



WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES OF THE ENERGY TRANSITION IN THALWIL?

3rd RRI-LEADERS newsletter

Welcome to the third RRI-LEADERS newsletter! Have a look at the news we have gathered for you and learn more about the project and its implications. Forward the newsletter to anyone in your network who might be interested, and stay tuned! (You can also download it by [clicking here](#))

Four territories are participating in the RRI-LEADERS project to explore the implementation of territorial policy strategies following the RRI principles: the city of Sofia,

Bulgaria; the Region of Western Macedonia, Greece; the city of Sabadell, Spain; and the city of Thalwil, Switzerland.

During the next months we will present to you what each territory is doing.

In this third newsletter we would like to introduce to you Thalwil/Switzerland and the role of its partners in the RRI-LEADERS project: the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), and the Municipality of Thalwil (THA). Listen to Thalwil's RRI-LEADERS representatives on the RRI aspects focused on their territory.

RRI keys and dimensions applied to climate change policies in Thalwil

Municipality of Thalwil participated in a pilot project for Citizen Panels focused on the RRI keys and dimensions (Public Engagement, Science Education, Inclusiveness, Responsiveness) applied to climate change policies. The Canton of Zürich aims to strengthen participation. To this extent, the Cantonal authorities, together with the Centre for Democracy Aarau (ZDA), conducted a scientific pilot project for citizen panels on the municipal level in three different municipalities. Thalwil was one of the participating municipalities. The others were Winterthur and Uster. [Read more.](#)



ZHAW Sustainable Impact Program (SIP)



The Sustainable Impact Program (SIP) aspires to become the “living lab” for sustainability by financially supporting ZHAW students and researchers in providing meaningful contributions towards addressing the grand challenges of our time. ZHAW promotes with this program outstanding and impactful initiatives by students, research and teaching projects by employees, as well as young entrepreneurship in the field of sustainable development [Read more.](#)

Principles for Responsible Management Education

PRiME

The ZHAW School of Management and Law is since 2014 signatory of the United Nations Global Compact initiative Principles for Responsible Management Education (UN PRME). PRME'S mission is to transform management education and develop the responsible decision-makers of tomorrow to advance sustainable development and the 2030 Agenda. ZHAW. [Read more.](#)

RRI-LEADERS Final Policy Conference



RRI-LEADERS Policy Conference will bring together diverse participants from across Europe: project partners in ongoing or recently completed RRI-focused projects – RRI-LEADERS, RIPEET, WBC-INCO.NET, TetRRIS, TeRRitoria, ENTRANCES, stakeholders from the city of Sofia (Bulgaria), the region of Western Macedonia (Greece), the municipality of Thalwil (Switzerland), the city of Sabadell (Catalonia, Spain), RRI policy supporters, regional development agencies, business and industry associations, decision-makers in STI at different levels of governance (local, regional, national), as well as representatives of the Research Executive Agency of the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, the Committee of the Regions. [Read more.](#)

The transformation of RRI



Despite being a relatively new concept, RRI has considerably transformed its implementation scope in the recent years. From exclusively operating as a scientific innovation framework that initiated the “responsibility” pillars on which innovation and science should be based, it has been transformed to a policy-making tool that incorporates science and innovation principles under a general sustainability framework. [Read more.](#)

RRI and Technology Assessment (TA): friends or foes?



Technology Assessment (TA) and Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) appear to be two distinct frameworks in the evaluation and guidance of technological development and innovation but, are they seen as competing approaches rather than complementary ones? Are they friends or foes? Dr. Milto Ladikas, Senior Researcher at the Institute of Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis in Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany), and Member of the Advisory Board of the RRI-LEADERS project shares his perspective on this topic. [Read more.](#)

Alexandria Innovation Zone



Around the world, Innovation Zones act as magnets for large and small companies or research and development departments of large companies that need partnerships,

high-level management and scientific staff and a supportive financial and tax environment to succeed. The Greek state, aiming to turn Thessaloniki into an international hub for the development of science- and knowledge-based entrepreneurship, established the Alexandria Innovation Zone (AZK) of Thessaloniki. [Read more.](#)

Recommendations to facilitate the implementation of the open science model in Spain



It is worth noting that during 2022 and the early part of 2023, the promotion of open science has undergone significant developments. For instance, on 14 December 2022, the Parliament of Catalonia approved the Catalan Science Law, a new science law born in Europe, which follows Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) pillars. This and another national law reforms represent a crucial step toward aligning Spanish research with the open science model, which has been strongly championed by the European Commission. The Open Science (OS) project has just published these recommendations addressed at the public administration to provide guidance and strategies for government agencies and institutions to support the adoption of open science practices in Spain. [Read more.](#)



Events

Find below the past events of the previous quarter and the upcoming ones in regard practical implementation of RRI topics & dimensions:

- **TetRRIS Final Event.** Territorial Responsible Research and Innovation and Smart Specialisation Final Conference. July 4th – 5th
- **Swiss Green Symposium 2023.** leading conference for sustainable business in Switzerland. September 5th – 7th
- **RME Conference.** 10th Responsible Management Education Research Conference. September 26th -28th
- **Democracy R&D annual conference.** Let's give democracy an overhaul! October 4th – 5th
- **TetRRIS event. What Can RRI offer S3 in their reorientation towards sustainability?** October 13th
- **RRI-LEADERS Final Policy Conference.** Results from the RRI-Leaders project. October 19th
- **Young Professional Day 2023: Carbon Markets.** What is the Carbon Market and who are its players? October 24th
- **Sabadell's Entrepreneurship Week.** territorial event aimed to reinforce the entrepreneurial ecosystem. November 20th – 24th (CAT)

Links

In this section you can learn more about other RRI related projects and other interesting topics.

- **ETHNA.** Ethical Governance for Scientific Excellence.
- **SIRENA.** A new and comprehensive digital aggregator (Government of Catalonia)
- **WBC-RRI.NET.** Embedding RRI in Western Balkan Countries: Enhancement of Self-Sustaining R&I Ecosystems
- **RIPEET.** Responsible research and Innovation Policy Experimentations for Energy Transition
- **TetRRIS.** Territorial Responsible Research and Innovation and Smart Specialisation
- **ENTRANCES.** ENergy TRAnSitions from Coal and carbon: Effects on Societies
- **Das Ende der Gasnetze.** Thalwil energy transition and RRI-LEADERS in Tenor online magazine (DE)
- **EURADA.** European Association of Development Agencies
- **ERRIN.** European Regions Research & Innovation Network
- **SEDEC.** Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture
- **GreenScent.** Smart Citizen Education for a Green Future
- **PRME.** 6 Principles for Responsible Management Education
- **Centre for Resilience and Sustainable Development (UoCambridge).** Responsible innovation
- **IGIGlobal publication.** From Industry 4.0 to Industry 5.0: The Role of Responsible Research and Innovation
- **MOOC.** Course on Responsible Research and Innovation