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OPEN THEMES EVALUATION

The largest conference in Europe dedicated to the evaluation of policies in the field of research, technology and innovation policy will gather academics, evaluators, research managers, authorities and RTI policy makers to debate challenging developments in RTI policy and their effects on evaluation theory and practice.

The conference addresses new actor settings, approaches and themes in RTI policy evaluation. Thus, the term OPEN EVALUATION signals openness towards new values, new stakeholders and beneficiaries and new approaches and themes in RTI policies and RTI evaluations.

The conference invites submissions in six focal thematic areas. Papers beyond these focal areas are welcomed too.

1 CHANGING THE ROLE OF EVALUATION OF RTI POLICY TO INCORPORATE NEW VALUES, RRI AND NEW FORMS OF SCIENCE

We specifically invite contributions aiming to discuss and assess new values and the changing nature of research, technology development and innovation such as

- Assessments of the effectiveness of new forms of science and innovative approaches (e.g. open digital science)
- Assessment of the relevance and effectiveness of citizen science
- Appraising the inclusion of citizens and civil society organisations in review procedures, in programmatic RTI agenda setting and research processes
- Scientific misconduct within evaluations and identified by evaluations
- Understanding the role of evaluation for responsible research and innovation

2 NEW EVALUATION APPROACHES IN DATA, METHODS, INDICATORS AND THEIR INTERPRETATION

We specifically invite contributions tackling issues such as

- Beyond the ordinary - experiments in RTI evaluations: inspirations, successes and failures
- New developments in evaluation methodologies
- Use of new approaches to data collection and indicator development for evaluation (including altmetrics)

3 RTI POLICY EVALUATION IN THE POLICY-MAKING PROCESS

We specifically invite contributions tackling issues such as

- Specific characteristics of RTI as determinants of evaluation approaches
- Organising evaluation for use in RTI policy-making
- Policy learning from evaluations
- Standards and quality assurance mechanisms for safeguarding the societal credibility of RTI policy evaluations
- Enabling conditions for transparent evidence-based RTI policy evaluations
- Connecting research evaluation and public research funding allocations – frameworks, conditions, implications

4 SOCIAL INNOVATION, SOCIETAL IMPACT, SOCIETAL CHALLENGES

We specifically invite contributions tackling issues such as

- Evaluation of programmes and instruments supporting social innovations
- Evaluation of societal challenges driven programmes or initiatives
- Measuring the societal impact of RTI policy interventions

5 EVALUATION APPROACHES FOR POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES IN SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES (SSH)

We specifically invite contributions discussing and assessing the use of SSH research inside and outside academia, such as

- Assessment of the impact of SSH research and how it can create benefits in society and economy
- New and alternative metrics for assessing SSH research
- Evaluation of innovative approaches, new pilots and programmes for enhancing and valorising the benefits of SSH in society, economy and policy/government

6 CHALLENGES AND NEW APPROACHES TO EVALUATE EUROPEAN RTI POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

We specifically invite contributions tackling issues such as

- Evaluation of European (and international) RTI infrastructures
- New approaches in evaluating structural fund investments in RTI
- Evaluation and monitoring of smart specialisation strategies S³
- Evaluation of new approaches and instruments of Horizon 2020 (incl. ERC, FET, JTI, JPI etc.)

Selected papers will be clustered in sessions and panels. Special sessions may complement the programme.

Based on topical fit and quality, selected authors will be invited by the conference organisers to submit their papers to dedicated issues of topical journals.

The extended abstracts of the selected speakers will be published as conference proceedings in the *fteval Journal for Research and Technology Policy Evaluation*.

REGISTRATION

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