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1. Introduction

Communication is at the forefront of the European Commission strategy. According to the EC document “Communicating EU Research and Innovation Guidance for Project Participants” (EC, 2014), communicating European research projects should aim to demonstrate the ways in which research and innovation is contributing to a European 'Innovation Union'. Tangible proof that collaborative research at the European level adds value equates to showing how collaboration has achieved more than would have otherwise been possible, how the outcomes are relevant to our everyday lives, by creating jobs, introducing novel technologies, or making our lives more comfortable in other ways, and making sure the results are taken up by decision-makers to influence policy and by the industry or scientific community to ensure follow-up.

In order to maximise the overall impact of the PROSO Project, great effort will be placed to achieve a high level of achievement and a wide scope of the dissemination and communication activities. In this sense, dissemination and communication activities shall aim to:

Objective (1): Maximise the overall impact of the Project, ensuring high level of effectiveness, reach and scope of dissemination and exploitation.

Objective (2): Provide pertinent information on project goals, processes and results to the primary target groups of third sector organisations and citizens, as well as stakeholders such as researchers, research fund programme managers and policy-makers.

Objective (3): Contribute to the successful development of project events and tasks such as the planned workshops, panels and conferences.

Expanding on the draft plan contained in the proposal, the present communication and dissemination plan intends to deliver the aforementioned objectives in a cost-effective and timely manner. The document also acts as a practical tool to inform consortium members about required contributions to communication and dissemination throughout the lifetime of the project.

In this plan, communication and dissemination activities are combined and jointly defined, as in this Project most of the channels for dissemination allow two way communications (Website, social networks, events, publications, etc.).

2. E-newsletter

A bi-annual e-newsletter will be produced and disseminated to key stakeholders, with regular and continuous information about the development of the project, namely technical information. Totalling three electronic bulletins, its distribution is programmed for October 2016, May 2017, and December 2017.

3. Distribution

The project used targeted mailing to target groups and other stakeholders related to RRI (see Dissemination Plan). These actors received the e-newsletter encouraging a visit to the project website or twitter account.

Mail contacts were drawn from public domain (see annexes). The newsletter included an “unsubscribe” option.

4. Annex I: E-newsletter #1

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PROSO PROJECT NEWSLETTER

What is "PROSO" about?

PROSO is the short name of a project called **Promoting Societal Engagement in Research and Innovation**. The major goal of PROSO is to **provide guidance on how to encourage engagement of citizens and third sector organizations**, like non-governmental organizations (NGOs) or civil society organizations, in Europe's research and innovation processes. This guidance shall help in moving towards Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI), the European Union's approach to good governance in research and innovation. Societal engagement in research and innovation is an important element of the EU's RRI approach.

In PROSO we will develop guidance in form of a **policy and practice guide**. The guide will be based on the results of PROSO's analysis of the barriers and incentives for engaging third sector organizations and citizens in publicly funded research and innovation, in the three areas of **nanotechnology, food and health, and bio-economy**.

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PROJECT UPDATES

Citizen Panel meetings: giving voice to citizens!

- What roles can citizens play in research and innovation?
- How does the public view the relationship between science and society, as well as the role of science as part of society?
- How can citizens be involved in research and innovation and how do they want to participate?

These are some of the questions the PROSO project aims to answer in order to help us understand how to promote the involvement of the public in research and innovation processes.

To achieve this goal, **5 meetings were organised in October and November to discuss these questions**. In the course of these meetings, participants shared their personal views on different ways of involvement and engagement in the three areas which are the focus of the project: nanotechnology, bio-economy and food&health.

In December, **the results will be analysed by a group of experts** who will elaborate a set of policy and practice options that reflects citizens' views on their own role in the research and innovation processes. **The citizens will get together once again in February 2017 in each country, and discuss and prioritise the options developed by experts.**



Overview of a Citizen Panel meeting



Table discussions (Bulgaria)



Table discussions (Portugal)



Participants in Portugal

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A part of PROSO involves investigating whether researchers and innovators have been able to successfully engage with the public and non-governmental organisations in past research projects. We want to gain a deeper understanding of how such engagement efforts could have been better supported by policy leaders, universities, business, and the researchers themselves.

