

Annex 6: Eu-SPRI Early Career Conference, Public R&D Funding and Evaluation: Methods, Trends and Changes

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Local Organising Committee: Antonio Zinilli, Serena Fabrizio, Marco De Biase, Andrea Orazio Spinello, Lucio Morettini, Emanuela Reale.

Participants

Twenty-two early career researchers presented submitted papers at the conference. Two posters were also presented. One young researcher attended as audience without presentation. Young researchers from IRCRES-CNR acted as session chairs. Some junior and senior researchers from the CNR attended paper sessions and keynote speeches. There were 31 registered participants.

USPRI Members	13
No USPRI Members	10
Researchers from the CNR	8

Paper Sessions

This was a three-day event consisting of five sessions. Each session had four paper presentations and each had an assigned discussant. This role was performed by a presenter in the same session who provided comments and suggestions on the work presented. Each speaker had 15-20 minutes for the presentation and the discussants received the papers one week in advance. They were asked to prepare a 5-10 minute presentation providing the paper's authors with feedback that would help to improve the presented works. Thanks to the availability of time, interesting and fruitful interactions between presenters, discussants and the audience were possible. Each session had a chairperson keeping the timing and facilitating interactions between the presenters and the audience.

Keynote speeches

Four well known senior academics gave the keynote speeches: **Prof. Benedetto Lepori, Dr. Koen Jonkers, Prof. Flaminio Squazzoni and Prof. Peter van den Besselaar.**

The four prominent keynote speakers gave four inspiring speeches about methods, trends and changes produced by the modes of R&D funding allocation, considering also the evaluation methods and practices of proposals submitted and the effects produced by the funding allocation on the beneficiaries. These speeches are provided in the audience with a clear view of the state of the art in the literature, suggestions for future research and possible implications.

Sufficiently long coffee and lunch breaks increased networking opportunities for participants and allowed more in-depth discussions between paper presenters and discussants, keynote speakers and the rest of the audience.

Social dinner

On September 27th, at 7.30PM, the social dinner took place at “Efeso il Barrocciaio”. Besides being another opportunity for networking, this dinner offered conference participants the opportunity to taste the typical Italian food.

Evaluation of the conference

Overall the attendees were highly satisfied with the program and activities which is confirmed by the attendee evaluations. Attendees graded the overall conference with a high evaluation judgment. High scores were particularly given for the organisation of the conference as well as the overall atmosphere, the feedback received and social program. Staff members were also really enthusiastic about the group and enjoyed the interactions with the young researchers.

September 26	Conference programme
14.00-14.30	Registration
14.30-15.00	Opening of the Conference and welcome from organising institution representatives (Antonio Zinilli and Emanuela Reale)
15.00-16.00	<i>Prof. Benedetto Lepori - Università della Svizzera italiana (USI)</i>
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30- 18.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ <i>Marta Zdravkovic, Benedetto Lepori, Emanuela Reale</i>❖ <i>Public Research Funding Governance in Europe: Theoretical contribution to the governance hybridity</i>❖ <i>Gennady Belyakov</i>❖ <i>Governance Through Funding: History of Societal Criteria in Funding Conditions in the US and the UK</i>❖ <i>Rodrigo A. Cevallos, Carlos Merino Moreno</i>❖ <i>Understanding the role of the National Advisory Councils (NACs) in shaping the National Innovation Systems (NIS): Some preliminary findings of a comparative study of Chile and Spain (2006-2017)</i>❖ <i>Chien-Yu Huang, Ching-Chong Lai, Pietro Peretto</i>❖ <i>Public R&D, Private R&D and Growth: A Schumpeterian Approach</i>
18.15	Closing first day

September 27	
09.00 - 10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Carmen Corona Sobrino</i> Assessing the impact of excellence evaluation on the dynamics of knowledge production in Spanish departments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Omar Kassab</i> Does engaging in public outreach activities impede research performance? Assessing the researcher dilemma in the context of a sustainability science research center ❖ <i>Serena Fabrizio, Lucio Morettini, Emanuela Reale</i> Participatory practices to produce impact in Social Science research: what lessons for evaluation? ❖ <i>Magdalena Wicher</i> ❖ The concept of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) as one example of R&I funding schemes – where does it come from, where does it go?
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-11.30	Poster session
11.30-12.30	<i>Dr. Koen Jonkers - European Commission</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.30	<i>Prof. Flaminio Squazzoni - University of Brescia</i>
14.30-16.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Valentina Lamonica</i> Youth transitions from vocational training to the labour market: evidence from Piedmont, an Italian case study ❖ <i>Emanuela Varinetti</i> Incentives to scientific mobility of researchers: the presence of foreign Highly Skilled Human Resources (HSHR) in Italian context ❖ <i>Paula Otero-Hermida, Adrián A. Díaz-Faes, Pablo D'Este</i> Bridging ties in scientific research: the relationship between gender and heterogeneous networks in biomedicine ❖ <i>Amonpat Poonjan, Anne Nygaard Tanner</i> ❖ Science and Technology Parks and Regional Contextual Factors: A Systematic Literature Review
16.15-16.45	Coffee break
16.45-18.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Andrea Orazio Spinello, Antonio Zinilli, Emanuela Reale, Benedetto Lepori</i> Topic of social relevance in research project funding instruments: evidences from European countries ❖ <i>Giulia Antonini</i> CNR and the promotion of the social sciences. An analysis of financed research projects ❖ <i>Hannia Gonzalez-Urango</i> The Analytic Network Process as a technique to improve resource allocation: for Sciences, Technology and Innovation (STI) projects ❖ <i>Francesco Di Tommaso</i> ❖ How Public R&D Funding can be profitable in Europe and in international financial markets?
18.30	Closing second day

19.30	Conference Dinner
September 28th	
8.45-10.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Frano Barbic, Antonio Hidalgo, Eva Nielsen</i> Governance structure in contractual multi-partner alliances: Risk reduction through joint use of contract and alliance committee ❖ <i>Jorge Antonio Rodríguez Moreno, Maria Engracia Rochina Barrachina</i> Public support effectiveness on innovation effort in Ecuadorian firms ❖ <i>Camila Zeitoum, Sergio Salles-Filho, Giancarlo N. Stefanuto, Fábio R. Campos</i> The industrial and innovation policy for the Brazilian ICT sector: an analysis of the ICT Law ❖ <i>Tõnis Tänav</i> ❖ The relationship between direct public-sector subsidies to firms and innovativeness of the firms
10.45-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-12.15	<i>Prof. Peter van den Besselaar - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam</i>
12.15-12.30	Concluding comments - End of conference
12.30-13.30	Lunch

Pictures from the Conference

