



Living Knowledge
The International Science Shop Network

COMPLETION OF PERARES - OUTCOMES AND REPORTS

This is an in-between Living Knowledge Newsletter with news from the PERARES project. The Living Knowledge Newsletter will continue, but this is the final one made from the PERARES project – the Public Engagement with Research and Research Engagement with Society project. Newsletter No. 48 will be published at the beginning of 2015 with hopefully good news from successfully proposals in Horizon 2020. Please use the Living Knowledge Discussion List for sending news in between the newsletter issues.

The PERARES project ended Friday 31st October 2014, and is happy to publish its legacy on-line. Over the past 4 ½ years the project has advanced the ways in which research agendas can be made in co-operation between researchers and civil society organizations -- these agenda's being on the institute level, such as a university's, or broader, in international co-operations. Thanks to all PERARES partners who helped to achieve these results. And thank you having subscribed to the Living Knowledge Newsletter. We hope to see you again soon!

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The PERARES Group at the European Parliament, Brussels, October 2014 after holding the workshop: "Who owns the European scientific research agenda? Responsible Research and Innovation: with and for European citizens and their organizations".

The consortium has taken the opportunity of the elections of the European Parliament and the hearing of the new commissioners to present PERARES results.

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Supporting new Science Shops

The project kick-started Science Shop-like activities in 10 regions that did not yet have this kind of facility to perform civil society driven research. Read more about how this was done here:

- Download Report „Supporting new Science Shops <http://bit.ly/1p0wIBb>

Online Debates – Report and Experiences

The PERARES-project piloted with an international on-line debate portal, intended to discuss issues and together define relevant research questions on that topic, and forward these to Science Shops, researchers and funders. The motto ‘what do we agree that we don’t yet know, but still is important to know’.

- Preliminary study on previous dialogues about nanotechnology, which we used in preparing for the international on-line dialogues. “Formative evaluation of Nano-Dialogues”: <http://bit.ly/1u6Rm4E>
- Report: Living Knowledge Online Debates – Final Summary Report: <http://bit.ly/1wEY66x>

Developing research questions

On two issues, PERARES partners set-up tri-national co-operation to develop research questions.

- Read how three universities and three CSOs worked together on the issue of research on domestic violence here: <http://bit.ly/1vfpB4m>
- Co-operation with Travellers’ and Roma groups with researchers in three countries, which also led to a Code of Conduct for research with marginalized groups: <http://bit.ly/1rzvIPO>

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Tools and (strategic) support documents

The PERARES project also developed some tools and (strategic) support documents.

- Handbook about “How to embed civil society driven research in curricula and Higher Education strategies”: <http://bit.ly/1aeCrKc>
- Practical Guide to developing policy and strategy: <http://bit.ly/18R0oD3>
- Full Report about the role of research funders in supporting civil society driven research: <http://bit.ly/1jDxqzN>
- Policy Brief “Experiences and Attitudes of Research Funding Organisations towards Public Engagement with Research with and for Civil Society and its Organisations - A PERARES Report”: <http://bit.ly/1hHMrNI>
- How to use Scenario Workshops to co-construct strategies and research plans: <http://bit.ly/1i4Tpu>
- Report “How to evaluate Science Shop type of projects, at the proposal stage, mid-term, end-of-project and post-project” with justification and a chapter on economic evaluation of Science Shops: <http://bit.ly/1xE8Qm0>
- Evaluation forms: <http://bit.ly/1yHymIf>

Living Knowledge Conferences

Finally, as you all know, the PERARES project facilitated the organization of the 5th and 6th Living Knowledge Conferences, in Bonn and Copenhagen. Access the materials here:

- Bonn (2012): <http://bit.ly/1tCZHuT>
- Copenhagen (2014): <http://bit.ly/1p0NhwV>

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