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Research and Innovation (R&I) bring solutions to the social challenges of our knowledge society, and they have an impact on the lives of all of us. However, citizens are rarely engaged in democratic processes to participate in defining what innovation they want. On the other hand, once the resulting services or products are in the market, citizens are all expected to choose whether they want to make use of them or not, however often lacking the necessary knowledge and skills to make informed decisions. Finally, there is still a wide range of social challenges to be identified and solved while at the same time innovation is also bringing new products and services that may not respond to existing social challenges, and that require strong marketing campaigns to provoke the need.

All this brings us to a growing need to reconsider the governance of science, its role in society and the process of what makes R&I excellent research. The aim of this necessary structural change within R&I focuses on enhancing the quality of the research to make sure its outcomes are more aligned with the needs and expectations of society. To attain this aim, R&I needs to become more open and inclusive and to be performed with the collaboration of different stakeholders (industry, CSOs, researchers, policy makers, learners, educators and their communities). This new paradigm of R&I is called Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)^[1], and it is a cross cutting issue in Horizon 2020.

This workshop will offer training on the concept of RRI and on the opportunities and obstacles to implement it in your research projects.

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[1] European Commission. "[Responsible Research and Innovation. Europe's ability to respond to societal challenges](#)", European Union, 2012.