

GRACE: Timeline

Preparatory Phase

(January 2019 - October 2019)

- Design of mutual learning process and evaluation schemes
- Development of Grounding actions
- Definition of 8-year RRI roadmaps for implementing Research Performing and Funding Organisations (RPFOs)

Development & Mutual learning phase

(November 2019 – July 2021)

- Implementation of Grounding Actions
- Monitoring of Grounding Actions to assess and evaluate their impact

Stocktaking Phase

(August 2021 – December 2021)

- Development of a sustainability plan
- Impact assessment & evaluation of Grounding Actions
- Finalisation of the 8-year RRI roadmap for implementing RPFOs
- Launch of the 8-year RRI roadmap by each implementing RPFO



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Developing
Responsible
Research &
Innovation (RRI)
Actions to drive
Institutional
Change



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GRACE: Identity & Objectives

GRACE (Grounding RRI Actions to Achieve Institutional Changes in European Research Funding and Performing Organisations) is a Horizon 2020 funded project that supports the European Commission's objective of spreading and embedding Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in the European Research Area.

The overarching objectives of the 3-year GRACE project are to:

- 1 Build self-tailored RRI profiles for research funding & performing organisations
- 2 Foster mutual learning experiences and knowledge sharing
- 3 Identify & implement specific RRI Grounding Actions
- 4 Develop sustainable RRI Roadmaps
- 5 Share best practices with the RRI Community

What is Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) ?

RRI implies that societal actors (researchers, citizens, policy makers, business, third sector organisations, etc.) work together during the whole research and innovation process to better align research processes and their outcomes with the values, needs and expectations of society.

This multi-actor and public engagement enables easier access to scientific results, the take up of gender and ethics in the research and innovation content and process, as well as formal and informal science education.

GRACE: Methodology

During GRACE's lifetime (2019-2021), its implementing partner organisations are developing and integrating a set of specific RRI Grounding Actions, aiming to lead to Institutional Changes within their organisations.



Indicative Grounding Actions

- Setting gender-equality related criteria in funding allocation
- Implementation of online RRI-related activities
- Organisation of permanent science communication activities
- Establishment of research ethics committees

Indicative Institutional Changes

- Setting up trainings, protocols, funding schemes
- Development and implementation of new norms, procedures, guidelines, agreements
- Formulating explicit mission statements
- Changes in organisational structure or functions

Project Partners

GRACE brings together 10 partners from equal European countries forming a dynamic mix of RRI oriented organisations, covering the whole spectrum from less experienced implementing partners to experts supporting the design of Grounding Actions. The Coordinator, European Science Foundation, builds on its status as boundary organization.

Implementing research funding & performing organisations



Experts