To do this, we chose 9 case studies from across PROSO's core research areas of nanotechnology, bio-economy, and food and health. They were chosen because:

- The case studies employed a variety of methods to engage with the public and organisations.
- They involved engaging with a range of different types of stakeholders (organisations and members of the public), and each project engaged with them to varying degrees.
- We wanted to capture what is happening in different parts of the EU, so we selected case studies from across Europe.
- We also thought the topics of these projects were really interesting.

The PROSO partners working on this project (University of Surrey, University of Stuttgart, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Optimat) have been busy identifying people to interview who were part of each of these case studies. Interviews will be carried out between September and the end of 2016, and the analysis of this data will happen in early 2017.

More information shortly!

EVENTS

November 30th - December 2nd 2016

SAVE THE DATE: Expert Workshop "Policy and Practice Options for Fostering Citizen Engagement in Research and Innovation"

The Citizen Panel Meetings uncovered citizens' views on the role they want to play in research and innovation processes, as well as the factors and conditions that enable and constrain citizen engagement in R&I. The Expert Workshop aims to formulate policy and practice options which address the identified by citizens incentives and barriers for citizen engagement in the Citizen Panel meetings. It will bring together PROSO partners and 6 selected external experts with an in-depth experience and knowledge regarding the engagement of unorganised citizens.

[More info to be published here.](#)

June 2017

SAVE THE DATE: Conference on "Engaging society for RRI: ways to get there"

This conference shall present early Project results to be considered and discussed by a range of different organisations and citizens. The aim of the Conference is to get feedback as well as ideas and initiatives concerning possible ways to encourage the engagement of society. The outcome of this event is the development of the Policy & Practice Guide to be handed over to European policy-makers.



This is the electronic newsletter edited by PROSO Consortium Members, which provides information of specific interest for Responsible Research and Innovation in the fields of Bio-economy, Nanotechnology and Food&Health.



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5. Annex II: E-newsletter #1 recipients

No.	Person / Organisation	Type of organisation (if applicable)	Field / Domain	Geographic Scope / Interest
#1	European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility (ENSSER)	Scientist network	Social and Environmental Responsibility	Europe
#2	International Risk Governance Council (IRGC)	Foundation	Risk Management	International
#3	CRIIGEN - Committee for Independent Research and Information on Genetic Engineering	Research consultancy	Food&Health	International
#4	GenØk – Centre for Biosafety	Foundation	Food&Health	Norway
#5	International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility	Scientist network	Responsible Research and Innovation	International
#6	Department of Science, Technology, and Policy Studies (STePS) - University of Twente	Research Organisation	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	Holland
#7	National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)	Research Organisation	Bioeconomy / Nanotechnology	France
#8	Signosis	Innovation Consultancy	Innovation services	European
#9	EA European Academy of Technology and Innovation Assessment GmbH	Research Organisation	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	Germany
#10	VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd	Research Organisation	Bioeconomy, Food & Health, Nanotechnology	Finland
#11	Centre for Computing and Social Responsibility of DeMontfort University	Research Organisation	Responsible Research and Innovation	UK
#12	Euclid Network	Civil Society Network	Communication	UK
#13	Zentrum für Soziale Innovation	Research Organisation	Nanotechnology	Austria
#14	SPIA (science-policy interface agency)	Private Consultancy	Communication of Science, Technology and Innovation	European
#15	Euractiv	News and european policy dissemination platform	Communication	European
#16	EPHA - european public health alliance	CSO Network	Advocacy	European
#17	CONCORD - European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development	CSO Network	Advocacy	European
#18	European Women's Lobby	CSO	Advocacy	European
#19	University of Pretoria (UP)	Higher Education Institution	Bioeconomy, Food & Health	national
#20	Faculty of Technical Sciences, University of Novi Sad (FTS)	State founded university faculty	Bioeconomy, Food & Health, Nanotechnology	International
#21	European Institute for Health (EIH)	ASBL	Food&Health	European
#22	Barilla Center for Food & Nutrition Foundation (BCFN Foundation)	Fondazione non onlus	Food&Health	European
#23	Stiftelsen SINTEF (SINTEF)	Foundation	Food & Health, Bioeconomy	European
#24	European Association of Faculties of Pharmacy (EAFF)	non-profit associatiioon	Food&Health	European
#25	Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research TNO (TNO)	SuiGeneris/Founded by law	Food&Health	European
#26	European Risk Forum (ERF)	Association Sans But Lucratif	Food&Health	European
#27	Agrofood Connect-EU Group	working group	Food&Health, Bioeconomy	Catalonia
#28	Aalto-korkeakoulusäätiö / Aalto University (AALTO)	foundation	Bioeconomy, Food & Health, Nanotechnology	International
#29	Conférence des Présidents d'Université (C.P.U)	Association reconnue d'utilité publique	Governance of Science, Technology and	France

