



**2<sup>nd</sup> HEIRRI Conference:  
Education towards a responsible society,  
transforming universities through RRI**

*Call for Abstracts*

Aula der Wissenschaften, Vienna, Austria – April 27th, 2018

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### Context

Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) offers a framework in which the Research and Innovation system can respond to societal issues in an ethical, transparent and inclusive way, allowing for the engagement of stakeholders to dialogue and encouraging reflection. RRI has been promoted from both top-down and bottom-up impulses. Its approach allows for self-criticism and adaptive reshaping. It is a complex issue that gathers many perspectives, and that is why the need for strong, robust, and high-quality training on RRI and how to put it into practice has become, more than ever, a necessity.

The HEIRRI project (Higher Education Institutions and Responsible Research and Innovation) began in 2015 with the aim of integrating RRI in universities and other higher education institutions. One of the main project outputs are the tested training programmes on RRI, ready to be included in university curricula all around the world. With its work, the HEIRRI project contributes in making the R&I system more responsible towards the needs of the society it thrives on.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> HEIRRI Conference

The **2<sup>nd</sup> HEIRRI Conference “Education towards a responsible society, transforming universities through RRI”** will present the results of nearly three years of project activities designed to promote the **integration of RRI within the education** of scientists, engineers and other professionals involved in the R&D process. **Participants**, including high-level education representatives, academics, industry, international associations and other stakeholders, will have the opportunity to discuss the HEIRRI training programmes and their piloting, to join debates on the future of RRI in Europe and beyond, to discover other initiatives on RRI training, and to engage in multidisciplinary sessions. A combination of **keynote talks, parallel thematic sessions, RRI initiatives speed dating and a poster session** are bound to make for an engaging and enriching event. This conference will also allow for networking, all under one roof in the heart of Europe: Vienna.

Have a look at the **preliminary conference programme** [here](#).





## **Call for Abstracts**

In this **2<sup>nd</sup> HEIRRI Conference** we welcome **contributions presenting RRI practices, projects, programmes and initiatives that demonstrate the application of RRI in higher education.**

Specifically, we would like to invite applications that put a spotlight on activities designed to integrate more democratic governance in research and innovation with an emphasis on positive societal impacts along with a promotion and application of a more anticipatory, reflexive, inclusive and responsive approach to research and innovation into higher education curricula. The main emphasis should be placed on specific educational outcomes and achievements. We welcome applications from different countries, context and disciplines, both from the humanities and the natural and social sciences.

## **Participation method**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> HEIRRI Conference will feature a speed dating session, which will introduce 20 RRI initiatives in an elevator-ride pitch (3 min) to a small group of maximum 10 people. Therefore, the Conference Committee will select 20 abstracts to be presented in the speed dating session.

In addition, we invite poster applications for a poster session which will be available throughout the day.

## **Key Dates**

- Opening of abstract submission: October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- Deadline for abstract submission: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (23:59 European Central Time)
- Notification of acceptance/rejection: December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **Rules for submission**

1. Participants are invited to submit original scientific abstracts for poster or verbal presentation (speed-dating session).
2. Based on the authors' preferences and the abstracts accepted, contributions will be located to either the speed-dating session or as poster presentations.
3. The verbal presentation can either be a simple verbal intervention or can be conducted with the help of your own tablet or laptop or visual aids, leaflets and similar.
4. For the speed-dating session, the time limit of 3 minutes must be respected.
5. Abstracts should be written in English using a clear style. Max. of 2.000 characters.
6. We recommend that abstracts are carefully compiled and thoroughly checked before submission, in particular the list of authors, to avoid last minute changes.





7. Abstracts need to be submitted
  - a. to the e-mail address: [ddaras@ecsite.eu](mailto:ddaras@ecsite.eu)
  - b. with the title of the abstract as the subject of the e-mail
  - c. in the [template provided here](#).
8. The submission of an abstract carries with it the obligation that it is actually presented at the conference by the author or, at least, by one of the co-authors, provided that the abstract is finally accepted.
9. Notification of acceptance or rejection by the Conference Committee will be mailed to the submitting author at the e-mail address supplied by December 20<sup>th</sup>.
10. Accepted abstracts will be published electronically as a single volume at the [HEIRRI website](#).

