



**BUILD YOUR ORGANISATION'S RESEARCH CAPACITY!**

**Join RISE Training Programme!**

**20 January - 17 February 2026**

For NGOs, charities, foundations & communities   5 practical modules   Online

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Join the RISE training programme, an EU initiative aimed at enhancing organisational capacity in research and innovation. Take this opportunity to strengthen your skills, expand your network, and increase your organisation's impact in collaborative projects!

### What is RISE?

RISE is an initiative dedicated to building the capacity of social economy organisations such as charities, foundations, co-operatives, community, and voluntary groups to participate in and lead engaged research.

You can learn more about the project here: [www.engaged-rise.eu](http://www.engaged-rise.eu)

The training provides the necessary tools and skills to help your organisation:

- Play a more active role in shaping research and innovation in your area.
- Access new streams of funding by being research-ready.
- Strengthen your confidence in partnering with academic institutions.

### By taking part in this free training program, you will:

- Describe the key phases and roles in an engaged research process.
- Recognise ethical considerations in engaged research.
- Demonstrate confidence in interacting with academic partners.
- Develop and manage basic data systems for project evaluation.
- Identify appropriate funding channels and application procedures.
- Advocate for the integration of research into organisational strategy.

### Pilot Programme Dates

The pilot training will run from 20 January to 17 February 2026. The course comprises five modules and will be delivered online.

#### Module 1:

##### Induction And a Deep Dive into Engaged Research

Tuesday, 20 January 9:30 to 12:30

Zoom: <https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/66672785428>

#### Module 2:

##### Ethics And Values in Engaged Research



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Tuesday, 27 January 9:30 to 12:30

Zoom: <https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/67895472484>

### **Module 3:**

#### **Partnership Building, A Fundamental of Engaged Research**

Tuesday, 3 February 9:30 to 13:30

Zoom: <https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/69572112844>

### **Module 4:**

#### **Data management, Impact Assessment, And Communicating Your Project**

Tuesday, 10 February 9:30 to 14:15

Zoom: <https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/67376632687>

### **Module 5:**

#### **Funding For Engaged Research Projects & Engaged Research Plan**

Tuesday, 17 February 9:30 to 14:15

Zoom: <https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/69741034848>

*\* While recordings will be made available for your convenience, please note that attendance is mandatory for three of the modules to successfully complete the program.*

**Register now!** <https://wkf.ms/3MZ0ibz>

### **Detailed description of the Modules:**

#### **Module 1 - Induction And a Deep Dive into Engaged Research**

Introduces the principles and processes of engaged research (ER), highlighting key phases, roles, and differences from traditional research.

Learning outcomes: Understand ER, identify what makes research "engaged", recognise roles in the research process, and navigate challenges.

#### **Module 2 - Ethics And Values in Engaged Research**

Focuses on ethical practice, values, and power dynamics within ER. Participants reflect on transparency, inclusivity, and responsible engagement.

Learning outcomes: Recognise ethical principles, identify power asymmetries, and apply ethical frameworks in practice.



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### **Module 3 - Partnership Building, A Fundamental of Engaged Research**

Develops skills for co-creating research questions and collaborating confidently with academic partners.

Learning outcomes: Understand partnership roles, build mutual trust, and strengthen collaborative development.

### **Module 4 - Data management, Impact Assessment, And Communicating Your Project**

Covers data management, impact evaluation, and effective communication strategies. Participants learn to tailor their messages to different audiences using storytelling and evidence.

Learning outcomes: Manage project data, distinguish between outputs and impact, apply frameworks for evaluation, and communicate findings effectively.

### **Module 5 - Funding For Engaged Research Projects & Engaged Research Plan**

Explores how to identify and apply for funding, and how to ensure project sustainability through strong partnerships and stakeholder engagement.

Learning outcomes: Develop grant writing skills, navigate EU and national funding, and plan for long-term impact.

To participate in this course, you must be:

- Currently working for a community and voluntary organisation, charity, or social enterprise; particularly working in research, funding, development, or policy roles.
- Available to complete the course in full.
- Prepared to provide feedback on the course.

**Register here!** <https://wkf.ms/3MZ0ibz>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [magdalena.schieferdecker@ecsa.ngo](mailto:magdalena.schieferdecker@ecsa.ngo)

Best wishes,  
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