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FOSSR Second Action Research Session

May 15 and 28, 2025
CNR-IRCrES (Rome)

PARTICIPATORY AND REFLEXIVE ENGAGEMENT TO CO-DEFINE THE IMPACT OF FOSSR RESEARCH SERVICES



Agenda

May 15

- 10:00 **Welcome coffee**
- 10:15 **Introduction on FOSSR Action Research Sessions**
Serena Fabrizio (CNR-IRCrES)
- 10:25 **The FOSSR Services in focus: a brief introduction**
FOSSR Services' representatives
- 10:45 **An innovative Action Research methodology: new leadership competences for dynamic design**
Erica Rizziato (CNR-IRCrES)
- 11:30 **Learning in movement: MOVCORE exercise**
- 12:15 **Dynamic design with "7beacons" (first part): an exploration of FOSSR services for a better impact and usability**
Lunch break
- 14:15 **Dynamic design with "7beacons" (second part): continued exploration of FOSSR services for a better impact and usability**
- 15:30 **Follow up on the "7 beacons" exploration: presentations**
- 17:00 **Follow up of the day: transformative learning feedback with emphasis on the improvement of services' design**
- 17:30 **End of the day and next development steps**

May 28

- 10:00 **Welcome coffee**
- 10:30 **Sharing the development steps: how have "the 7 beacons" evolved in relation to the FOSSR services?**
- 11:30 **Deepening leadership competences for dynamic design**
Erica Rizziato (CNR-IRCrES)
- 13:00 **Interactive exercise (first part): re-designing "the 7 beacons" based on participant insights and services feedback**
Lunch break
- 14:30 **Interactive exercise (second part): continued co-design of the "7 beacons" for improved services impact**
- 15:30 **Follow up of the day: transformative learning feedback and collaborative reflection on FOSSR service enhancement**
- 17:30 **End of the session and next development steps**

The action research session is curated by *Erica Rizziato*,
with *Serena Fabrizio* and *Rita Giuffredi* (CNR-IRCrES)



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FOSSR Action Research Session

FOSSR action research sessions, offered among the different types of training to support the research community, is an innovative format where **participants are guided to explore the critical issues they experience in their work and to co-generate change paths with FOSSR.**

"You cannot understand a situation unless you try to change it" (K. Lewin): action research is a methodology that aims to bring about **social change by combining, through collaborative critical reflection, research and action processes.** "Research that only produces books is not enough" (K. Lewin)

FOSSR proposes these action-research sessions to co-generate knowledge and raise awareness on

- how to enhance social science infrastructures with respect to the needs of researchers and stakeholders and the critical issues arising in their activities;
- how the services and methods offered by FOSSR can be exploited by researchers and stakeholders to generate social impact.

Session description

Based on an **innovative methodology** developed at CNR-IRCrES by Erica Rizziato, the session **brings together participants and the FOSSR team in a co-generative process aimed at producing useful knowledge and strengthening the transformative capacity of services through critical reflection and collaborative dialogue.**

The second FOSSR action research session, which will take place in two meetings, one week apart, is aimed at offering a space for **collaborative work to FOSSR service developers teams, researchers, stakeholders and potential users (extended community) for the impact improvement** of a selection of **FOSSR services**, identified among the most representative and in an advanced stage of implementation, and presented both in terms of the **process** followed for their construction and their **results.**

The FOSSR services in focus will be: IOPP, ORP, VRE, Ontogenia, Poolpo, which will be introduced in detail before and during the session.

How to apply



Applications should be submitted through the form at: <https://l.cnr.it/fossr-action-research-2025-registration-form> within **May 8, 2025.**
Contact for info: fossr.dissemination@ircres.cnr.it

Notification of acceptance by May 9, 2025. The action research session is open to everyone, with no specific requirements on previous knowledge or competences. However, due to the intensively participative methodology, **the number of participants is limited to 21**, and a selection will be made basing on the motivational statements included in the registration form.

Organisational details

The action research session is articulated in two days, one week apart, but it is conceived as a unique experience, with sufficient time between the first and the second meeting to realise some development steps and mature a critical reflection: therefore, the attendance to both days is strongly recommended.

Sessions will be held in presence. The working language will be Italian, while materials, thematic literature and notes on the topics covered will be available to all participants in English.

The training is organised by CNR-IRCrES in the frame of the FOSSR project.
Local scientific/organising committee: Erica Rizziato, Serena Fabrizio, Andrea Orazio Spinello, Rita Giuffredi, Alessandra Maria Stilo, Emanuela Reale (CNR-IRCrES).

