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Inclusiveness in research and innovation processes and policies

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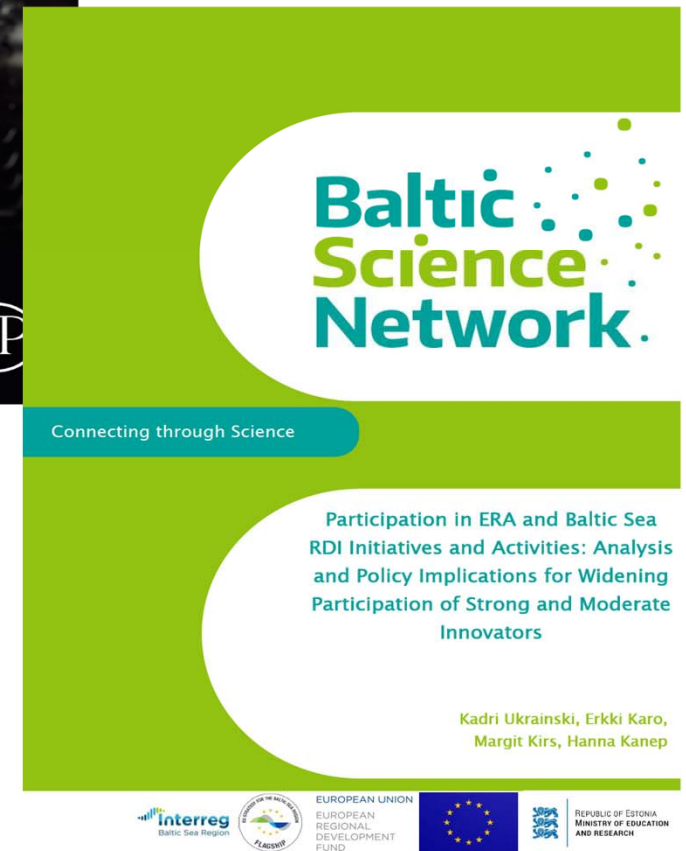
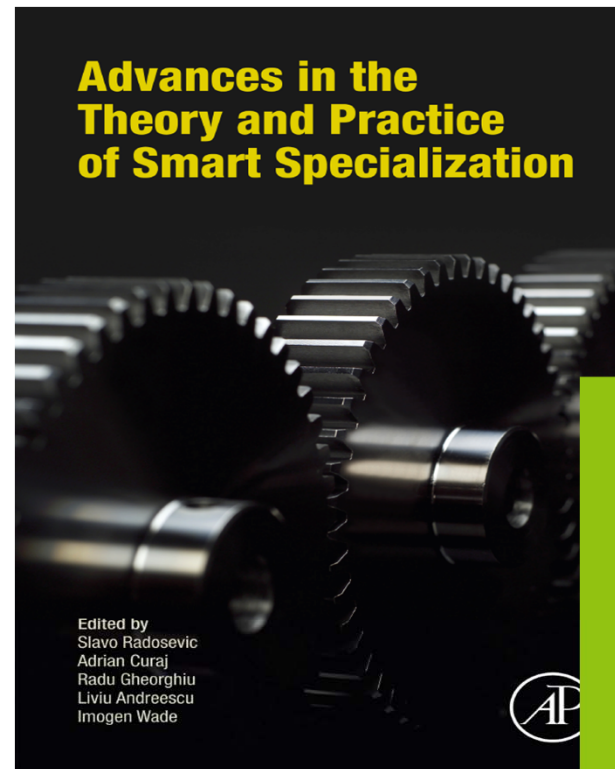
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Background

- Inclusion of EU13 countries into the ERA and ERA-related policy processes
- Feasibility of experimental and participatory styles of policy making in the EU13 countries
- R&I bureaucracies



Research and innovation processes vs policies (1)

- **R&I processes**

- curiosity
- uncertainty
- search and discovery
- constant failures, rejections
- 'creative destruction'

- **R&I policy**

- solutionism & relevance
- plan, design, implement, evaluate
- coordinate, collaborate, co-create
- speed-up the R&I cycle
- steering/guiding R&I processes, markets

Research and innovation processes vs policies (2)

What it means?

- we (researchers) **follow the money** → “of course societal challenges are the most important R&I issues”
 - we **talk the policy talk** → “of course, co-creation, piloting, greater focus on diffusion and innovation etc. are crucial for ‘better’ R&I outcomes”
 - in the lab/office, we do **what we believe** is important → curiosity and excellence driven R has the the most long-term and highest impact on society
- Researchers are probably much more skeptical about the inclusiveness oriented R&I policy processes and outcomes than they show out
- Innovation is not the outcome of coordination, consensus, collaboration, co-creation → innovators (and innovative researchers) are selfish, charismatic, individualistic and swim against the common norms, views, consensuses

The issues for EU13 countries

- **Inclusiveness and R&I processes**

- Relational and functional **proximity**
- Sufficient R&I **capacities**
- **Incentives** for participating in ERA: solving challenges, collaborative research, financial survival

- **Inclusiveness and R&I policies**

- 1. Styles of policy making:**

- how important are participatory processes?
- how are they designed?

- 2. Types of R&I bureaucracies:**

- who makes R&I policies ?
- who controls the money?



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