

NORWAY



A focus on TIP in Norway is exploring how Responsible Research & Innovation (RRI) could address major challenges in society.

TRANSFORMATIVE INNOVATION POLICY IN NORWAY

KEY PARTNERS

Research Council of Norway

Norway has a history of environmentalism and is one of the wealthiest countries in the world. The challenge to meet global carbon emission reduction targets is still of great importance, however. Historically, Norway's funding agencies have been fragmented across separate industries but the creation of the RCN has led to more collaboration and communication between departments. Norway has been pioneering the implementation of new transformative Responsible Research & Innovation (RRI) practices that have the potential to make a difference in bringing about transformative change.



“Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) represents aspirations for development and learning in research and innovation. RRI is motivated more by discontinuity than continuity in relation to tools/instruments that are becoming inadequate in the knowledge society. RRI involves challenging exercises and assumes that the actors have something to learn from crossover collaborations.”

**A Framework for Responsible Innovation,
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THE PROJECT

The RCN are exploring how a new research framework could promote transformative change. RRI makes scientific progress synonymous with social progress by encouraging researchers to anticipate and address social and environmental issues, rather than merely exercising scientific curiosity. Through anticipation, reflection, and inclusivity, researchers create experiments that are flexible and dynamic, and rooted in solving current problems.



“The recent decade has seen a plethora of terms – Challenge-driven Innovation, Responsible Research & Innovation, Open Innovation, and now TIP.

But how to foster collective experimentation that asks for new forms of interactions and mutual learning between the public sector, industry, business, academia and civil society? Governance in complexity has been suggested as a wiser strategy than governance of complexity. What are the competencies, capacities and skills for developing such distributed forms of governance ‘through dynamics’ and not only ‘by design’? This is what we explore in TIP.”

Elise Husum, Director of Department for Manufacturing and Service Industries, RCN

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