

CARDS FOR FOSTERING OPEN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Cards have been used since early human history for different purposes, but overall, for presenting a topic or a situation, with which the people holding the cards play, reflect, argue or debate.

This set of cards presents different questions, statements & ideas that will foster, hopefully, friendly conversations and collective reflections about different aspects of Research and Innovation, and the different scopes of Responsible Research and Innovation, RRI. Making science engaging is vital work, but fraught with challenges. How do you stay relevant in your local community? How do you ensure activities are designed in a way that places the needs and preferences of multiple target audiences at their centre? How do you find new collaborators and effectively expand your network? Like science itself, RRI isn't about a specific process or tool –it's a framework for thinking in a way that anticipates the consequences of research and innovation, brings issues into the open, and involves society in discussing how science and technology can help create a better world for future generations.

Possible Uses

The invitation is to use these cards in trainings, meetings and workshops. Below are different suggestions on how to use them, and of course, they are modular enough to be used in other ways and contexts. There are some blank cards where you can write questions that pop-up during your sessions or that you want to bring into the table.





Extra ideas: When printing the PDF version of these cards, you can choose to print a set of cards on a A3 sheet, so the big format will allow you to present the cards as a series of questions to be worked in a group, so you can lay the printed sheet on the table and the group can write on them, for example.

Another use that comes up with the printing is to print a single card on an A3 format: this will look like a poster, and you can place them on the wall, for example, for a training session and ask your participants to write their answers or thoughts directly on the wall.



All of me? (Whole deck or a selection?)

They can be used to broaden the theme of your session or workshop or to narrow it. We suggest having a look at the cards before beginning a session and decide if it's useful to make a selection of them or use the whole deck.

As time goes by...(When is the right time to use the cards?)

Think of using them at the beginning, middle or end of a session. They are suitable for any stage of an event. Here are some of our ideas:

- ❖ You can select the most suitable cards, that closely relate to the topic of the training/workshop/meeting. You will identify this topic related cards immediately.
- ❖ There are some globally useful cards, that can also help to “set the mood” or “encourage an atmosphere” in your event.



- ❖ They can be used as Icebreakers: Invite your participants to take a card and reflect for some minutes in its content. Then let them get together in groups (or pairs) and discuss what provoke on each one the card content.
- ❖ You can stimulate your public to share their cards in public and pose the question to the whole group.
- ❖ You can use them in the middle of a training inviting for a playful break. There are some cards that will ask you to write down your thoughts, so it's a good way to let your public connect with their own thoughts and then share randomly what they wrote.
- ❖ You can use one or a set of cards as a “concluding question” at the end of your session. The question or statement needs to be answered with the inputs of everyone
- ❖ You can print each card in an A3 format and then show them on a wall: people can write their thought about each statement or question, during a workshop or a conference.
- ❖ You can print a set of 4 or 8 cards into an A3 sheet and use them to work on a table in groups, asking the participants to choose a set or one, and deepen their reflections about it.

Target groups

There are no defined groups, rather target situations: a “gender and communications” meeting? A policymaking workshop? A public engagement training? As we mention in the possible uses, they are suitable for different target groups involved in the Research and Innovation System.