



APRE Annual Conference 2021

TOWARDS A NEW FUTURE

RETHINKING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

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The APRE Annual Conference 2021 places under the spotlight the relationship between science and society. The Conference provides a platform for debate, as well as to discuss and learn, seeking ways to understand the R&I landscape and its main issues. As we peer towards the new future, we must proactively approach the complex relationship between science and society in order to solve current global challenges.

In the middle of a global transition

Social-economic paradigms that have largely defined our lives are being disrupted in the face of unprecedented complex and large-scale challenges. Solving these challenges entails **radically changing** the status-quo through **unprecedented innovative solutions**. Novel approaches and concepts may assist in this transition and directly impact our daily lives, our production and consumption models, and drive us towards sustainable economic growth.

A new Research and Innovation

These radical changes call for the advancement of **scientific knowledge** in different domains, and to develop a multidisciplinary and responsible approach that is able to consider all aspects of social acceptance and **valorisation**. The need to consolidate a **trustful relationship** between society and the Research and Innovation community becomes a necessary condition to accelerate these major transformational processes at this critical time.

Horizon Europe at the very core

It is no coincidence that Horizon Europe, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, has emphasised **societal engagement** at the very core of the many initiatives and proposals it plans to finance.

The APRE Annual Conference 2021 provides the platform to discuss and further understand the impacts and implications of realigning science with society in such a framework.

The Conference foresees the participation of representatives from the European Commission, Italian national institutions and R&I community who will accompany us throughout the five-day event.

The aim is to contribute to a full understanding of the mechanics behind the Framework Programme in establishing a dialogue that brings together science and society.

A five-day Agenda

The **five-day Conference** provides an enriched agenda showcasing Horizon Europe, its themes, topics, key players and the novelties. High-level discussions, informative sessions, external visits and unique events are part of the rich agenda for this year. The programme foresees various formats:



APREdialogue

Panel discussion sessions between prominent experts and representatives from the European and national institutions on the main issues regarding the EU research and innovation agenda.

APREbrief

Information sessions entirely dedicated to Horizon Europe and briefings on the latest news, updates and upcoming calls.

APREext

A programme of virtual site visits to discover a selection of the most important Italian scientific initiatives both in Italy and abroad.

APREoff

A series of events to re(discover) how science can turn into beauty, entertainment and narrative

APREspace

Interactive workshops reserved for APRE members to discuss issues of common interest for the association.

Why join

Engaging with the Italian R&I community, the APRE Annual Conference serves as an opportunity to learn, **deepen and discuss** the main R&I topics and issues with **EU representatives in Brussels**. The Conference sessions will be open to everyone either involved or **interested in research and innovation themes**.

From academics, researchers, grant offices, entrepreneurs, public administrators, policymakers and members of local or national innovation communities, to teachers, students, science communicators and onlookers.

How to join

The attendance to the APRE Annual Conference 2021 is **fully open and free**. Prior registration is required, filling in the form online.

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Preview of the agenda

★ = For APRE members only

	MONDAY 8 November	TUESDAY 9 November	WEDNESDAY 10 November	THURSDAY 11 November	FRIDAY 12 November
9:30		★ APREspace Networking	APREbrief Missions - Where do we stand	APREbrief Synergies - What kind of rationalization	APREdialogue Artificial Intelligence - An inclusive narrative
10:00			APREdialogue Missions - Towards a new dialogue between science and society	APREdialogue Synergies - Towards a complex (and valuable) integration	★ APREspace Assistance 4.0
10:30				APREbrief HE and the "do no significant harm" principle	
11:00		APREdialogue Proposal Evaluation - How it is changing"	APREbrief Info day 2022 - Cluster Digital, Industry and Space	APREbrief Info day 2022 - Cluster Climate, Energy and Mobility	APREbrief Info day 2022 - Cluster Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment
11:30					
12:00		APREext			
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14:30	Conference Opening	APREbrief Info day 2022 - Cluster Health	APREdialogue R&I for the Conference on the future of Europe		
15:00				APREext	APREdialogue Innovation - A balancing act between Science, Technology and Finance
15:30		APREbrief Info day 2022 - Cluster Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society	APREdialogue National Technology Clusters: a bridge towards Europe?	★ APREspace ERC interview	Conference Closure
16:00	APREdialogue Young changemakers face the global transition through Horizon Europe				
16:30			APREoff		
17:00		APREoff		APREoff	
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