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EARTHnet: An initiative to promote a Research Integrity framework in Greece

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Concurrent session: National experience 2

Outline

- Current situation in Greece
- Self-regulation principle: What is missing?
- EARTHnet in Greece
- EARTHnet's main objectives
- Upcoming actions
- Future steps

Current situation in Greece



Organisational

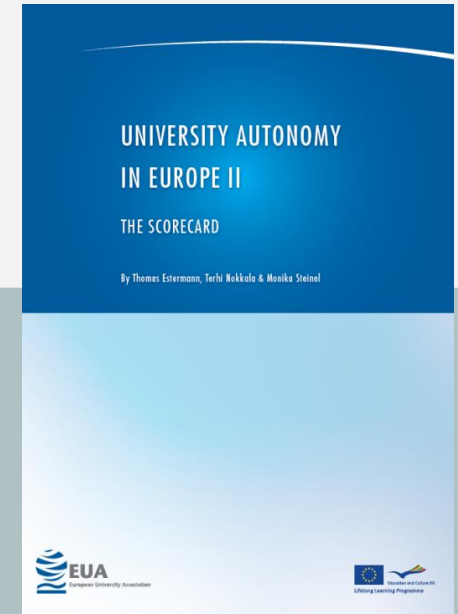
National level

- Greece does not have a RE&RI National Committee or a National Code of Conduct for Research
- Only National Organization for Medicines has a legal mandate

Institutes

- RE&RI committees and their Codes of Conduct mainly focus in medical and biomedical research
- There is not a specific procedure for ethical assessment of research projects

Wider context



Awareness

- RE&RI issues have not attracted the attention of the Academia in the extent it has happened in other European countries
- Public awareness needs to be boosted

Systemic

- There are inherent difficulties to apply the self regulating principle

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Organizational

Rank	System	Score
1	United Kingdom	100%
2	Denmark	94%
3	Finland	93%
4	Estonia	87%
5	North Rhine-Westphalia	84%
6	Ireland	81%
7	Portugal	80%
8	Austria	78%
	Hesse	78%
	Norway	78%
11	Lithuania	75%
12	The Netherlands	69%
13	Poland	67%
14	Latvia	61%
15	Brandenburg	60%
16	France	59%
	Hungary	59%
18	Italy	56%
19	Spain	55%
	Sweden	55%
	Switzerland	55%
22	Czech Republic	54%
23	Cyprus	50%
24	Iceland	49%
25	Slovakia	45%
26	Greece	43%
27	Turkey	33%
28	Luxembourg	31%



Financial

Rank	System	Score
1	Luxembourg	91%
2	Estonia	90%
3	United Kingdom	89%
4	Latvia	80%
5	The Netherlands	77%
6	Hungary	71%
7	Italy	70%
	Portugal	70%
	Slovakia	70%
10	Denmark	69%
11	Ireland	66%
12	Switzerland	65%
13	Austria	59%
14	North Rhine-Westphalia	58%
15	Finland	56%
	Sweden	56%
17	Spain	55%
18	Poland	54%
19	Lithuania	51%
20	Norway	48%
21	Czech Republic	46%
22	France	45%
	Turkey	45%
24	Brandenburg	44%
25	Iceland	43%
26	Greece	36%
27	Hesse	35%
28	Cyprus	23%



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Staffing

Rank	System	Score
1	Estonia	100%
2	United Kingdom	96%
3	Czech Republic	95%
	Sweden	95%
	Switzerland	95%
6	Finland	92%
	Latvia	92%
8	Luxembourg	87%
9	Denmark	86%
10	Lithuania	83%
11	Ireland	82%
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13	Austria	73%
	The Netherlands	73%
15	Iceland	68%
16	Norway	67%
17	Hungary	66%
18	Portugal	62%
19	Hesse	61%
	North Rhine-Westphalia	61%
21	Turkey	60%
22	Brandenburg	55%
23	Slovakia	54%
24	Italy	49%
25	Cyprus	48%
	Spain	48%
27	France	43%
28	Greece	14%

Academic

Rank	System	Score
1	Ireland	100%
2	Norway	97%
3	United Kingdom	94%
4	Estonia	92%
5	Finland	90%
6	Iceland	89%
7	Cyprus	77%
8	Luxembourg	74%
9	Austria	72%
	Switzerland	72%
11	Hesse	69%
	North Rhine-Westphalia	69%
13	Brandenburg	67%
14	Sweden	66%
15	Poland	63%
16	Italy	57%
	Spain	57%
18	Denmark	56%
	Slovakia	56%
20	Latvia	55%
21	Portugal	54%
22	Czech Republic	52%
23	The Netherlands	48%
24	Hungary	47%
25	Turkey	46%
26	Lithuania	42%
27	Greece	40%
28	France	37%

EARTHnet in Greece



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EARTHnet stands for Ethical Aspects in Research
and Technology for Human network

EARTHnet has a voluntarily based membership

The network

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It initially started in 2008 as a network mainly concerned with RI issues on nanotechnology



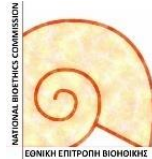
Now it is concerned with wider issues of RI



It expands the coverage to almost all Greek universities and most research centers

