



European Network of Research Ethics and Research Integrity

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ENERI project
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ENERI project background

The “European Network of Research Ethics and Research Integrity” (ENERI) establishes an operable platform of actors in the fields of research ethics and research integrity. The reliability and credibility of research and science do not depend only on its excellence and productivity but also on the players’ awareness of highest standards of ethics in research and commitment to a responsible conduct of research. Research ethics addresses the application of ethical principles to the various fields of research. This includes ethical aspects of the design and conduct of research, the way human participants or animals within research projects are treated, and aspects of scientific misconduct. Research integrity is recognized as the attitude and habit of the researchers to conduct research according to appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks and standards.

The fields of research ethics and research integrity combine general ethical reflections, ethics and law as academic disciplines addressing research activities, moral attitudes of researchers, normative policies of stakeholders like sponsors or funding organizations, and various ethical expectations of the civil society. ENERI is based on existing networks, projects and infrastructures that already initiated and developed important steps in sharing information, training and capacity building. Research ethics committees, review boards, ombudspersons’ offices, research integrity offices and supporting structures are the established bodies monitoring, accompanying and assisting the process of responsible and justifiable research. Therefore the European Network of Research Integrity Offices (ENRIO) and the European Network of Research Ethics Committees (EUREC) mutually initiated ENERI in collaborations with experts in academic research ethics (RE) and responsible research and innovation (RRI), practitioners in training and education in research ethics, and specialists in e-communication and database design.

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ENERI main objectives

To achieve a sustainable mutual learning process and an active exchange of experiences among the existing networks and between various stakeholders there is a need to develop appropriate communication tools allowing borderless communication among all partners involved. This will encourage all partners to actively share their perspectives, knowledge and experience in the field and to hear and take into consideration the perspectives, knowledge and experience of others in their own field of activities. In this process, the platform ENERI of research ethics and research integrity will also encourage interaction with other stakeholders and society at large. This will facilitate *several types of actions*:

- sharing experiences: communication and exchange
- improving competence: training and capacity building
- ensuring awareness: indicators of effectiveness and certification
- enhancing interaction: harmonisation and synergies

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ENERI Kick-Off meeting

The ENERI Kick-off meeting was held at Helsinki, Finland
7th of September 2016



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ENERI Think Tank meeting

The ENERI Think Tank meeting was held at Berlin, Germany - 14th of January 2017



In preparation to the meeting the project partners answered a number of leading questions, like: What is needed for training?, What are cases of good practice in research ethics and research integrity? Based on a systematic analysis of the answers to the leading questions there was an intensive and fruitful debate between all present partners.

Information about the outcomes of the Think Tank meeting, follow the link: http://eneri.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Think_Tank-Report_public_final.pdf

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ENERI 1st Stakeholder Workshop

The 1st ENERI Stakeholder Workshop was successfully held at Athens, Greece, on the 28th & 29th of September 2017



The 1st Stakeholder Workshop will deal with different views from different stakeholders to identify the current ideas and principles that are operating in RE and RI. Good and bad practices in RE and RI will be discussed, good and bad infrastructures and questions regarding training or capacity building in RE and RI. Different stakeholder groups from different disciplines will be brought together, especially representatives from ministries, from Research Ethics Committees, from Research Integrity Offices, from universities, science journalists, editors and representatives from the civil society.



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ENERI 1st Stakeholder Workshop

Stakeholders from Universities, Research Ethics and Research Integrity (RE/RI) Committees, Industry, Policy making, Funding Organizations, Science editors, Science journalism actively participated and reflected on a number of critical issues.

Group work fostered strong interaction among workshop participants in:

- a. Case studies
- b. What constitutes expertise and qualification in RE/RI?
- c. What is needed for training in RE/RI?



Snapshots from group work and presentation of the results



Thematic areas covered were:

- i. Good and bad practice in RE/RI
- ii. Infrastructure for RE/RI: New challenges
- iii. Training in RE/RI
- iv. The future of RE/RI

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ENERI consortium partners participated at the



5th World Conference on Research Integrity

Amsterdam, Netherlands | 28-31 May 2017

Pre-conference meeting “Addressing Research Integrity challenges
on a european Level: PRINTEGER-ENERI-DEFORM-ENTIRE”

Dirk Lanzerath (Coordinator of ENERI, University of Bonn, Germany)

Preconference workshop “RIOs and dealing with research
misconduct: sharing practical knowledge, needs, tips and
resources” Nicole Foeger, C. K. Gunsalus, Zoë Hammatt, Erika
Löfström & Lauran Qualkenbush



Presentation “Conceptual
definition and empirical
investigation of ethics in
doctoral supervision”
Erika Löfström & Kirsi
Pyhältö

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Preconference workshop “How to set up a national or regional network for research ethics and integrity?”

Laetus Lategan, Edith Sempe, Nicole Foeger, Fenneke Blom

Presentation “The European
Network of Research Ethics and
Research Integrity (ENERI)”

Birgit Buschbom (Austrian Agency
for Research Integrity, Austria)



Presentation “EARTHnet: An initiative to promote
a Research Integrity framework in Greece”

Panagiotis Kavouras (National Technical
University of Athens, Athens,
Greece)



European Network of Research Integrity Offices (ENRIO)

Relaunched website www.enrio.eu



ENRIO is presenting itself on a relaunched website (www.enrio.eu) since May 2017, as part of the ENERI project.

The website gives information about:

- ✓ The ENRIO network
- ✓ All member organizations
- ✓ All activities of ENRIO and news in the field Research Integrity
- ✓ A database with publications, codes and guidelines, cases and trainings material
- ✓ Partner and network organizations as well as
- ✓ The EU-project ENERI (European Network of Research Ethics and Research Integrity).

Please visit the new website (www.enrio.eu) and learn more about ENRIO.

Our members. Our strength.

Find out more about the involvement of our member organisations within research integrity and good research practices. Learn about their history and structure as well as their main tasks.

More info on ENERI project

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