

# SISCODE NEWS

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## Proving impact: The need to monitor and assess RRI initiatives

Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) is not only characterized by a different attitude towards research and development: Taking potential impacts into account and involving actors from the entire system, RRI processes can be lengthy and often seem promising in theory but with a lack of proving actual impact in first place. Interacting directly with labs and policy makers, the assessment of this impact is fundamental for SISCODE both to evaluate and communicate the value of those initiatives.

With its lab experimentation, SISCODE aims to put RRI in practice in a real-life context.

Being aligned with the above mentioned issue, one of the main difficulties encountered while running the pilot projects concerns their monitoring and evaluation. On the one hand, the pilot project itself needs to be assessed for the conductors of experimentations to measure how successful the initiative is, and to what extent it triggers transformation both in the organization and the entire ecosystem. On the other hand, stakeholders and policy makers are requesting evidence of the impact such participatory initiatives bring. A paramount need considering that the nature of the process completely differs from the traditional way of policy making. However, being relatively long-term initiatives featuring various repetitive loops of experimentation their assessment is not an easy task. In addition, it has to be considered that the various levels affected by RRI are ranging from the project level to the organizational one, and beyond.

[Read the full article](#)

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## SUPER MoRRI project

*Scientific Understanding and Provision of an Enhanced and Robust Monitoring System for RRI: impressions of 1,5 year deliberation, discussion and outreach*

by Ingeborg Meijer

The SUPER MoRRI project has taken on the task of developing a framework for monitoring the evolution and impact of RRI – Responsible Research and Innovation. In the literature there is no shortage of suggestions for RRI indicators (cf. the MoRRI indicators), assessment practices, and monitoring schemes, so the idea of SUPER MoRRI should be to improve on the state of affairs, to develop a framework of high quality.

And when we do research on RRI, we would like ourselves to be responsible. Throughout year one of the SUPER MoRRI project, we have been engaged in putting together a Strategic Plan for developing a monitoring framework for RRI. The plan sets out an agenda for monitoring progress toward more responsible ways of doing scientific research and propelling science-driven innovation. Monitoring will take the form of a framework, with the goal to:

- Support R&I actors engaged with various problems and challenges;
- Ensure contextually relevant information for users' monitoring purposes and needs;
- Include consolidated, exploratory, and even experimental information streams and tools.

[Read more about the project](#)



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## SISCODE Learning hub

Since the beginning of the project, SISCODE has developed and used various content to explore the application of co-creation and design methodologies in public engagement activities, with the aim to bridge the gap between science, society and innovation.

Most of these tools and documentation have had the opportunity to be tested and experimented during project workshops or in our experimentation labs, the so-called Co-Creation labs.

SISCODE's ambition to engage policymakers into the process of co-creation has led to the launch of the SISCODE Learning Hub for policymakers specifically addressed to policy makers as well as researchers and innovators that want to engage in or launch new co-creation initiatives.

This platform contains relevant thematic areas such as *Design for policymaking*, *User-centred Culture* or *Service design for policy implementation*.

Different kinds of tools and materials are presented, from informative videos, lectures and scientific publications to case studies and more practical tools.

[Go to the SISCODE Learning Hub](#)

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## An introductory course in using co-

# creation methodologies for policy-makers

The impacts and results of the global analysis covered by our project will be soon transformed into a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), which will provide an introductory course in using co-creation methodologies for policy-makers.

The course will be composed of 5 chapters delivered in 5 weeks that will guide participants through the main building blocks of these methodologies. Within each chapter, different experts in the field will walk participants through the specific aspects of the whole co-creation process cycle.

The MOOC will start by analysing the limitations of current policy-making practices and the strong need for innovation if we are to make them more efficient.

Early on the MOOC we will introduce the capacity and opportunity that lies in using user-centred methods and service design in policy-making to tackle these issues.

From here, participants will be introduced to problem framing and the role of different stakeholders, as well as power dynamics, at this initial and crucial step of the process.

A special focus will then be made on prototyping and new forms of action for policymakers to support interactions in the innovation process.

Finally, the audience will be familiarised with the process that takes prototypes and turns them into actual sustainable solutions as well as the evaluation and assessment methodologies that need to back them.

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**SISCODE Co-creation Labs** are: [Krakow Technology Park \(KTP\)](#), Krakow; [PA4ALL](#), Novi Sad; [Thess-AHALL](#), Thessaloniki; [Fab Lab Barcelona](#), Barcelona; [Polifactory](#), Milan; [Underbroen](#), Copenhagen; [Cube design museum](#), Kerkrade; [Pavilhão do Conhecimento - Ciência Viva](#), Lisbon; [Science Gallery Dublin](#), Dublin; and [Traces](#), Paris.

## Our labs' solutions to their challenges

Moving forward in their co-creation journey, our labs are in the process of developing solutions to their local challenge.

[Discover what their solutions are](#)

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