
| 10:00 – 10.30 | <p>Introduction to the Conference</p> <p>RRI-LEADERS project: challenges, achievements and impact</p> <p>Zoya DAMIANOVA, Applied Research and Communications Fund, Bulgaria</p> <p>Vision for responsible territorial policymaking</p> <p>Marko HAJDINJAK, Applied Research and Communications Fund, Bulgaria</p> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break |



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| <p>11.00 – 12.45</p> | <p>RRI in territorial policymaking: the experience of RRI-LEADERS</p> <p>Moderator: Edward ANDERSSON</p> <p><i>This session will be a forum to share the experience of cities and regions, participating in RRI-LEADERS, which embarked on a 3-year journey of studying and analysing how Responsible Research and Innovation, as well as anticipation, inclusiveness, reflexivity and responsiveness, could be most beneficially applied in territorial policymaking in selected policy areas.</i></p> <p><i>Presentations by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Snezhina GABOVA, Sofia Development Association, Bulgaria • Dr. Pavlos KILINTZIS, Local Government Association - Region of Western Macedonia, Greece • Dr. Gabriel HAPPLE, Municipality of Thalwil, Switzerland • The experience of Sabadell in the RRI-LEADERS project. Main results. Dr. Anna PUIGGRÒS, Promoció Econòmica de Sabadell SL, Spain <p><i>Presentations will be focused on the experience of the four territories in embedding Responsible Research and Innovation in their territorial development policies, followed by a discussion with the conference participants. Discussion will focus on challenges, achievements and impacts on territorial policymaking.</i></p> |
| <p>12.45 – 14.00</p> | <p>Buffet lunch - Atrium 6, Committee of the Regions</p> <p>Video session in Atrium 6</p> |



14.00 – 15.30

RRI in territorial policymaking: the wider picture

Moderator: Zoya DAMIANOVA

This session will be a forum for other projects to present their novel approaches, experiences and achievements in integrating Responsible Research and Innovation in territorial development, as well as the societal impacts of clean energy transition.

- **Transition Labs: putting responsible innovation into practice**
Wolfgang HAIDER, RIPEET project coordinator, Centre for Social Innovation, Austria

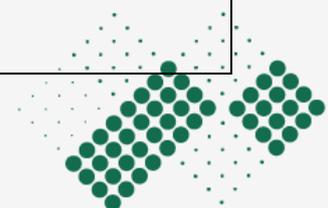
RIPEET project supports Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) policy experimentations for energy transition in three European territories - in Extremadura (ES), Highlands and Islands of Scotland (UK) and Ostrobothnia (FI).

- **Main achievements of the WBC-RRI.NET project and its impacts on Western Balkan region**
Prof. Goran STOJANOVIC, WBC-RRI.NET Coordinator, University of Novi Sad (UNS), Serbia

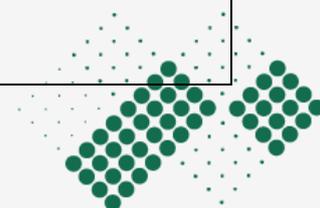
WBC-RRI.NET fosters the application of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) at the territorial level in five Western Balkan Research and Innovation (R&I) ecosystems and promotes a multi-level governance framework for steering R&I in the Western Balkans (WB): Province of Vojvodina (Serbia), Kune-Vain-Tale ecosystem (Albania), Republic of Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Country of Montenegro, and Skopje planning region (North Macedonia).

- **Social Aspects of Transition to Clean Energies in Europe**
Prof. Ricardo GARCÍA MIRA, ENTRANCES Project coordinator, University of A Coruña, Spain

ENTRANCES project advocates the impact on societies of Clean Energy Transition. It analyses processes of de-territorialisation and re-territorialisation in 13 European coal and carbon intensive regions from a socio-economic, socio-technical, socio-cultural, socio-political, socio-ecological, socio-psychological and gender perspective. It aims at developing understanding from scientific evidence and knowledge based on interdisciplinary and inter-organizational dialogue. The project addresses coping strategies and challenges faced by these regions taking into account these multidimensional perspective involving different key players at territorial, regional, national, European, and global levels.



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TetRRIS - Territorial Responsible Research and Innovation and Smart Specialisation Dr. Nina RILLA, Senior Scientist in Ethics and responsibility of innovations, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland <p><i>The ambition of TetRRIS is to bring Responsible Research and Innovation in alignment with the Smart Specialisation paradigm and governance within 4 pilot experiment regions from the European Union: Tampere, Karlsruhe, Cantabria, and Szeged-Timisoara. The activities of tetRRIS went through several stages: identifying and scoping; framing and orchestration; co-design, deployment and continuation; policy messages and scientific insights.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Review Panel method Maya BIDSTRUP, The Danish Board of Technology, Denmark <p><i>Presentations will be followed by a discussion with the conference participants. Discussion will focus on challenges, achievements and impacts on territorial policymaking.</i></p> |
| 15.30 – 16.00 | Coffee break |
| 16.00 – 17.20 | <p>Recommendations to Policymakers at Different Levels of Governance</p> <p>Moderator: Edward ANDERSSON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy recommendations, Lars KLÜVER, Danish Board of Technology, Denmark <p>Panel discussion – participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Svetlozar ANDREEV, Administrator/Head of sector (Research and Innovation), Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture Committee (SEDEC), Committee of the Regions • Prof. Ellen-Marie FORSBERG, Managing Director, Norwegian Institute of Sustainability Research (NORSUS), Norway • Dr. Claire NAUWELAERS, independent Policy Analyst and Governmental Adviser, specialised in research and innovation policy, Belgium • Dr. Milto LADIKAS, Senior Researcher at the Institute for Technology, Assessment and Systems Analysis, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany • Lars KLÜVER, Former director and currently Senior Advisor, the Danish Board of Technology • Representative of the European Association of Development Agencies (EURADA), TBC • Representative of the European Regions Research and Innovation Network (ERRIN Network), TBC |
| 17.20 | <p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Zoya DAMIANOVA, ARC Fund</p> |



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| 17.30 – 18.15 | Cultural event, Atrium 6, Committee of the Regions Elite Ensemble Orchestra, Italy “Leonardo 4 Children 2023: Climate, Equality & Peace” |
| 19.00 – 20.30 | Networking cocktail for the conference participants <u>Venue:</u> THON Hotel EU Brussels, Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Brussels |