The network

National Bioethics
Commission



National Technical
University of Athens



National School
of Public Health

University of
Crete



Democritus
University



National and
Kapodistrian
University
of Athens



National Research
Foundation



Institute of Preventive
Medicine Environmental
and Occupational Health



Aristotle
University of
Thessaloniki



Biomedical Research
Foundation Academy of
Athens



University of
Thessaly



University of
Patras



National Center for
Scientific Research
"Democritus"

Host institute



National Technical University of Athens

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Main objectives

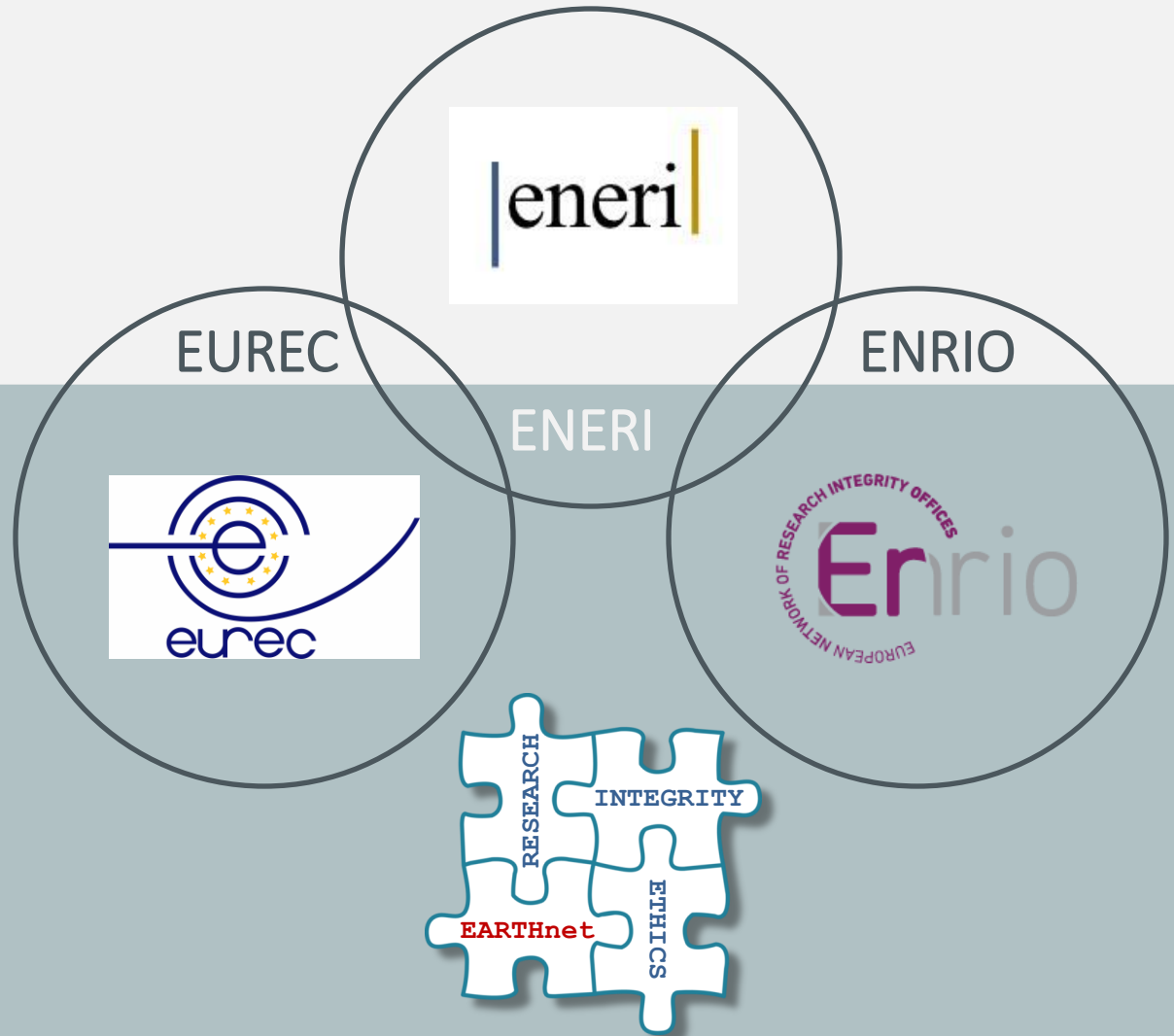
- Raise awareness among the Greek academic community on RE&RI issues
- Institutionalization of a national code of conduct for research
- Set up of a national RE&RI committee that will not act just as producer of soft and hard laws but also as a center of a research culture
- Disseminate the latest developments at the European area and beyond

Dissemination in Greece

- Academia – Participation in conferences, Coordination of the Advisory Ethics Committee of NTUA, Publications
- Students – Organization of lectures
- General public – Publications in wide circulation newspapers



“With a little help from my friends”



Upcoming actions

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Future steps

- Local organizing committee for the **1st ENERI Stakeholder meeting** in Athens (28-29 September)
- Coordination of the Advisory Ethics Committee of NTUA
- Organization of EARTHnet members' meeting (autumn 2017)
- Interdepartmental curriculum on RE&RI for pre- and post-graduate students in NTUA
- Set up of a RE&RI network for the Mediterranean countries

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