

GROUNDING RRI ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE INSTITUTIONAL CHANGES IN EUROPEAN RESEARCH FUNDING & PERFORMING ORGANISATIONS

Empowerment Evaluation

Where community members become experts

Within the GRACE project, six implementing organisations are developing a set of grounding actions to implement RRI institutional change.

The process and the impact of these actions are continuously assessed through a specific Evaluation Scheme.

GRACE's scheme is based on **Empowerment Evaluation principles**, a participatory and collaborative approach designed to help programme participants improve their practices by conducting their own evidence-based evaluation in an ongoing process.

The purpose is not only to assess the worth and value of the set of actions, but to learn along the way through self-evaluation and reflection.



The Implementing organisation

takes an active role:

- Expresses the actions' aims and defines their success criteria
- Identifies necessary documentation for assessing the goals
- Collects data internally (through surveys, interviews...

The Evaluator:

- Facilitates reflection
- Supports the organisation's efforts by providing training on the Mutual Learning Workshops, evaluation follow-up meetings, an ideacatalogue on evaluation methods and indicators, as well as analysing data and reporting results.





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The Scheme's added value

- Applies to different types of actions as well as geographical-, institutional-, cultural-, political-, and economic contexts.
- Minimises external control and emphasises joint effort
- Includes implementing partners' needs and develops their knowledge.

"Empowerment Evaluation aims to increase the likelihood that programs will achieve results by increasing the capacity of program stakeholders to plan, implement, and evaluate their own programs"

Wandersman et al., 2005: 27

Find out more!

Discover the RRI-related actions developed within the GRACE project:





GRACE RRI

http://grace-rri.eu