			Innovation (STI)	
#30	Ellen MacArthur Foundation	Charity	Bioeconomy, Food & Health, Nanotechnology	International
#31	Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft (FhG)	not for profit organisation	Bioeconomy, Food & Health, Nanotechnology	International
#32	National Research Council of Italy (C.N.R.)	Research Performing Organization	Bioeconomy, Food & Health	Italy
#33	Interuniversitair Micro-Electronica Centrum (IMEC)	vzw	Nanotechnology	International
#34	Commissariat à l'Energie atomique et aux énergies alternatives (CEA)	Organisme public de recherche	Health&Food	International
#35	iMinds (iMinds)	Research Organisation	Health&Food	International
#36	TECNALIA Research & Innovation (TECNALIA)	Foundation	Bioeconomy, Food & Health, Nanotechnology	International
#37	Institut Européen de Bioéthique (IEB-EIB)	ASBL	Bioeconomy	European
#38	CIRAD (CIRAD)	EPIC (French Public Research Institute)	Food&Health	European
#39	Aarhus University (AU)	University	Bioeconomy, Food & Health, Nanotechnology	International
#40	E3G (E3G)	not-for-profit	Bioeconomy, Food & Health	European
#41	SwissCore, Contact Office for European Research, Innovation and Education (SwissCore)	Brussels branch office of private foundation under Swiss law	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	Switzerland
#42	Health Effects Institute (HEI)	Non-profit (US 501(c)3)	Food&Health	International
#43	Science Europe (SE)	AISBL	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	European
#44	Instituto Nacional de Engenharia Biomédica (INEB)	Private non profit research institute	Bioeconomy	Portugal
#45	INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA SANTE ET DE LA RECHERCHE MEDICALE (INSERM)	ETABLISSEMENT PUBLIC A CARACTERE SCIENTIFIQUE ET TECHNOLOGIQUE	Food&Health	France
#46	Magazine Science&Santé	Science&Santé	Food&Health	France
#47	Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main (GUF)	Stiftung öffentlichen Rechts	Bioeconomy, Food & Health	International
#48	Biobanking and Biomolecular resources Research Infrastructure-European Research Infrastructure Consortium (BBMRI-ERIC)	ERIC	Bioeconomy	European
#49	Naturalis Biodiversity Center (Naturalis)	Stichting	Bioeconomy	International
#50	Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (ENEA)	Public Research Agency	Bioeconomy, Food & Health, Nanotechnology	International
#51	Bijvoet Center for Biomolecular Research (Bijvoet Center)	Research Institute	Bioeconomy	European
#52	UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MODENA E REGGIO EMILIA (UNIMORE)	PUBLIC BODY; RESEARCH and HIGHER EDUCATION	Food & Health, Nanotechnology	Italy
#53	The Russell Group of Universities	Company Limited By Guarantee	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	International
#54	alchemia-nova GmbH (alchemia-nova)	GmbH	Bioeconomy	European
#55	EQUITY IN HEALTH INSTITUTE (EHI)	ngo	Food&Health	European
#56	European Research Institute (ERI)	NO PROFIT - RESEARCH CENTER	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	European
#57	League of European Research Universities (LERU)	Non-profit organisation	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	European
#58	European Policy Centre (EPC)	AISBL	Governance of Science, Technology and	European

