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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 was to 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 was scheduled for October 2016, May 2017, and December 2017.

3. Distribution

The project will use targeted mailing to target groups and other stakeholders related to RRI. These actors receive via e-mail the e-newsletter, encouraging the recipients to visit the project website and view its information. Mail contacts were drawn from public domain (see annex). The newsletter included an “unsubscribe” option.

Annex I: E-newsletter #3

E-Newsletter

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**PROMOTING SOCIETAL ENGAGEMENT
IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION**

» Moving Towards Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)



NEWSLETTER #3

Special edition:

Conference “Engaging Society for Responsible Research and Innovation: New options to move forward”

Brussels, June 19th 2017

What can be done to ensure the engagement of citizens and interest groups of citizens with research and innovation in Europe?

This question took centre stage in a one-day conference in Brussels, organised in June by PROSO under the title “Engaging Society for Responsible Research and Innovation”. The conference brought together around 50 participants of relevant stakeholders from 15 different European countries and beyond. These included research policy makers, research management and funding organizations, business and industry organizations, science education and communication actors, researchers, and third sector organizations.

The aim of the conference was to **get to know the views, insights and experiences of these different actor-groups** in regard to the forces, structures, and ideas that encourage or discourage societal engagement with R&I, and to encourage mutual learning and facilitate networking across actor-groups and countries in this regard.

METHODOLOGY

As basis for discussion, the PROSO team provided first research results on barriers to and incentives for the engagement of two types of societal actors:

- Interest groups of citizens which are referred to as *Third Sector Organizations* in PROSO
- Citizens engaging in a personal capacity which are referred to as *non-organized citizens* in PROSO.

The small group discussions focused on ways to encourage and facilitate engagement of these two types of actors. The PROSO team members gave an input to the small group discussions in the form of a few options of what these ways could look like.

The break-out groups were inspired by the World Café method (<http://www.theworldcafe.com>). There was an iteration of plenary and small group sessions. The plenary sessions were facilitated by an external moderator, the small groups by PROSO team members.



RESULTS

From the lively discussions, Colombe Warin (PROSO project officer) and Katrina Sichel (main facilitator of

the conference) **highlighted some of the main conclusions:**

1. For RRI, impact is less tangible. As such it is important to **share results and success stories**.
2. **Conflict is part of democracy**. A variety of perspectives should be understood as a valuable resource, and conflict as a productive element in an engagement process.
3. Transparency is key. There should **complete disclosure** to the participants namely regarding the use of results and its intended impact.
4. **Be selective** in what is tackled. Engagement policies need to reflect on the areas and types of research where it is most likely to have an added value.
5. **Give results back** to those that participated and **acknowledge their efforts**.



FUTURE EVENTS

November 16 2017

PROSO Expert Workshop

Policies for Reducing Barriers to Societal Engagement in Research and Innovation"
Frankfurt am Main, Germany

PROSO is generating a Policy Guide that sets out what supportive policies for societal engagement could look like. The guide offers an overview of important barriers, provides policy options for lowering barriers

and strengthening incentives, and points of inspiring policy and practice cases. The main target groups of the policy guide are research policy makers, research funding organizations, and third sector actors.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss a first draft of the policy guide with representatives of the guide's main target groups and researchers in the field of RRI and societal engagement. The ultimate goal will be to reflect on the policy options and uncover blind spots, elaborate options in terms of plausibility, practicability, and context-sensitivity, and identify critical, and possibly conflicting aspects related to implementation.

For more information contact us through contact@proso-project.eu!

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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#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 (EAFP)	non-profit associatioon	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,	International

			Nanotechnology	
#29	Conférence des Présidents d'Université (C.P.U)	Association reconnue d'utilité publique	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	France
#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	European

			Innovation (STI)	
#58	European Policy Centre (EPC)	AISBL	Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)	European
#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 (TSSEF)	Foundation	Bioeconomy	Sweden
#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