

Providing a global voice for research staff and postdoctoral scholars



Welcome to the ICoRSA Newsletter

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INTRODUCING OUR PROJECTS

ICoRSA is project partner of 3 major EU-funded Horizon2020 projects.



RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION NETWORKED GLOBALLY

**Join the RRING community and get
a free membership for life and
free workshops!**

The RRING community stands for mutual learning and collaboration to promote and mobilize for responsibility and freedom in research and innovation in line with the **Recommendation on Science and Scientific Researchers (2017)**. A true community of practice to learn, share and apply which also underlines **ICoRSA**'s vision.

**Join now and get a free membership for life and
2 free workshops on RRI training!**

Who can be part of the RRING community?

- Research Performing Organisations (RPO)
- Research Funding Organisations (RFO)
- Researchers
- Public authorities, policymakers and decision-makers
- Business/Industry representatives
- International and Non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- Civil society

Why RRING community?

- **Influence**
As a member of the RRING community, you will be part of the leading global community working together to develop the responsible research and innovation ecosystem and influence on policies and voice your opinion in legislation.
- **Knowledge** **access**
You can enjoy access to knowledge-sharing activities and events. Research data, key documents/reports, training materials and toolkits, and knowledge base will be available to you.
- **Collaboration**
You can meet professionals and organisations from the research and innovation ecosystem and also have opportunities to collaborate on joint projects focused on the industry or co-create impactful programs in the research and innovation ecosystem.

JOIN NOW!

RRING - A true community of practice to learn and apply influence in research and innovation - THE VIDEO!



GROUNDING RRI PRACTICES IN RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATIONS

ICoRSA is actively participating in WP3 “*Statement of the Art on RRI Action Plans and quadruple helix dialogue platforms*”, WP4 “*Quadruple Helix engagement*” and WP5 “*RPO & RFO Working Groups setup, and audit and impact assessment of RRI maturity*”. By the end of this year, a draft of RRI action plans to enable institutional change will be delivered.

For more various important topics on **Recommendations on Science**, information on how to engage with the **Quadruple Helix** in steps and more visit the project website www.grrip.eu



PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

First Public Engagement Workshop **with the island communities of Chios and Oinousses**

Together with the assistance of **ICoRSA**, MUSICA's first public engagement workshop was organized on the islands of Oinousses and Chios in October.

This event informed islanders about how renewable energy, desalination and aquaculture can work together on one multiple-use platform. At the same time, guided activities gave participants a forum to discuss these topics, ask questions from MUSICA leadership, present ideas and concerns.

Input from community representatives in Chios and Oinousses—along with local authority, industry and research institutions—is vital to realising MUSICA’s ambitions to demonstrate how the needs of small islands everywhere (clean energy, fresh water, food, and employment) can be addressed through renewable technology using local resources. The event’s key purpose was to build links between different stakeholders and involve local people at an early stage in the Project.

Everything is shared on the project website where the discussion can continue. Feedback helps create follow-on workshops that will bring these same groups together to report on MUSICA progress and provide education and training around its benefits.

[For more information and presentations](#)



Keep a look out on the project website and and don't forget to follow us on Twitter (@ICoRSA_News) to be up to date on all project developments!

MORE ICoRSA NEWS

AGM

ICoRSA held its first virtual AGM in October 2020! The first day marked the open AGM for all ICoRSA members with the presentation of our work, projects and vision and mission. On the second and third day, we discussed our policies, structure and strategy with the aim of improving the functioning of our consortium. We also voted our new Board of Directors.

See our website for all AGM [presentations!](#)



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We would like to thank **Dr. Silvia Vilches** for her time, hard work and wisdom in all those years as Director of the ICoRSA Executive Committee and her dedication to the ICoRSA mission and vision! We will truly miss her and wish her nothing but the best for her future career!



We are very excited to announce that **ICoRSA** is a new member of the **EU RESAVER** consortium!

RESAVER is a multi-employer occupational pension solution for research organisations in Europe and their employees. It enables employees to stay with the same pension plan when moving between different countries or employers.

Being a consortium member, we now have the possibility to actively contribute to the mobility of researchers and support this idea which underlines and supports our own mission!

See the [RESAVER website](#) for more information!

ICoRSA

ICoRSA stands for the International Consortium of Research Staff Associations. ICoRSA is an umbrella organisation for researchers and research staff associations,

consisting and representing the interests of a variety of associations and organisations that in themselves represent the interests of their members.

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