			Innovation (STI)	
#59	Joint Institute for Innovation Policy (JIIP)	aisbl	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	European
#60	BeCHANGE Research Group, Institute for Public Communication, Università della Svizzera italiana	University	Food&Health	European
#61	European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (Euricse)	Foundation	Advocacy	European
#62	CERIC-ERIC (CERIC-ERIC)	eric	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	European
#63	SciCom - Making Sense of Science (SciCom)	SPRL	Communication of Science, Technology and Innovation	European
#64	ETH Zürich (ETH Zürich)	autonomous body under Swiss public law with its own legal persona	Bioeconomy, Food & Health, Nanotechnology	International
#65	EuroComment	Société Anonym	Communication	International
#66	Europäische Akademie Bozen (EURAC)	private non profit research center	Bioeconomy, Food & Health, Nanotechnology	European
#67	European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)	AISBL	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	European
#68	Conference of European Schools for Advanced Engineering Education and Research (CESAER)	International non-profit organisation (ivzw)	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	European
#69	The Young Foundation (YF)	Company limited by guarantee	Societal Engagement	European
#70	Farm Europe	AISBL	Food&Health	European
#71	The University of Birmingham	Charity	Bioeconomy, Food & Health, Nanotechnology	European
#72	Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS (PROVIDUS)	Association	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	European
#73	Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies e.V. (IASS)	Verein	Bioeconomy, Food&Health	European
#74	Universidade de Coimbra (UC)	Public Body - University	Bioeconomy, Food & Health, Nanotechnology	European
#75	Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT)	Public Agency	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	Portugal
#76	Open Europe	Company Limited by Guarantee	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	European
#77	Swiss National Science Foundation	Public Agency	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	Switzerland
#78	Fundación Española para la Ciencia y Tecnología, FECYT	Public Agency	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	Spain
#79	Institut de France	Public Agency	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	France
#80	German Research Foundation (DFG)	Association under private law	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	Germany
#81	Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP)	independent, non-profit limited liability company	Food&Health	European
#82	Universitatea Ovidius din Constanta (UOC)	public university	Bioeconomy, Food&Health	International
#83	The Swedish Sustainable Economy	Foundation	Bioeconomy	Sweden

	Foundation (TSSEF)			
#84	University of East Anglia (UEA)	Higher Education Institution	Bioeconomy, Food&Health	national
#85	Institute for Ethnobotany & Zoopharmacognosy (IEZ)	VOF	Bioeconomy, Food&Health	International
#86	University College Cork, National University of Ireland, Cork (UCC)	Public Body	Nanotechnology	International
#87	CONSORCI INSTITUT D'INVESTIGACIONS BIOMEDIQUES AUGUST PI I SUNYER (IDIBAPS)	PUBLIC CONSORTIUM	Bioeconomy	Spain
#88	Roskilde University (RUC)	Public body	Bioeconomy, Food&Health	International
#89	Stockholms universitet (SU)	University and Governmental Non-Profi Organisation	Bioeconomy, Food&Health	European
#90	FUNDACIÓ PER A LA UNIVERSITAT OBERTA DE CATALUNYA (UOC)	FOUNDATION	Food&Health	International
#91	Biological Resource Centre of Institut Pasteur (CRBIP)	Research Institute	Bioeconomy, Food&Health	France
#92	Georgi Nadjakov Institute of Solid State Physics, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences	Research Institute	Nanotechnology	Bulgaria
#93	Joint Genomic Centre	Research centre	Food and Health	Bulgaria
#94	Institute of Cryobiology and Food Technology (ICFT)	Research Institute	Food and Health	Bulgaria
#95	Nanotechplasma	Company	Nanotechnologies	Bulgaria
#96	ACAD. EVGENI BUDEVSKI INSTITUTE OF ELECTROCHEMISTRY AND ENERGY SYSTEMS (IEES)	Research Institute	Nanotechnologies	Bulgaria
#97	Scientific Research Fund	Funding agency	Research Funding	Bulgaria
#98	Bulgarian Food Safety Agency	Governmental agency	Food safety	Bulgaria