

**Eu-SPRI Conference – Vienna 7-9 June 2017**

**RISIS Mutual Learning Session**

**End-users consultation on integrated research infrastructure for STI studies  
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Data-driven and evidence-based approaches are fundamental to promote excellence research, and to respond to social grand challenges. Research infrastructures are transforming the ways in which social science research is organised and conducted across Europe and both national and international level.

Research infrastructures allow the combined use of different data that are dispersed and fragmented across many different products and systems; several benefits are expected from integrating datasets, making them available to the wide community of scientists. These range from improving the possibility to develop innovative research results, to establishing broader networking, to enabling people from different countries to access and to contribute themselves to the data improvements.

The opening of research infrastructures allow us to meet compelling moral and ethical requirements, demanded by research funding organizations, because of the need to demonstrate the relevance and impact of research funding to the broadest group of external stakeholders. But it will also require a huge amount work to provide users with access to data, by structuring appropriate documentation, and developing standard and technical platforms to improve the capability of users to address complex research issues.

**RISIS-Research Infrastructure for Science and Innovation Studies** - is a project funded under the EUFP7, with the central objective to ensure access to the facilities of RISIS (13 datasets and 2 platforms) to European researchers, through training courses on how to use the facilities and a programme of visits.

The aim of this session is to develop a debate to understand what kind of experiences colleagues, peers and academics belonging to RISIS and non-RISIS research organizations, have had within RISIS, and the need of future developments.

Researchers, junior and senior, which were involved in visiting the research facilities and in training activities, as end users of the RISIS infrastructure, will discuss the actual and potential benefits they faced from the use of combined and integrated data, what transformations or empowerment they experienced in the research work, and what suggestions they have to further improve the access and use of data.

Key questions to be discussed are:

- How can research infrastructure promote cutting-edge research in STI studies?
- What is the potential of RISIS, and what transformations of the research work can derive from using the research infrastructure RISIS?
- What is missing from RISIS? What more do researchers need?

**Join us on the morning of 8 June to share your ideas and insights**

## Panel

<b>Name</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Visitor/Trainee</b>	<b>Senior/Junior</b>
Gaston Heimeriks	Social Sciences	Utrecht University	NL	Visitor	Senior
Chiara Carrozza	Social Sciences	University of Coimbra	PT	Both	Junior
Antoine Schoen	Social Sciences	ESIEE	FR	Both	Senior
Andrea Spinello	Social Sciences	CNR IRCRES	IT	Trainee	Junior
Cristina Penasco Paton	Social Sciences	CSIC	ES	Trainee	Junior
Douglas Robinson	Management of Innovation	UPEM	FR	Trainee	Senior

Georgios Kotoulas	Biology	Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR)	GR	Visitor	Senior
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