

Supporting European Civil Society Organisations in shaping research agendas!

During the last 4.5 years partners in the PERARES consortium have explored how in cooperation with scientists and researchers requests and problems of citizens and civil society organisations can influence research agendas. Resources and reports of the PERARES project are now available online for download.

PERARES stands for [Public Engagement with Research and Research Engagement with Society](#) . This [FP7](#) funded project piloted and assessed alternative forms of agenda-setting dialogues and started a web portal for debates on science to articulate research requests of civil society. PERARES also supported 10 new Science Shop like facilities throughout Europe, investigated on the role of higher education institutes and research funders in supporting co-operation with CSOs and organized two international conferences.

The main focus of PERARES (Public Engagement with Research and Research Engaging with Society) was on public debates to encourage, stimulate and generate research questions and requests from civil society to pass them to research institutes and organisations. The project proved new formats for agenda-setting dialogues which included scenario workshops or long term permanent debates between research institutions and civil society organisations. PERARES activities also included a transnational web portal for online debates

The project furthermore contributed to the empowerment of Science Shops' brokering role between research and civil society organisations. Ten new Science Shops were opened in various European countries. The experienced PERARES team offered coaching and support for strategies and action plans to underline the relevance, sustainability and the policy priority of society-research interactions.

PERARES outcomes and reports

Advancing PER through support for research of CSOs with Research Institutes

- **Policy Brief:** [Experiences and attitudes of Research Funding Organisations towards public engagement of research with and for civil society and its organisations](#)
- **Full report:** on [“Experiences and attitudes of Research Funding Organisations towards public engagement”](#)

Embedding Community and Public Engagement Within Regional and National Policy and Higher Education Institutions

- **Handbook** [Hand book of Models of Community Engagement Strategies in Higher Education Institutions: Policy and Curriculum Development](#)
- **Practical guide** [Sustainability for Science Shops – a Practical Guide to Developing and Policy and Strategy](#)
- **Report** [“Structuring PER in Higher Education through research with CSOs in curricular activities and partnerships with local municipalities”](#)

Permanent debates between research institutions and civil society organisations

- **Guide:** [Organizing scenario workshops to develop partnerships between researchers and civil society organisations](#)
- **Report:** [Living Knowledge Online Debates](#)
- **Report:** [‘Domestic Violence PER Action Plan’](#)
- **Report:** [“Structuring PER in Social Sciences Research and forgotten Citizens of Europe: Local Human Rights”](#)

Evaluation

- **Toolkit:** [Download the PERARES evaluation toolkit with checklist and evaluation forms](#)
- **Paper:** [A Cost-Benefit Analysis and Evaluation of Science Shops](#)
- **Report:** [“Evaluation Guidelines and Instruments” \(doc\) \(pdf\)](#)
- **Report:** [“Formative evaluation of Nano-Dialogues”](#)
- **Report:** [Evaluating Projects of Public Engagement with Research and Research Engagement with Society](#)

New Science Shops

- **Report:** [Supporting new Science Shops – Implementation phase of local Public Engagement with Research action plans, mentoring and advisory activities, and Summer Schools](#)
- **Report:** [New Science Shop Grenoble Science Shop, France](#)
- **Report:** [New Science Shop FOIST Laboratory and UNISS activity report of Sassari, Sardinia](#)

Living Knowledge conferences

6th LK Conference 2014 in Copenhagen, Denmark

- **Website of 6LK:** [6th Living Knowledge Conference 2014](#)
- **Conference Book:** [Conference Book of LK6 Conference](#)
- **Live Stream:** [Link to Live Streams of the LK6 Conference](#)
- **Report:** [Documentation and experiences of LK6 Conference](#)

5th LK Conference 2012 in Bonn, Germany

- **Website of 5LK:** [5th Living Knowledge Conference 2012](#)
- **Conference Book:** [Conference Book of LK5 Conference](#)
- **Live Streams:** [Link to Live Streams of the LK5 Conference](#)
- **Report:** [Report “5th Living Knowledge Conference 2012, Bonn”](#)

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