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SESSION 4: Responsible Research and Innovation

Abstract: Including Gender as an RRI dimension

This abstract addresses gender as one of the six RRI dimensions aimed at improving the research and innovation process. It has already been proven that the gender dimension, as a standalone dimension, improves the functioning of the innovation process through addressing biases in the system that exclude women's participation and through including the gender dimension in the research content.

Although the general ambitions behind integrating the six RRI dimensions can only be applauded into one overarching concept that addresses these issues simultaneously, there are several open issues when looking at the integration from the gender perspective. The presentation focuses these issues which are

- What does the inclusion of gender in the RRI dimensions mean for the gender dimension? Does anything have to change or can the established practices stay the same?
- Does gender lose some of the importance it has achieved in research and innovation processes through becoming one of six dimensions or does it gain additional weight?
- How does the integration of gender affect the other dimensions?
- What does the integration of gender in RRI mean for current structures that support the integration of gender? Will the institutionalization change in any way and what will this mean for the gender dimension?

We will discuss these issues both on a conceptual level as well as for the Austrian context.

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