

Policy Brief Germany

The German policy brief prepared by KIT explains the project as well as the concept of RRI since this is largely unknown in Germany. Further, it highlights the findings from the interviews and workshops at HGF and KIT. Here there was a high awareness that responsibility is an important aspects in research and science. This includes the acknowledgement that the exchange between science and society is important, especially in the context of responsibility and RRI. Critical voices described current processes in the scientific field which are often missing dialogue and transparency when it comes to problematic issues. Processes here are still lacking as part of everyday research practices. The RRI keys are all relevant in the German context, even if they aren't understood under the heading of RRI. Here, Germany is especially good in keys like Gender or Open Access. The policy brief also highlights the importance of anchoring RRI aspects in research practices in a sustainable way. This is also up to policy makers who can stress the advantages of taking on a wider perspective. Quotes from the interviews and workshops show that responsibility is a key factor for researchers, even if RRI itself was mainly unknown. Important is that RRI has a low threshold in order to speak to as many as possible.

The policy brief was sent to key actors in policy (e.g. ministries) as well as research and our contacts in civil society.