

POIESIS Newsletter V



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TRUST IN SCIENCE



**How Integrity and Open
Science affect Public
Trust in Science**

Getting closer to our Final Recommendations



The POIESIS Team met on 27th and 28th of March 2025 at the beautiful city of Valencia, in Casa de la Ciencia of INGENIO (CSIC-UPV).

This marked a big step forward for our research project, as we collectively discussed the key findings of each of our engagement activities (public and expert workshops, expert interviews, focus groups and deliberative roundtables, and a large survey experiment) towards forming a set of policy recommendations and actions points for tackling societal mistrust in science and for strengthening the co-creation of research and innovation contents by society!

We can't wait for the last few months of the project, and our final research findings!!



Celebrating 25 Years of the European Research Area: Discover the ERA Platform



We support the European Research Area aimed at creating a single, borderless market for research, innovation and technology in the EU.

The year 2025 marks the 25th anniversary of the European Research Area (ERA) – a milestone in building a unified, borderless space for research, innovation, and technology across the EU.

As part of this celebration, POIESIS is pleased to highlight the ERA Platform, launched in 2024. This platform serves as a central hub for information on the ERA Policy Agenda, EU-wide initiatives, and the ERA monitoring mechanism. It also offers access to key documents and resources supporting collaboration among researchers, innovators, policymakers, and citizens.

We encourage our visitors to explore the ERA Platform and learn more about the efforts driving research excellence in Europe. Click [here](#) to navigate to the ERA Platform



The sister projects Final Conference (I)

The **IANUS** | **POIESIS** | **VERITY** Final Conference was held with great success on May 13th and 14th at Talk C.E.C., Brussels.



The Conference started with **Michael Arentoft**, Head of the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation Unit of the European Commission giving the keynote speech "Fostering Trust In Science?", while in the second session "Building bridges, strengthening trust" participants had a welcome and a brief introduction to the event by EC Officers **Georgios Papanagnou** and **Wainer Lusoli**, along with the sister project co-ordinators.

The sister projects were on the spotlight for the "Setting the scene: Trust in Science in and beyond the sister projects" where **Tine Ravn** of POIESIS, **Hub Zwart** of IANUS, and **Agata Gurzawska** of VERITY presented their projects' research and main findings taking valuable feedback from Former European Commission Official and Chairman of the MLE Science for Policy **Rene Von Schomberg** and many other important external speakers



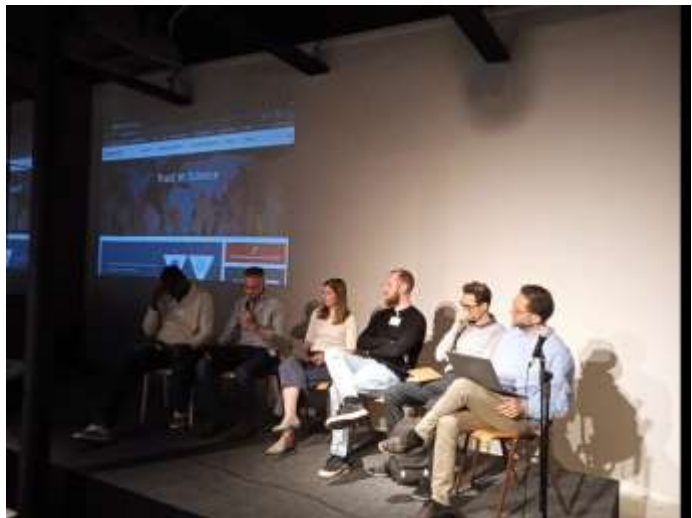
The sister projects Final Conference (II)

The "Advancing Policy, Implementing Recommendations: IANUS, POIESIS, and VERITY's three-year journey panel session featuring **Juliana Chaves Chaparro** (UNESCO), **Anastasia Deligiaouri** (JRC), **Jim Dratwa** (EC), **Suzanne Dumouchel** (EOSC/OPERAS), **Shaofeng Hu** (UNESCO), **Georgios Papanagnou** (EC), and **Maciej Woszczyk** (NCBR/INSPIRING ERA) was moderated by the events' organiser **Steffi Friedrichs** (AcumenIST) was extremely helpful and fruitful in exploring how policy frameworks can meaningfully support and strengthen trust in science. A panel with such experience could only provide deep insights into how policy frameworks can meaningfully support and strengthen trust in science.



The last session of Day 1, the World Café was presented by **Eleni Spyrakou** of POIESIS and **Kalypto Jordanou** of IANUS and was smoothly moderated by **Lisa Häberlein** of EUREC and VERITY. **Gabor Szüdi** and **Evren Yalaz** from VERITY, **Hendrik Berghäuser** and **Amalia Kallergi** from IANUS, **Simon Fuglsang** and **Richard Woolley** from POIESIS facilitated the discussions in the 6 tables of the World Café, which provided many interesting uptakes and thorough discussions around Trust In Science, impact and sustainability.

The last concluding session on Day 2 (May 14th) was moderated by **Hendrik Berghäuser** of IANUS. The World Café tables rapporteurs shared their insights and brief summaries of yesterday's discussions.



