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### 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The production of testimonies of users of transnational and virtual access services (TVAs) provided by research (e-) infrastructures is a similar and complementary activity to the production of the videos and animations undertaken under Task 4.2 and illustrated in D. 4.2. All of these activities are aiming at developing promotion and dissemination tools for the use of the RICH network and each individual RI NCP to fulfill the objectives of WP4:

- increase the awareness of the scientific community, the industry and other thematic NCP networks on the TVAs opportunities offered by the (e-)RI, targeting particularly specific/less familiar user communities (SMEs, other thematic NCPs, RI in the SSH field);
- providing tools to the network and to individual to promote TVAs during events, infodays.

During the first year of the project, 2 testimonies from users of transnational access to the INGRID research infrastructures and more specifically to the installation “Research Institute for Work and Society” based at the University of Leuven in Belgium were produced.

The 2 testimonies can be accessed on the RICH website at <http://www.rich2020.eu/rich-success-stories>.

#### Portraits of Research Infrastructures:

Part 1. International Centre of Electron Microscopy for Materials Science, AGH University of Science and Technology, Krakow, Poland. **ESTEEM project**



Part 2. Research Institute for Work and Society, University of Leuven, Belgium. **INGRID project**





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### 2. INTRODUCTION

The production of testimonies of users of TVAs is one of the activities from WP4 Task 4.5 aiming at promoting the TVAs to the wide scientific communities, the industry and the other thematic NCPs. The testimonies will target specifically specific user communities (SMEs, industry, SSH researchers), multipliers as the other thematic NCPs and less-known, less-used research (e-) infrastructures (SSH,...).

The testimonies will be available online on the RICH website and ad hoc, on paper for dissemination/promotion at events/conference with a RICH presence.

4 questions to the users are shaping the testimony:

1. What is your main research interest? Briefly explain the aim of the project submitted to access the (e-) RI.
2. Why did you choose this particular (e-) RI? How crucial is TVAs for your project?
3. What is the purpose of your research? Basic or applied research?
4. Describe shortly your impression on the visit/use of the (e-) RI and of the submission process.

A template to collect further user testimonies will be made available on the RICH intranet website.

### 3. CONTENT SECTION

We identified the HIVA installation of the INGRID research infrastructures as the first appropriate RI to produce the first two testimonies. It is a distributed RI in the field of SSH a bit atypical, innovative in the type of transnational access provided to the researchers/users, adequately answer to the criteria established, i.e addressing SSH researchers, less-known, less-common type of RIs.

*INGRID aims at integrating and innovating existing, but distributed European social sciences research infrastructures on 'Poverty and Living Conditions' and 'Working Conditions and Vulnerability' by providing transnational data access, organizing mutual knowledge exchange activities and improving methods and tools for comparative research.*

### InGRID – Inclusive Growth Research Infrastructures

#### Short description

Referring to the EU2020-ambition of Inclusive Growth, the general objectives of InGRID are to integrate and to innovate existing, but distributed European social sciences research infrastructures on 'Poverty and Living Conditions' and 'Working Conditions and Vulnerability' by providing transnational data access, organizing mutual knowledge exchange activities and improving methods and tools for comparative research.

**Website:** <https://inclusivegrowth.be/>

#### Few Facts:

- INGRID is a project funded under the FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2012-1 call for Integrating activities
- Duration: 1/02/2013-31/01/2017
- Budget: EUR 4 998 502,57
- Coordinator: HIVA, KULeuven, Belgium
- Contact: Guy Van Gyes - [inclusive.growth@kuleuven.be](mailto:inclusive.growth@kuleuven.be)
- N° of partners: 17

### Testimony 1: Maciek Dobras

Maciek Dobras has a Master of Public Health, Management and Leadership from the University of Sheffield and works today for the Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine in Lodz, Poland. For the past four years he has been involved in several EU projects. Currently, he is the manager of the e-CAPACIT8 project (co-funded by the 2nd Health Programme of the EU) and national expert in a study concerning 'Safer and healthier work at any age', performed for the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work.

*Maciek, can you explain your main research interest and briefly describe the research project that you have submitted to INGRID?*

I have two major research interests. One is the concept of 'health literacy' and the other is occupational health, in particular employers' attitudes towards investing in workers' health. The research project I submitted corresponds to my second research interest. The aim of the study is to explore the factors, which determine whether or not employers go beyond minimum provisions as regard to occupational safety and health (OSH) in Poland.

*Why did you choose this particular infrastructure? Explain how crucial it is for your project?*

I chose HIVA because the area of expertise of the researchers here directly corresponds to my field of professional activity, so I knew I could get the necessary support (especially in terms of data analysis) over here. The other reason was that KU Leuven is very highly regarded among my colleagues and I wanted to get a feel of the city too.

*What is the meaning of your research – purely basic or applied?*

It is somewhere between the two, as based on the conclusions from the research we will formulate some policy recommendations. Whether or not they will be implemented is a

### Testimony 2: Adrien Frontenaud

Adrien Frontenaud is 27 and PhD Candidate in International and Development Economics at the University of Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée (France).

*Adrien, can you explain your main research interest and briefly describe the research project that you have submitted to INGRID?*

The project aims to build a Job Quality index (or Quality of Employment index) derived from a Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA) in order to assess the ranking of Turkey relative to employment quality among comparable study.

*Why did you choose this particular infrastructure? Explain how crucial it is for your project?*

I chose HIVA because it is a multi-disciplinary research team, which has a track-record in academic and policy-oriented research at the European level on the issues of working conditions and job quality.

*What is the meaning of your research – purely scientific or applied research?*

It is a scientific research, part of my PhD with also a Brazilian study on job quality. The subject of my thesis is: "Job quality in Emerging Countries: a comparative and dynamic perspective"

During my stay at HIVA, I would like to gain access to the data of the European Working Conditions Survey (EWCS) in order to construct a Job Quality Index of Turkey in 2005 and 2010 by using a Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA).

*Your opinion on the visit and submission process?*

HIVA is a good place to work and the submission process is very well explained.



different story, but the ultimate aim of this work is to inform policy development in the field of OSH in Poland.

*What is your opinion on the visit? Can you tell us also a bit on the practical details (submission process, arrangements for your visit,...)?*

In my experience, InGRID is a great project, with a significant added value at the EU level. The submission process is very clear and one can soon learn of the outcome of his/her application. HIVA was very flexible about my stay, we quickly came to an agreement regarding a mutually convenient time for my visit (which was different than the one I mentioned in the application form). The support received prior to the application and throughout my stay was very good indeed and I am happy to have been accepted as a visitor to HIVA. The visit itself was quite intense for me, but overall I will have very good memories of it and I hope I shall look forward to working with the team here at HIVA again in the future.

