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We are developing a guide that can enable the implementation of an ethical R&I governance system in all types of organisations in a practical and flexible way



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The ETHNA System Project, having researched for a year and a half, offers the proposal of a Guide for the Implementation of an Ethical System of Governance for research and innovation in organisations.

Organisations involved in Research and Innovation (R&I) are encouraged to **consider the consequences of their activities** and **incorporate society's expectations into their work** so they can develop in a sustainable and effective way.

ETHNA System has been designed to allow for the generation of spaces and mechanisms for participation where science and society can discuss: the goals to be pursued, the resources to be used, the regulatory framework to be followed, and the results to be expected in terms of research and innovation.

ETHNA is a **flexible ethical governance system** designed for implementation in Research Performing Organisations (e.g., universities, research and innovation centres, public-private partnership for innovation among others) and Research Funding Organisations (e.g., public agencies, private foundations, business, etc.).

The Guide shows research and innovation policy managers how they can **build their own ethical governance structure for knowledge-generation and innovation processes based on the structure of the ETHNA System** and make progress by continuously improving over time.

The project will embark on a new phase with the scheduled piloting in six European institutions following this guide: two Universities (UJI, Spain and NTNU, Norway), an Applied Research Institute (Uninova, Portugal), a Technological Park (Espaitec, Spain), a Private Research centre (ARC Fund, Bulgaria) and a Higher Education Funding Agency (HARNO, Estonia).

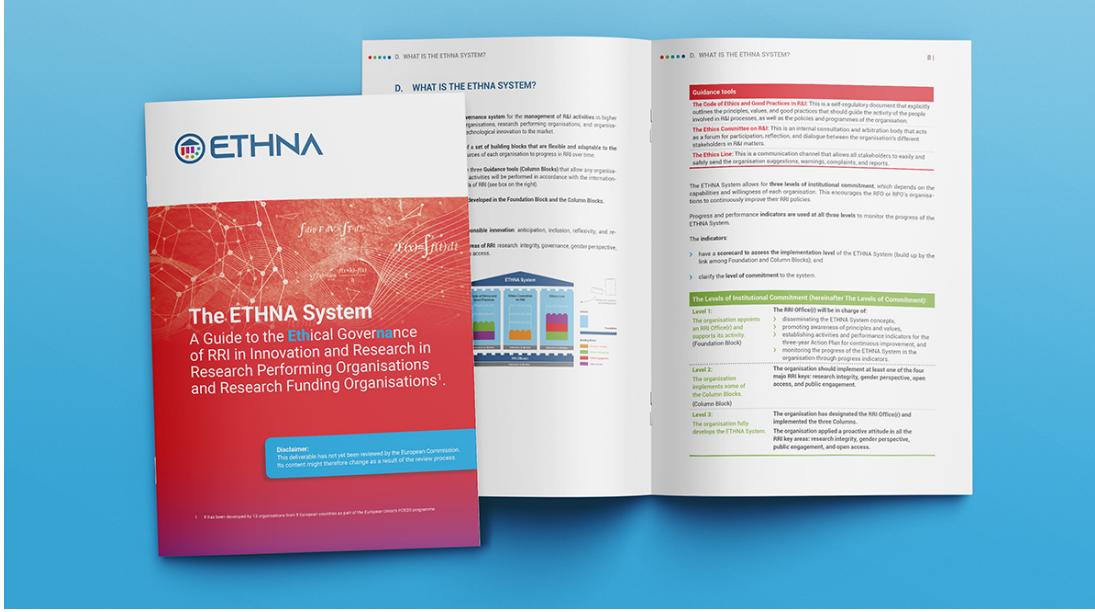
Each one of them will be able to **build step by step their own ethical governance system for the management of R&I activities**, either by performing or funding, through different elements (blocks) that they will define and institutionalise tailored to its resources and reality: RRI Office(r), Code of Ethics and Good Practices, Ethics Committee on R&I, Ethics Line. All of them will feature Indicators to Monitor the progress.

The organisations will find advice regarding the design of their own ethical governance system through which they can **cover up to four key areas of a responsible research and innovation: research integrity, gender perspective, public engagement, and open access**.

The Guide for the implementation of the ETHNA System is complemented by a Toolbox in order to maximise its development in a practical and flexible way. Based on the results of the implementation of the pilot, the guide will be improved in order to make it public and suitable for any organisation interested in improving the management of its research and innovation in a responsible and reliable way.

[The guide is available here.](#)

Latest news



How will the ETHNA Ethical Governance System be implemented within our pilot organisations? ETHNA researchers have drafted a guide that has the answers.

Establishing ethical governance in RRI is not done overnight. It takes work and commitment – and a guidebook detailing the steps of the implementation process. UJI researchers have now published the draft version of this guide for implementing ETHNA System within our pilot organisations. The guide will eventually be targeted at any organisation that performs research and innovation or funds it and that aspires to have a more effective ethical commitment. Complementing the guide is an in-depth toolbox that will support implementors in installing a system of their own.

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Spotlight on... Research Integrity

By research integrity we mean a way to work and develop the own profession as researcher following the shared ethical, legal, and professional frameworks, obligations, and standards. Research integrity requires training and habits of researchers and organisational impulses to promote and guarantee it.



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TeRRItoria

TeRRItoria is a Horizon 2020 project that supports regions and cities' work with Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) through the RRI keys: Ethics, Science Education, Gender Equality, Public Engagement, Open Access and Governance. TeRRItoria's overall aim is to experiment with different approaches to RRI at territorial level through the development of 5 Transformative Experiments in 4 European regions and 1 municipality.

TeRRItoria tackles a double challenge: to bring RRI to the forefront of the debate about developing local and regional Research and Innovation (R&I) capacities and to increase stakeholder involvement through integrating RRI into regional research and innovation strategies in the framework of Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3).

The urgency of developing territorial RRI is supported by the transitional changes that are affecting European society. Due to the shift from the modern to the so-called post-modern society, both science and local governance are experiencing critical transformations. In this context of contestation and transition, the concept of Responsible Research and Innovation and, by extension, the search for Territorial RRI may be a way of enabling local and regional governance actors to deal with such an era of change.

For more information about the project: <http://territoriaproject.eu/>

All related initiatives

Upcoming Events

Please note that due to the COVID-19 crisis, these events are subject to change. Please make sure to verify event dates and venues with the organisers!

STI 2021 Conference

13. September - 17. September 2021
+++ virtual +++

XI European Conference on Gender Equality in Higher Education

15. September - 17. September 2021
+++ Berlin and virtual +++

ENRIO 2021 Congress on Research Integrity Practice

27. September- 29. September 2021
+++ virtual +++

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