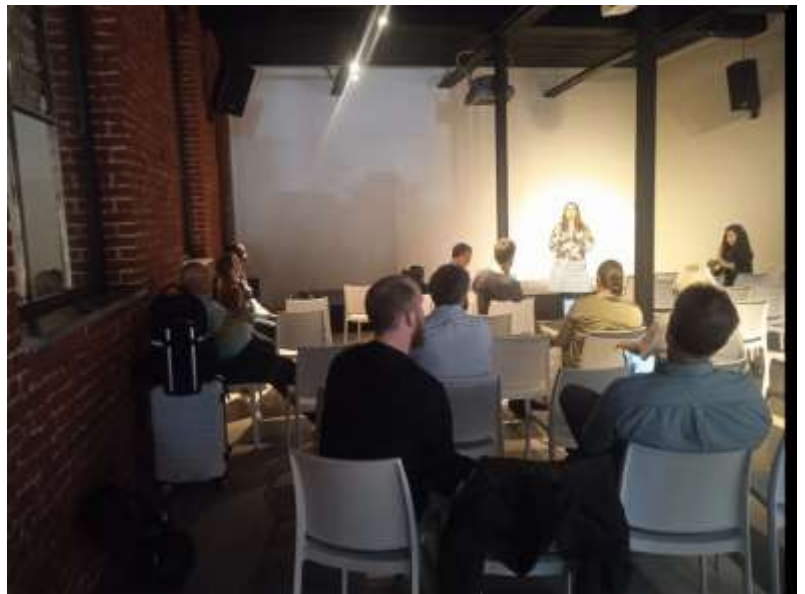
The POIESIS Scenario Workshop

The POIESIS Scenario Workshop on May 14th in Talk C.E.C., Brussels marked the conclusion of a wonderful 3-year journey of engagement activities and studies across Europe.



Discussions and remarks from the research experts and policy makers who took part, right after the IANUS | POIESIS | VERITY Final Conference were very, fruitful and will help us greatly in our efforts to refine POIESIS Final Recommendations for tackling societal mistrust in science!!

Tine Ravn gave a short presentation of the POIESIS previous research activities and of the projects' early recommendations. Eleni Spyraou moderated the event.



Participants were divided into 3 tables, each one examining a different case, based on the POIESIS early recommendations. A plenary discussion followed, with participants trying to identify common themes among the aforementioned cases. Then, a new split into 3 tables followed based on the themes identified (Collaborations and Competing Interests, Different types of the public and means of involvement, the importance of science's self promotion and the limits of expertise)..



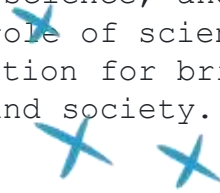
The workshop concluded with valuable insights for forming the final version of the POIESIS Recommendations.



PCST 2025, 27 – 29 May,
Aberdeen, Scotland



On 27-29 May in Aberdeen, POIESIS was strongly represented at the **Public Communication of Science and Technology** conference (PCST2025). Project members presented and discussed how research integrity and public engagement matters for public trust in science, and the crucial role of science communication for bridging science and society.



❖ Tine Ravn joined sister projects VERITY and IANUS to explore **the role of science communication in fostering trust in science**, highlighting that while trust in science is high science communication plays a crucial role in maintaining this trusting relationship.



❖ Marta Entradas presented findings on **integrity in science and its impact on public trust**, arguing that transparency is key to fostering public trust and that the channels through which science communication is received are highly consequential for the perceived trustworthiness.

❖ Anne-Sophie Behm-Bahtat shared insights into **citizens' views on participation across Europe**, revealing misalignments between public and expert perceptions of science engagement and demonstrating how participation is not perceived as universally positive.

❖ Finally, Simon Fuglsang examined **whether institutional commitment to good scientific practice strengthens trust in science**, finding that while university commitments do matter for trustworthiness, the finer details of such commitments are less impactful.

The 3rd POIESIS Expert Workshop in Paris: bringing together survey experts on trust in science

The third and final POIESIS expert workshop focusing on trust in science took place in Paris on 23 and 24 June 2025. Organised collaboratively by the POIESIS teams from Berlin, London, and Paris, the event offered participants a great occasion for exchange and connection.



- This concluding workshop, held within Work Package 1 (WP1) of the POIESIS project, brought together 20 survey experts on trust in science, representing diverse countries across Europe and beyond. Among the participants were many familiar faces from the first POIESIS expert workshop held in Berlin two years ago, but we also had new participants around the table, adding even more surveys to the discussion.
- The agenda opened with an afternoon of presentations showcasing 14 different national and international surveys. These contributions provided a broad and diverse overview of how trust
- The second day offered space for more in-depth exchange. Three short inputs and following discussions allowed participants to tackle shared challenges – from how survey items are formulated, over methodological changes and what they imply, to the effects of disinformation on social media on public trust in science.



- Throughout both days, participants shared advice, discussed experiences, and deepened connections within this expert community working on trust-related surveys. By continuing the groundwork started at the first meeting in Berlin, this event marks an important step towards building a European network dedicated to surveys on trust in science.
- We want to thank all participants for their time, valuable input and the engaged discussions! We look forward to continuing this important exchange!