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## Opening Doors on Responsible Research and Innovation: Past, Present and Future

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*De-facto responsible research and innovation*

*Bottom-up and top-down responsibility governance (Rip 2010)*

*Collective, negotiated, contested.*

*With a critical role for values-centred institutional entrepreneurs*

*Engaged in processes of organisational and institutional transformation/stabilisation.*

**Past** :- (historical) institutionalised , co-existing, narrations of responsibility ( 6 Narratives )

**Present** : The RES-AGorA/ de-facto case studies showcase our concept and methodological approach. Our start point is the question : What actors actually *doing* in the name of ‘responsibility’?

Researching ***de-facto responsible innovation*** is the study of how actors in their daily and strategic lives debate and contest the collective problems they face and find ways forward to address them.

***How are they designing and experimenting collective governance arrangements and instruments*** in different research and innovation ‘situations’ (attention to place and context; thereby producing variety). We are looking for evidence of transformation; asking under what conditions , norms stabilise, or continue to be contested and unstable).

**Future** : Facilitating bottom-up institutional entrepreneurialism, so that actors determine their own variant of what to be ‘responsible about’, ‘to whom ‘ and ‘how’. Who will take the hot potato (Beck)?

***The RES-AGorA Responsibility Navigator*** (simply) provides a facilitating ‘thinking tool’ to organise and apply good practice principles to facilitate dialogue between heterogeneous actors. <http://res-agera.eu/news/>

**Policy message** : We do not think it is appropriate to pre-determine the content of ‘responsibility’ but can study and therefor advise and facilitate good practice process. We do **Not** favour lock-in around the EC keys.