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# RRI-ICT Forum Project

This brochure is developed in the framework of the RRI-ICT Forum project, launched on Jan. 1, 2015 for a period of 3 years, and aiming at analysing, supporting and promoting the contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) to, and the Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) approach in ICT research and innovation under the European Union's Horizon 2020 framework programme for research and innovation.

**Among planned project activities:**

- **Interaction with other RRI/SSH-intensive ICT-related projects**
- **Open RRI in ICT community**
- **Annual multi-disciplinary open events**
- **Annual reports analysing the emergence of RRI in ICT**

RRI-ICT Forum is a collaborative project, developed by a partnership committed to curate the RRI-ICT domain in H2020, facilitate community views and agenda, and empower other projects and the European Commission.

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# About RRI in ICT

In less than two decades, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) have totally transformed not only the way people connect, communicate and access information, but also the way they work and entertain, they deal with education, health, safety issues, etc. Technologies, communication networks and social media have also transformed the way wealth is produced, the way societies are governed, the way they impact their environment, etc.

In May 2010, the European Union (EU) has launched its Digital Agenda for Europe flagship initiative, aiming at "rebooting Europe's economy and helping Europe's citizens and businesses to get the most out of digital technologies". It is then necessary to thoroughly explore the two-way interactions between technology and society, and, putting the human at the center of the analysis, to explore how the digital age can be a true success factor not only for EU's competitiveness but also for EU's values in the DAE area.

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In this context, Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) has a particular importance since it can be defined as an inclusive approach to Research & Innovation (R&I), ensuring that societal actors work together during the whole R&I process, better aligning both the process and outcomes of R&I with the values, needs, and expectations of the society, and reinforcing public engagement, open access, gender dimension, ethical issues, and (formal and informal science) education.

The contribution of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) to a RRI approach in ICT is logically critical since SSH can precisely monitor economic, legal, and social issues related to technological developments and update the concepts, meanings, and expectations arising from the deployment of ICT.

The need for an RRI approach had been identified by European Commission's DG Research & Innovation in the early 00's, through its "Science and Society Action Plan" encouraging a better connection between science and European citizens.

Today, RRI has become a cross-cutting issue in the EU Horizon 2020 framework programme for research and innovation covering the period 2014-2020.

Details on the approach of European Commission's DG Connect (in charge of the Digital Agenda for Europe) to go for RRI and SSH in ICT-related parts of the first work programme of Horizon 2020 (for 2014-2015) can be found on the rri-ict.eu website

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