

IFZ RRI unit



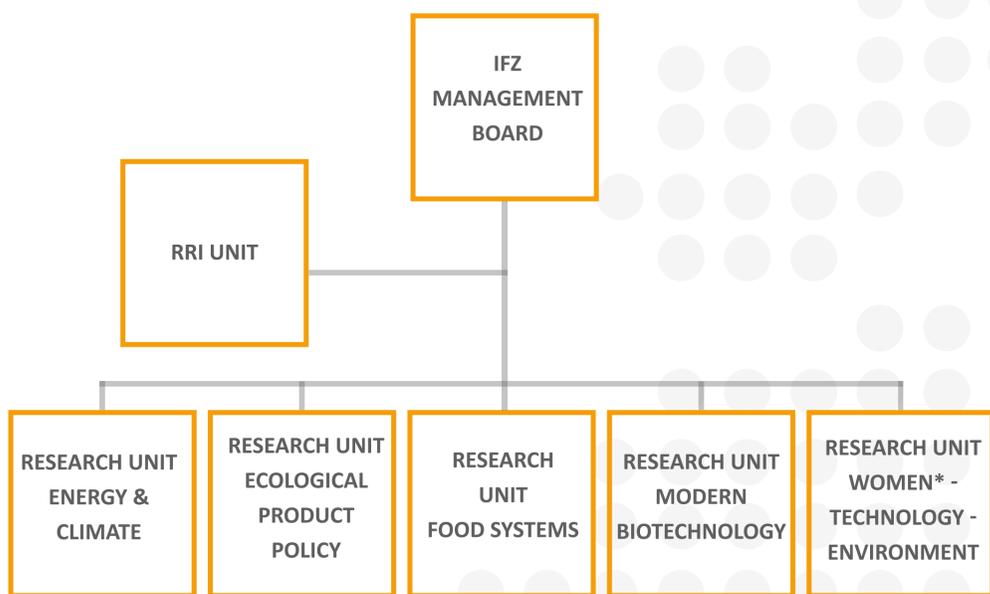
Missions and objectives:

- ◆ To elaborate on sustainable and socially just solutions to effectively deal with pressing social challenges
- ◆ To foster the integration of transdisciplinary and co-creative approaches in the research and innovation landscape in Austria

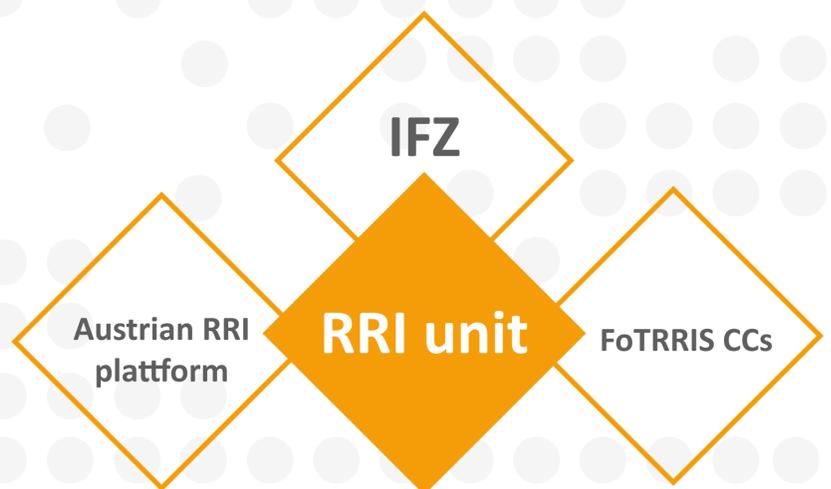
Our main activities:

- ◆ Raising awareness for the relevance of co-RRI and its benefits
- ◆ Implementing co-RRI activities
- ◆ Community building with other co-RRI actors and sharing expertise and experiences
- ◆ Support capacity building for the implementation of co-RRI

Governance structure



Network of partners



Internal drivers:

- ◆ Provision of personnel resources and infrastructure from IFZ, since the CC will be established as a service unit and organizationally in the IFZ
- ◆ Possibility to provide services to other IFZ colleagues as well as for "external" co-operation partners in the scope of joint projects or in terms of consultancy to clients paying for the services

External drivers:

Continuing networking, awareness raising and lobbying for knowledge exchange and promotion of RRI on the national and international level thanks to our membership in the Austrian RRI-Platform (www.rri-plattform.at).

Tips

The members from the IFZ co-RRI unit come from different disciplinary backgrounds and research fields, but share facilitation skills, RRI experience, and a vision of a social and environmental just world. This helped overcoming disciplinary boundaries and co-creating knowledge together.

Pitfalls

Little awareness about transdisciplinarity and RRI in research funding: an open process cannot predict its research outcomes, which is often not understood by incumbent funding organisations and can limit the possibility to get funding for co-RRI project.

Competence cell's ID:

Location: **Graz, Austria**
 Action scope: **Austria and Europe**
 Legal Form: **Unit in a non-profit research organisation**
 Starting date: **March 2018**



IFZ was founded in the year 1988 with the objective to address technology as a social process and to integrate social issues into engineering studies. Working within the critical areas of a debate between science and policy, reflection and intervention, the prime objective of IFZ today is to contribute to socially and environmentally sound, sustainable and gender-equitable technology design, research and innovation.