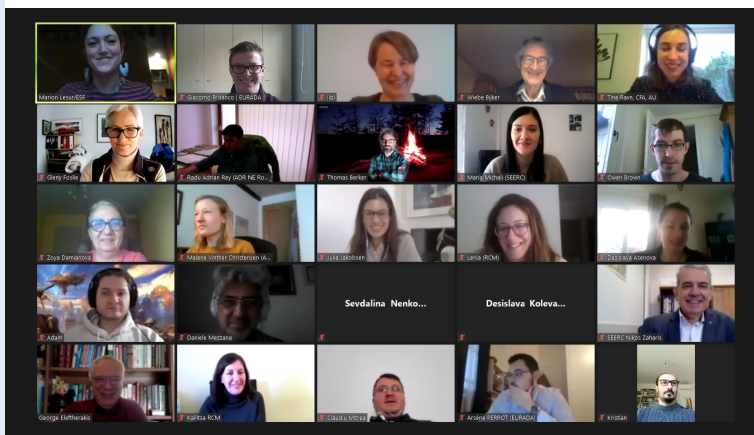


# TeRRitoria



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## Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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. TeRRitoria 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).

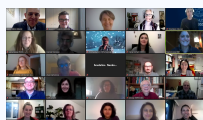
This fourth issue provides information on:

- \* the progress of the Transformative Experiments;
- \* collaboration with other RRI projects;
- \* upcoming RRI-related events.



### #ResponsibleRegions: a monthly dialogue on S3 and RRI

Since November 2020, TeRRitoria has been carrying out a new initiative: #ResponsibleRegions. This is a series of monthly online events which deal with the concepts of Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3) and Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI). These are presented in the format of multi-person dialogues with a main speaker and two panellists, one from academia and one from the regional development field, as well as the option for audience involvement and questions. The TeRRitoria consortium has already organised three dialogues.

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### Our Virtual Project Meeting

Due to ongoing Covid-19-related travel restrictions, the project meeting of TeRRitoria scheduled for the 14th of January 2021 took place virtually.

In spring the implementation phase of the five Transformative Experiments (TEs) is due to start. This process requires important collaboration and facilitation among all the project partners involved in this stage. The process may be facilitated by the fact that during the first 24 months of the project a strong synergy between WPs 5, 6, and 7 have been created.

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### **Building bridges for knowledge exchange across Trøndelag**

TeRRItoria's Transformative Experiment in the Norwegian region of Trøndelag is working to build bridges between Norway's largest university – the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim – and its hinterland. The more remote communities chosen to focus on are Røros and Namdalen.

The project partners there aim to enable a mutual flow of knowledge by establishing three kinds of “bridges”. This can be achieved through work with three different types of “bridge-builders”: students, young graduates, and university researchers and lecturers.

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### **Gender Equality in higher education for Central Macedonia**

The Region of Central Macedonia and the South-East European Research Centre have completed their co-design and co-thinking phase. As part of this they worked with a wide array of regional stakeholders to discuss the key topic of their experiment: gender equality in higher education, especially within the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The first draft of a Gender Equality Plan for R&I organisations – including universities, research centres, companies, and public bodies – has also been written and is waiting to be refined in the next stage of the experiment.

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### **Emilia Romagna: inserting RRI in RIS3. An update from Bologna**

In the coming months, ART-ER and Emilia Romagna region will start the implementation phase of their transformative experiment. An open process to discuss the RRI guidelines to frame new opportunities for collaboration and public engagement in the next programming period will be launched soon. This consultation will be done through online workshops to gather contributions to the overall S3 strategy.

The implementation phase of the experiment will help the Emilia Romagna region's S3 experts with a better definition and monitoring measures to measure the sustainable impact of R&I projects.

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### **An update from North East Romania: Developing a consultative tool for agenda setting in local mountain communities**

The specific focus of the Transformative Experiment in North East Romania is to increase the degree of involvement of local communities in the decision regarding investments for innovation in the areas where they live. In order to reach this goal, a consultative tool will be developed to identify and prioritise innovation needs in the target communities following the model of the focus groups of the entrepreneurial discovery process (EDP) organised by the ADR Nord-Est, the Regional Development Agency of the region. In addition, a brokerage platform for innovation will be created as a bridge between local communities (potential beneficiaries of innovation), innovation facilitators, and research organisations (the generators of innovations).

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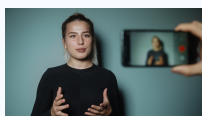


### Public Engagement planning in Gabrovo

The two key aims of the experiment carried out by the Municipality of Gabrovo in Bulgaria are increase public engagement in its Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3) development and to promote science education. Despite challenging conditions, Gabrovo has managed a successful co-design process.

The Transformative Experiment in Gabrovo contributes to the long-term development vision of the city as green, smart, and innovative. To work successfully on this experiment, the Municipality of Gabrovo has created a focus group on economy, innovation, and human capital.

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### First video stories on our YouTube channel

TeRRItoria recently launched its own YouTube channel, which now features 6 videos. Three of these are related to the first three events of #ResponsibleRegions. Another video, Introducing RRI principles to enhance regional innovation policies, including RIS3, is the recording of a workshop held at the Triple Helix Association Summit 2020 on the role of RRI in enhancing citizen participation and societal impact on local and regional R&I planning. The final two showcase what is being done in two of TeRRItoria's regional Transformative Experiments. To share some of the most relevant project results, five videos like this will be produced (for the project's five territories), going into depth on two key aspects: the broader rationale of the project and elements more specific to the territories

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### Collaboration with other RRI projects

This Horizon 2020 SwafS-14 project, launched in September 2020, represents one of many EU funded research and innovation projects seeking to expand scientific understanding about how to better align R&I policies with society (its values, needs and expectations). TetRRIS' ambition can be best understood through its clear goals on the real integration of RRI into the European regional development paradigm of S3. With the project's practical and wide reaching 'experiments' spanning across distinct and diverging European territorial typologies, TetRRIS aims to fill the gap for many actors and regions seeking to better integrate RRI to their regional development practices (notably S3).

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## Upcoming events

**2nd ACT International Synergy Conference**

11<sup>th</sup> February, online event

**Fourth dialogue of #ResponsibleRegions**

18<sup>th</sup> February, online event

**The replication crisis in science and the role of foundations in tackling it - EFC Research Forum Workshop**

24<sup>th</sup> February, online event

**Gender Equality Certification: Lessons learnt and future developments**

25<sup>th</sup> February, online event  
**What does the public expect from genome editing in life-sciences?**  
**Results from the ORION Public Dialogues**  
11<sup>th</sup> March, online event  
**Fifth dialogue of #ResponsibleRegions**  
18<sup>th</sup> March, online event  
**European Week of Regions and Cities 2021**  
11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> October, online events

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