## SOCIAL LAB 16 ON RRI

## A LINK BETWEEN RM@SCHOOLS  AND NEW HORRIZON PROJECTS



https://newhorrizon.eu/social-lab-16---workshop-3/

NewHoRRIzon is a large-scale Horizon2020 project running from 2017 to the beginning of 2021. It bring together stakeholders (researchers, industry, policy-makers, funders, civil society) from each of the 19 funding lines under the Horizon2020 funding program in each their respective 'Social Lab'

A Social Lab is a container of social experiments for addressing complex ground-breaking social challenges on a systemic level. In the NewHoRRIzon project these are social challenges related to Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) within the frame of Horizon 2020 (H2020) and beyond (Framework Programme 9 and national R&I funding programmes).

The NewHoRRIzon project runs 19 Social Labs. Each Social Lab focuses on a different theme of H2020, for example, Future and Emerging Technologies (FET), Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies (LEIT) and Smart, green, and integrated transport (TPT).  Stakeholders discuss, develop, and experiment with implementing initiatives (pilot actions) to promote responsible research and innovation practices in their own work, organization, or network

Social Labs consist of a team, a process and space(s) supporting social innovation and experimentation. The team is made up of societal actors invited into the Social Lab to work together on the Social Lab process. The process consists of three interdependent, iterative activities:

- diagnosis of the current RRI practices with H2020. This results in an understanding of barriers and enablers of embedding of RRI.
- designing & implementing of social experiments to test overcoming the barriers
- reflect on the outcomes of the experiments & to learn lessons for further experimenting and future embedding of RRI into R&I policies & funding programmes.

Social Labs offer spaces that facilitate this process. They enable diagnosis, observation and experimentation to take place at the same time and as part of the same intertwined process.

Social Lab 16 is focus on The European Institute of Innovation and Technology stakeholders from across the KICs; staff and partners, as well as staff from the EIT headquarter and external stakeholders were brought together to develop and implement pilot activities to promote Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in the organisation (https://newhorrizon.eu/sl16/).

RM@Schools Project was involved in the workshop of the social Lab 16, since it was selected as one of RRI stories to be published on the EIT website.

The workshop of social Lab 16 was meant to discuss the future of the collected Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) stories.
The workshop succeeded in bringing the discussions about RRI to higher levels of the EIT.
Social Lab participants have become a part of a new, useful network of people to work with, they have learned about RRI, started reflecting on some of their own and their organization's practices.

The workshop consisted of participants including the social lab manager, facilitator, and assistant. Participants came from European countries such as Italy, Poland, Spain, Germany and Finland; they represented academic institutions, EU institutions and government bodies.

**List of participants**

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- Hanna Mandl, Mandl, Lüthi & Partner, Austria.

Even though the team wrapped-up the Social Lab process for now and celebrated the work done in good fun by giving each other awards for their roles in the Social Lab, they do not see this as the end to the work of integrating RRI in EIT, but just as the beginning

**Pilot Action 1: RRI Show**

The purpose of the pilot activity is to gather stories or examples from across the EIT, which address one or more aspects of RRI, and showcasing them online on the EIT website. It is considered an awareness-raising tool to elevate RRI on the research agenda and to inspire potential new partners/projects to consider responsibility in new proposals or existing work.

One of the eight RRI selected stories is focused on RM@Eschools

## Reflection and Discussion