



**TITLE OF THE WORKSHOP:** 'Institutional change in European Research Funding and Performing Organisations – the power of RRI'

**ORGANIZER:**

European Science Foundation (<https://www.esf.org/>)



For the GRACE project: 'Grounding RRI Actions to Achieve Institutional Change in European Research Funding and Performing Organisations' (<http://grace-ri.eu/>)



With the participation of the Fit4RRI and GRRIP projects



**TARGET GROUP/S:**

- Representatives of Research Funding and Performing Organizations
- Anyone interested in responsible research and innovation (RRI) and the process of RRI-oriented institutional change

**WHY ATTEND:**

- To learn about methodologies and practical approaches which can lead to RRI-oriented institutional change
- To be inspired from proven case studies of RRI in RFPOs
- To exchange experiences with key actors of the wider triple helix spectrum

## MAIN CONTENTS:

The workshop will give practical insights on how to foster RRI-oriented institutional change in Research Funding and Performing Organisations (RFPO) from a number of different perspectives: mobilising and engaging societal actors involved in science and innovation, promoting open science, developing co-creation processes, nurturing public engagement, and ensuring gender equality.

More specifically, the workshop will present the RRI frameworks developed in three projects – namely Fit4RRI, GRACE and GRRIP – funded under the H2020 Science with and for Society Call entitled “Grounding RRI practices in research and innovation funding and performing organisations”. The presentations will be followed by practical examples of how the frameworks are currently being implemented in RFPOs.

The participants will then be invited to engage in a discussion on how to achieve change in RFPOs through RRI-related initiatives and how to pave the way for further and more complex institutional change.

The structure of the workshop will be as follows:

- Introduction (5')
- The GRACE approach and the example of AGAUR (13')
- The GRRIPP approach and experience of x (13')
- The Fit4RRI approach and the conclusion of its experiment (13')
- Q&A and discussion (16')

At the end of the workshop participants should be able to visualize the path from RRI theory to RRI actions!

## PRESENTERS:

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## SHORT BIO AND PASSPORT-PHOTO OF THE PRESENTERS:



**Dr Ildiko Maria IPOLYI, Science Officer, European Science Foundation**, leading the Science with and for Society Programme of organization. She is an experienced project coordinator and with specific interest and responsibility for the development of new activities at the organization. She is an experienced scientist with interdisciplinary background: MSC in food technology, PhD in analytical chemistry, extensive work experience on the field of environmental analytical chemistry, science-policy interfacing, network development and institutional change. Besides the GRACE, she is coordinating the TeRRitoria, CASPER and UniSAFE projects, participates in TIME4CS and WBC-RRI.NET, all funded under the Science with and for Society call of H2020 Framework Programme of the EC.



**Mrs Aïda Diaz**, European Policy Officer (International Area) at the Agency for Management of Universities and Research Grant (AGAUR), the Catalan Government Agency responsible for awarding grants for universities and research as well as promoting research and science. Bachelor and master degree in political science and public administration (specialization in international relations and European affairs) and the so called DEA (Certificate of Advanced Studies in Research). Since 2007, she works in European research project management and has been directly involved in more than 7 projects (MSCA, SWAFS, FP7\_INCO or DG Regio). She is also engaged in providing a broad spectrum of information, advice, and individual coaching services for the Catalan research community in Horizon 2020. She is a member of the current Spanish Ministry Expert Working Groups on Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Societal Challenge 6 and Science with and for Society of Horizon 2020. She is expert evaluator in Horizon 2020 and Barcelona City Council research and innovation projects.



