

FOSSR action research session

March 13 and 20, 2024

CNR-IRCrES (Rome) and online (hybrid event)

TRANSFORMATIVE PATHS IN RESEARCH PRACTICES: CO-DEVELOPING SOCIAL SCIENCE INFRASTRUCTURES



FOSSR

Fostering Open Science in Social Science Research
Innovative tools and services to investigate economic and societal change

Agenda

Mar. 13

Mar. 20

10:30 **Welcome and opening**
Andrea Orazio Spinello (CNR-IRCrES)

10:35 **Why this action research session?**
Serena Fabrizio (CNR-IRCrES)

10:45 **Action research fundamentals**
Erica Rizziato (CNR-IRCrES)

11:30 **Interactive exercise: generate a development question**

13:30 *Lunch break*

14:30 **Interactive exercise: Learning by doing in interaction**

15:30 **Follow up on development questions and next steps in interaction with FOSSR team**

17:00 *End of the first day*

10:30 **Feedback from the participants: is the development question still the same?**

11:00 **Interactive exercise: explore a process of change with dynamic design**

13:30 *Lunch break*

14:30 **Interactive exercise: Learning by doing in interaction**

15:30 **Follow up in interaction with FOSSR team and next steps**

17:00 *Closure of the action research session*

The action research session is curated by
Erica Rizziato (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

The first FOSSR action research session, which will take place in two meetings, one week apart, has two specific objectives:

- to propose some **fundamentals of the methodology to produce social transformation and develop critical reflection in the actors involved;**
- to **enhance the transformative potential offered by research infrastructures, through data, tools and methods developed within FOSSR.**

The two objectives are linked by an **innovative action research approach elaborated at CNR-IRCrES** by Erica Rizziato (curator of the session) that aim at co-generating useful information both for:

- participants, about the real need for information they can request from FOSSR to improve the impact of their work,
- the FOSSR team, who will facilitate interactive modalities useful to shape the infrastructure in order to make it easily and usefully usable by the beneficiaries.

How to apply



Applications should be submitted through the form at: <https://l.cnr.it/fossr-actionresearch-mar24> within **March 4, 2024.**

Contact for info: fossr.dissemination@ircres.cnr.it

Notification of acceptance by March 5, 2024. 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 sessions can be followed also remotely, via a digital connection, but the physical attendance is recommended to fully exploit the learning experience.

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 mature critical reflections: therefore, the attendance to both days is strongly recommended.

Sessions will be held in Italian. 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.

