

Output factsheet: Trainings

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Summary description of the implemented training measure(s), explaining the specific goal(s) and target groups

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The first ROSIE training session was held in Prague (28th - 29th November 2017) and involved a total of 30 participants, among representatives from project partners and external stakeholders.

The objective of the training was to build capacity among partners, associates and stakeholders to support SMEs in defining, adopting and implementing Responsible Innovation strategies. On the one hand, the session helped ROSIE partners and involved experts to understand better the concept of Responsible Innovation and the profile and key features of the Responsible Innovation Consultant. On the other, it tested and discussed the Responsible Innovation Assessment Tool developed in the first project period and included in ROSIE workbook (<http://www.ciseonweb.it/eu/rosie/index.htm>).

The capacity building was a “train the trainer” event, providing participants with the needed expertise to train, in turn, local SMEs interested in adopting Responsible Innovation.

The training was based on a participatory approach, with a strong and active involvement of all participants in understanding, testing and developing the content of each session. Overall, the two-days session was a balanced mix of teaching modules, exchange and group-work.

The first day of training was focused on understanding Responsible Innovation and on identifying the role, characteristics and expertise of the Responsible Innovation Consultant. The second day was more focused on SMEs needs and requirements, addressing the development of the Responsible Innovation Assessment Tool.

Training material is available on ROSIE project website.

NUTS region(s) where training(s) have been conducted (relevant NUTS level)

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The training was hosted by partner 04 CCSS, in NUTS 3 region CZ010, Hlavní město Praha.

Expected impact and benefits of the trainings for the concerned territories and target groups

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The session addressed partners staff and stakeholders, to provide them with the expertise to train SMEs interested in assessing, selecting and implementing Responsible Innovation.

The objective of the capacity building was to increase the knowledge of participants about Responsible Innovation. This was achieved to a large extent, with around 85% of participants rating the quality of the session as good or very good.

As for the short-term impact, 30 participants (from 14 institutions) benefited from the event, having their knowledge and skills improved.

As for the long-term impact, the trained trainers will transfer their knowledge to SMEs within ROSIE. They will train 35 local SMEs on the concept of Responsible Innovation and on self-assessment and will provide specific training to 5 SMEs for the adoption of Responsible Innovation. Additionally, the trainers will have the expertise to train any other actor in partners' local areas that might be interested in understanding and implementing Responsible Innovation.

Sustainability of the training(s) and developed training material(s) and their transferability to other territories and stakeholders

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Materials used for the capacity building were basically paperless and presented to participants in electronic version. Training material developed and presentations delivered are published on ROSIE website and available for consultation by any interested actor. The use of plain language and of infographic support guarantees that the concepts addressed can be fully understood also by people who did not attend the session but consulted materials online. This enhances sustainability and transferability of training material.

Concerning specifically transferability, session's structure and methodology were designed to guarantee the full transferability of results and findings to other contexts.

The nature of the event itself guarantees that the acquired knowledge is not limited to participants only, but it can be transferred to other actors. Trained participants will transfer their knowledge to local SMEs, that will acquire knowledge and could, in turn, transfer it to other stakeholders.

Lessons learned from the development and implementation of training measures and added value of transnational cooperation

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Transnational exchange among participants in the event was one of the pillars of the whole capacity building. It proved to be an effective method, allowing participants to focus thoroughly on the innovation aspects addressed and to “learn by doing”, thanks to the group work on case studies.

The different background of participants, both expert and non-expert of (Responsible) Innovation and belonging to different institutions (i.e. local/regional authorities, innovation agencies, chambers of commerce), produced a fruitful exchange of experiences.

An important result of the training, showing the added-value brought by the transnational exchange, was the rethinking of the ROSIE’s SME Assessment Tool (included in ROSIE workbox), based on practical experiences of participants. The key remark was that the tool might be too complex (i.e. too many questions, elements not strictly related to SMEs environment) and difficult to apply to the context of SMEs. Therefore a simplified format, more focused on SMEs characteristics (and more SME friendly) was developed.

References to relevant deliverables and web-links

If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex

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The training material used was a set of powerpoint presentations and infographics used for class-style training. Moreover, specific forms for exercises in individual and group work were distributed to partners, these included, for instance, templates for case study analysis and RI self-reflection tool helping participants to reflect offline on RRI principles that could improve organisations’ research and innovation practices.

A detailed report on the training (D.T1.2.2 - Report and material from Capacity Building Session 01) and the material used are available on ROSIE website.

ROSIE Workbox is available at <http://www.ciseonweb.it/eu/rosie/itri.htm>