

## Highlights of the 2<sup>nd</sup> HEIRRI Conference in Vienna: Education towards a responsible society, transforming universities through RRI!

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The second and last HEIRRI Conference celebrated in Vienna on 27 April 2018 gathered around 150 people from 43 countries under the title "Education towards a responsible society, transforming universities through RRI". The event was centred in discussing RRI teaching and learning, as well as presenting the work done during the almost three years of the project.

Professionals from all over the world met in Vienna and the result has been an enriching and thought-provoking conference full of participative and interactive sessions. The event counted three keynote speeches: Rolf Tarrach (<u>European University Association</u>), Melanie Smallman (<u>University College London</u>) and Vincent Blok (<u>Wageningen University</u>). Moreover, there was a poster panel with 13 participants and a speed-dating session with 17 initiatives.

The conference was a great success. Participants expressed their positive opinions via Twitter (go to the <u>compilation of tweets here</u>) and also personally to many HEIRRI representatives. Not only was the content well planned, but also the discussions and initiatives that were given voice to were key to the topic at hand.

Now that the HEIRRI project is getting closer to its end, this conference has been the best occasion to present the work accomplished such as the first launch of the HEIRRI training programmes which are already available at the <u>RRI Tools website</u>. The event was also a great moment to consolidate the community committed to the teaching of responsible practices in research and innovation. The conference was organised by <u>Ecsite</u>, the European network of science centres and museums, together with the local support of the <u>Science Centre Network</u>.

The HEIRRI team met the day previous to the conference to celebrate an <u>internal meeting</u> and to prepare for the intense day ahead. Representatives from the consortium institutions, together with members of the <u>HEIRRI Advisory Board</u>, gathered in the premises of the <u>IHS</u> for the meeting.

## More information:

- Conference Programme
- HEIRRI Booklet
- Album pictures of the <u>10th Consortium and Advisory Boards meeting</u>
- Album pictures of the 2nd HEIRRI Conference
- Summary of tweets #HEIRRIconf
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