Future European research agenda for communication, risk perception and ethics in radiological protection

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Topics discussed

- Introduction on how CONCERT EJP plans to update strategic research agendas and organise calls for research
- Discussion on the role of social sciences and humanities.
 Potential research areas include:
 - Communication
 - Risk perception
 - Ethics
 - Safety culture
- Life scientists and engineers need to know more about the methodologies and theoretical frameworks applied by social research and humanities (eg. qualitative approaches)
- Communication takes place in context dependent issue arenas
- Consider various risks: disease risk, ethical risk, risks from RP countermeasures, psychological risk

CONCERT SRA priorities and input for calls

Input from:

SRA Priorities from RP associations (WP2)

Medical SRA (WP2)

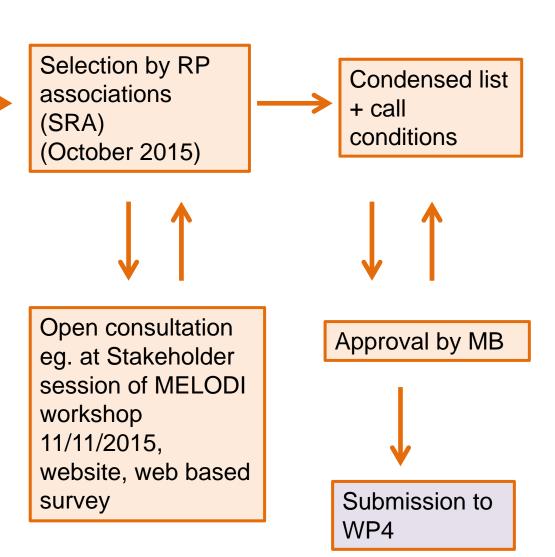
Integrative activities for calls (WP6, WP7)

National input (POM)

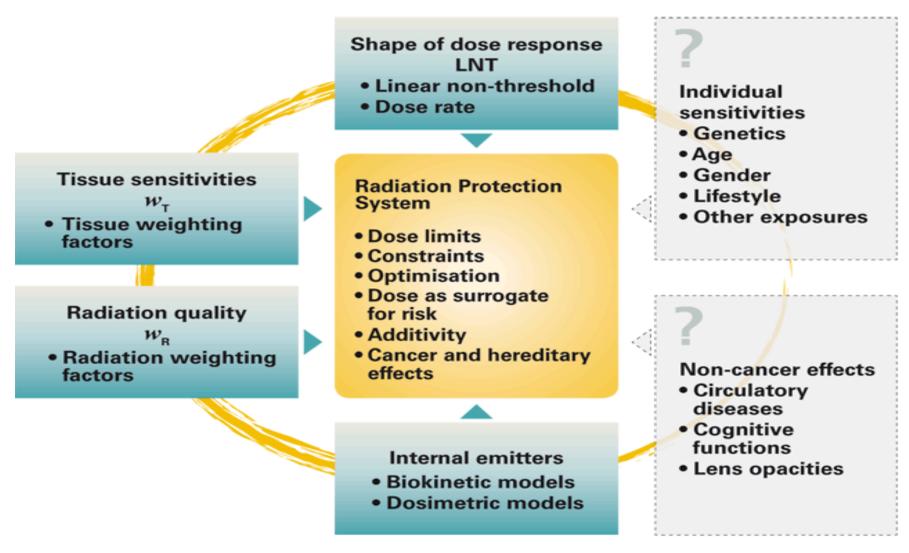
Stakeholders input (WP5)

BSS working group (WP2)

Social sciences and humanities (WP2)



The System of Protection is based on science AND values (-> ethics!)



How to create Strategic Research Agenda on social sciences and safety culture in radiation protection?

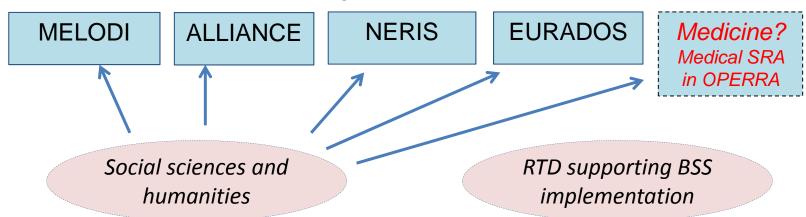
There was suggestion to create a SRA for social sciences and humanities and then incorporate context dependent aspects into the research agendas of the four platforms (and medical RP research). Review existing SRAs and add what is missing.



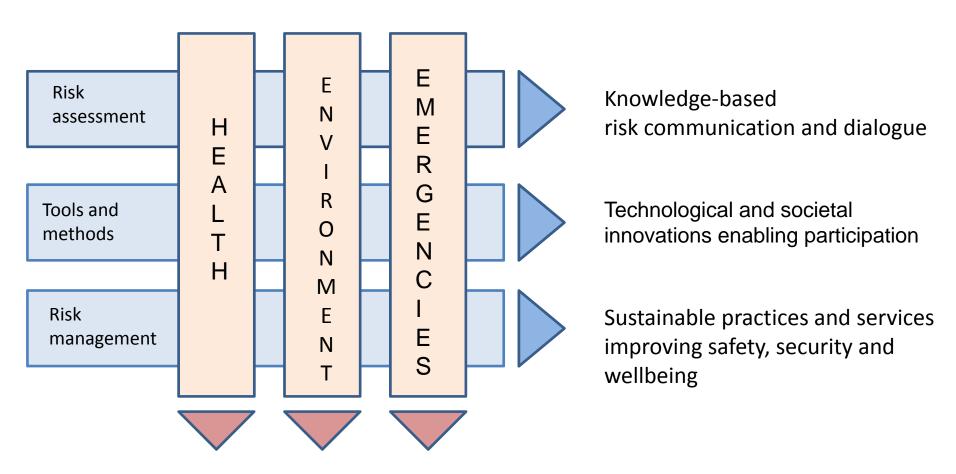
Umbrella structure for radiation protection research in Europe

- Co-funding action
- Joint programming
- Open research calls
- Integrative activities

The calls could be structured so that social science aspects are integrated in projects.
Multidisciplinary research is encouraged.



SRA for safe and secure societies...?



Ethically sustainable guides, recommendations, orders Graded approach in RP Best practices and reliable methods for supervision