TeRRItoria



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Welcome to the 3rd TeRRItoria newsletter

Territoria is a Horizon 2020 project which positions regions and local authorities as places for science governance, education, public engagement, ethics, and open access. Territorial experiments with the adoption of RRI approaches in European regional and territorial R&I systems. It contributes to the development of the concept of territorial RRI through a set of transformative experiments in 5 European territories: the Regions of Central Macedonia (Greece), Emilia Romagna (Italy), Trøndelag (Norway), and North-East Romania, as well as the Municipality of Gabrovo (Bulgaria).

This third issue provides information on

- * small updates from the transformative experiements
- * joint activities with other RRI projects



First Mutual Learning Event

In September 2020, TeRRItoria held its first out of 3 planned Mutual Learning Meetings. This meeting was an fascinating chance for the project partners to come together, as both a large group and in smaller working groups, in order to share experiences from their soon-to-be-concluded co-creation activities. The meeting was held online and was structured into 3 distinct sections: presentations from project partners, question-based discussions in breakout groups, and a grand gathering of heads to conclude.

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Implementing co-creation feedback in Trøndelag

While collecting input from different stakeholders on the rough plan for their experiment, the feedback received was broadly supportive. One partner, though, contributed with constructive criticism. Being an RRI project focused on Public Engagement, this was exactly what the partners were looking for, so the feedback was taken on-board and the experiment has now been redesigned to take account of this.

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Establishment of Gender Equality Committee in Central Macedonia

The partners in Central Macedonia are especially satisfied



with the first steps they have taken towards putting in place an institutional change. They have created a Gender Equality Committee. In addition, they have their final cocreation activities coming up on the 19th and 21st of October; a writeshop and a citizen consultation. The writeshop will include participants who have previously attended other co-creation events. The citizen consultation, on the other hand, will bring in in members of civil society and the broader public.

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Public Engagement For S3 in Gabrovo

The Municipality of Gabrovo organised a final summit to present all the information gathered during the surveysphase and to establish conclusions of the socio-economic analysis. The next step in the process of designing a regional S3 is to assemble an overall vision for the future of the region. The vision aligns all the stakeholders and pinpoints paths for the economic transformation of the region. For the next programming period Gabrovo's vision will be Green, Smart and Innovative.

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North-East Romania will implement its experiment In 2021

Due to the Covid-19 situation, ADR Nord-Est in Romania was forced abandon their idea of having face-to-face meetings with local stakeholders and decided to shift to online activities. The implementation of their Transformative Experiment (TE) will start in the first semester of 2021. The TE in north-east Romania contains two steps: the identification of the innovation needs of the target communities through a local entrepreneurial discovery process, and the establishment of an innovation brokerage platform.

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Including RRI in S3 - Update from Emilia Romagna

As part of the work on TeRRItoria done in Emilia-Romagna, a co-design phase has been carried out. This was done in order to inform the design of the 5 Transformative Experiments through a co-creation process aimed at involving all principal actors active in the selected five territories. Thanks to this co-design phase, the partner there has a better definition of the objectives and focus of its experiment. Moreover, it is now more focused on Public Engagement and Science Education when it comes to aspects of the S3 implementation phase (the call for proposals), rather than in the definition of S3 priorities.

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Territoria presents at FIT4RRI final conference

On 30th September, 2020 TeRRItoria participated in #RRI4real, the three-day final conference of fellow RRI project FIT4RRI. Nikos Zaharis, Director of SEERC (the South-East European Research Centre) who also contributes to FIT4RRI, spoke about TeRRItoria in a session entitled "Institutional change in territorial/regional contexts and grounding RRI in organizations".

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TerRItoria partner SEERC organising track in ETHICOMP 2021

TeRRItoria consortium member SEERC are organising a track at ETHICOMP 2021. ETHICOMP conferences bring together scholars and technologists to discuss computer ethics, looking at the topic through philosophical, professional, and practical lenses. The track proposed relates to Responsible Research and Innovation.

Upcoming events

Responsible Innovation Summit

20th - 21st October, online event

Social Social Sciences & Humanities in EU Green Deal Call

27th October, online event **III International Triple Helix Summit**

24th - 26th November, online event

SMARTER 2020

Third Conference on Smart Specialisation and Territorial Development: Connecting grand societal challenges with local goals in place-based innovation policy

9th - 11th September, online event **Ethicomp 2021 -** Conference on the Ethical and Social Impacts of ICT

30th June - 2nd July, Logrono (Spain)

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