

Panel: Open Research Infrastructure in the field of Science and Innovation Policies Studies - three comments for discussion

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Comment 1: a potential model for SSH?

- Social Sciences are made from many fields and specialities (as the other large scientific domains)
 - Each has its own core datasets that need to be tailored and maintained to remain relevant
 - Each has different approaches to similar issues (geography for family studies has little to do with geography for the analysis of STI dynamics)
- This drives to conceive specific platforms adapted to the problems of the field if we wish that researchers that are 'non IT specialists' mobilise quantitative approaches not only for validation but also for exploration
- We consider RISIS as a prototype of such tailored platforms
- And what we have learnt is that it takes time to build and it is an evolving process

Comment 2: investing in science-society relations

- All research infrastructures are asked to push for dissemination and uptake by society.
- In RISIS we spend over 1M (on an 8M 4-year budget) on training, dissemination, communication and interaction with stakeholders
- But what we just have shown you – the interactive KNOMAK tool – is a completely different “game”. We can integrate it because the EC funded a specific 2M€ project for building the prototype.
- This means that social science research infrastructures might have to consider heavy developments to insure a proactive embedding in society

Comment 3: sustainability challenges

- It took 4,5 years (2014-Mid 2018) to demonstrate the feasibility of RISIS as a Research infrastructure in social science
- The implementation is planned for 4 years (RISIS2, 2019-2022, probably 2023 because of COVID impacts)
- We thus speak of very long-term investments in which relevance lies not only in maintaining what has been done, but in permanently adapting and developing it
- Who will provide financial support? EC? Our Research Institutions? Under what principles? This are major issues for long-term sustainability

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