

Final Report on:

EU-SPRI 2019 CONFERENCE STI POLICIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS Actors Instruments and Evaluation

Roma, June 5-7 2019

Hosted by CNR-IRCRES Research Institute for Sustainable Economic Growth

The Conference built on the directions proposed by the 2017 Vienna and the 2018 Paris EUSPRI conferences, and focuses on new actors, instruments, practices, and policies for research and innovation to pursuing sustainable development goals using the problem-solving approach.

The Conference aim was to deepen the concept of 'missions' and how R&I studies can address it, trying to figure out existing or potential linkages between missions and sustainable development goals, and what is the contribution that STI policy studies can provide in this respect. Also, problems of measurements related to missions and existing gaps between missions and social challenges, policy objectives, policy instruments, and research projects were discussed, including the understanding of issues such as regulations, public funding and public procurement toward reaching specific goals.

The Conference was organized around six key themes.

- R&I policies toward mission-oriented sustainable research: rethinking policy design, implementation and evaluation.
- New governance of STI policies: actors, networks and instruments
- RRI and the new social contract for research and innovation
- Social innovation: enabling factors and existing practices for sustainable social needs
- Research infrastructure for STI studies: open data, big data, and new research avenues
- Globalization and the geography of knowledge and innovation

Important dates of the Conference:

- Pre-announcement of the Call: December 2018
- Opening of Submissions: January 10, 2019
- Closing of Submissions: February 15, 2019 extended until March the 10th
- Announcement of the selected papers and posters: April 12, 2019
- Registration opened: April the 1st, 2019

Key figures of the Conference:

Submissions received: 170

Paper accepted: 98

Poster accepted: 16

Number of people attending the Conference: 164

Of which Students: 21

Non-Eu-SPRI participants 64

More than 30 countries are represented with speakers and guests mainly from European countries, but we also had scholars from North America, Africa, South America, Asia. OECD representatives attended the Conference, as well as representatives from the European Commission DG RTD.

Book of abstract and presentations: available on the Eu-SPRI web page <http://www.euspri2019.it>.

Venue

CNR Headquarter for the morning of Wednesday the 5th and Centro Congresso Frentani, which are very close to Termini Station (the main train station of Roma).

EU-SPRI 2019 Conference: Keynote speakers

We invited three keynote speakers that fit the orientation of the Conference, which are listed below.

Name	Affiliation	Topic
Enrico Giovannini	University of Tor Vergata (Italy)	S&TI policies for contributing to sustainable development
Adrian Ely	SPRU (UK)	New governance of STI policies toward sustainable research
Susanna Borràs	CBS (Denmark)	State Capacity in Transformative Science Technology and Innovation Policies

We also covered the costs of 1 invited speaker for the special plenary session on RISIS (Ilaria Fava, University of Gottingen)

Organization

The programme of the Conference is in the annex and still available on the Conference website (www.eu-spri2019.it). The Conference started Wednesday 5 June 2019 morning and ended on Friday 7 June at 3pm; it was organized with 5 parallel sessions over the whole duration. The programme included:

- 3 plenary sessions for keynote speakers;
- 5 special parallel sessions;
- 1 Poster session;
- 1 session for book presentation;
- 1 plenary session organized by the RISIS infrastructure on new developments and services available for researchers in the field of studies on science technology and innovation.

One plenary session in the last day of the Conference was based on a panel presenting the work done during the 2018 December Exploratory Workshop of Eu-SPRI.

Practicalities

The registration fee was the same as in Paris 2018. We agreed on some special rates or no fee at all in very special case of researchers (generally early career researchers) that want to attend the Conference but do not have enough budget for covering the fee. No fee were paid also by the invited speakers and people from EU-DG-JRC and CNR.

The fee included materials (a small welcome pack, including practical information, a map of the conference venues, a printed program, a pen and one note paper), three lunches and the welcome cocktail. The participation to the Conference dinner and the related cost of 50 Euros, were up to the participants.