**Dr. Elmina Homapour** has extensive experience in Industry and academia. Elmina holds a PhD, an MSc and a BSc and she is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Her research interests lie in the area of Business Intelligence and Organizational Development, in particular, using data analytics and machine learning in society enhancement research. She is a member of Royal Economics Society (RES), Computational and Financial Econometrics (CFE network) and Institute for Applied Economics and Social Value (IAESV) and Institute for Artificial Intelligence (IAI) at DMU. She has been working as a lecturer from 2012-2018 at Queen Mary University of London, and she has worked as an accountant, manager and data analyst in transport and Insurance companies as well as Banks. She was selected as the Prominent Young Manufacturer at the Second National Festival of Young Manufacturers by United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in November 2008. Currently, she is the CEM Faculty Apprenticeship Lead and a VC2020 Lecturer of Maths and Statistics in School of Computer Science and Informatics at De Montfort University, UK.



**Dr. Erna Karalija** obtained her B.Sc, Masters and PhD degree in Plant physiology from the Faculty of Science, University of Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She is employed at Faculty in 2008 as Professors' assistant and junior researcher. In 2018 she took position of an associate professor at Faculty of Science, University of Sarajevo. Her major areas of expertise are bioactive potential of plants, production of secondary metabolites and responses of plants to abiotic stress. She is a member of several scientific societies such as Biochemical society UK, and is one of the directors and treasury of International Consortium of Research Staff Associations (ICoRSA). Her scientific contribution has been recognised by Ministry of Education, science and Youth Canton Sarajevo, and she has been awarded several times for her publications (2014, 2016, 2019). In 2019 she has been also awarded by University Sarajevo as one of the Universities' significant researchers. Erna has been a PI on numerous projects funded by international and national funding bodies, and currently is a project manager of GRRIP and RRING projects. She is supervising large number of undergraduate and master students, and a PhD student in collaboration with other departments and research institutes. Beside her scientific interests she is also engaged in public engagement and responsible research and participates in large number of workshops for kids, educational lectures and is actively involved in advocating for Young researchers.



**Mr. Nikos Zaharis, Director, South East European Research Center**, has more than 25 years' experience as a consultant and manager working for industrial as well as public sector organizations on issues ranging from management of innovation to environmental management, economic and regional development in Greece and in a series of eastern European countries. He is the Director of "South East European Research Center" since 2006 and the University – Industry Collaboration Manager of CITY College, Greece since 2020. His research interests lie with science, research and innovation policy, regional development and entrepreneurship. He is currently involved in a series of projects promoting Responsible Research and Innovation and Open Science at the level of the individual organization as well as at the level of regional research and innovation planning: **FIT4RRI**: Fostering Improved Training Tools for Responsible Research and Innovation. **GRACE**: Grounding RRI Actions to Achieve Institutional Changes in European Research Funding and Performing Organisations. **TeRRitoria**: Territorial Responsible Research and Innovation Through the involvement of local R&I Actors. **WBC-RRI.NET**: Embedding RRI in Western Balkan Countries: Enhancement of Self-Sustaining R&I Ecosystems.



**Dr Adrian Solomon** currently serves various international appointments: Deputy Director (South East European Research Centre, Greece); Chairman, External Grants Committee (Triple Helix Association, Italy); Project manager (Advanced Resource Efficiency Centre, United Kingdom); Co-Founder of the World Bank Working Group on Law and Technology. He is an experienced researcher & manager with expertise in environmentally sustainable and resilient organizations and in managing R&D projects involving innovative solutions and technologies for organizational competitiveness and compliance (10+ years of experience). So far, he has successfully involved in acquiring 19 projects (H2020-SWAFS/MSCA, Erasmus+, EUROPEAID, Tenders) amounting (in total value) to more than 16.9 million Euros. He has served as keynote speaker and panel speaker in numerous international events. For the past 8 years, he has been directly involved in the acquisition, management and implementation of training projects at various levels and has developed experience with EU qualification and competence frameworks. He holds a PhD degree in Environmental Sustainability from the University of Sheffield (United Kingdom) as well as a BSc degree in Computer Science from the same university. Currently he also delivers lectures in Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Digitalisation of Business at the University of Sheffield International Faculty, CITY College.