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Using country reports to visualise the diversity in European national research integrity landscapes

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National systems for safeguarding research integrity differ a lot across Europe. To capture and show this diversity, research integrity pioneers suggested the development of "country reports" or "country cards" in 2015 [0].

This presentation consists of 3 parts:

(1) We show the history and (parallel) development of the "country report" concept by presentations on the World Conference [0], ENRIO [1], the Embassy of Good Science [2] and the research community (funded by Horizon projects or separate from them).

(2) We will demonstrate the use of country reports by showing coloured maps of Europe, detailing for each country which possible roles of national bodies are covered, in terms of (i) case handling (investigation/mediation); (ii) developing or publishing important RI documents (code of conduct, analyses and insight reports, policy recommendations, and case reports); (iii) RI training and education; and (iv) organizing the research (integrity) community.

(3) We will explore future directions for developing and using country reports, and their potential for soft harmonization across Europe and beyond. In particular, we present two possible follow-up actions which could benefit the European research integrity community: (i) for every European country, a short summary with links and an overview of institutional contact points for candidate-reporters and editorial offices of journals; and (ii) An inspiration guide for establishing a national body for research integrity — the zoo of national systems as an annotated menu of choice.

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[1] ENRIO Country Reports, <https://www.enrio.eu/country-reports/>

[2] The Embassy of Good Science Country Report Cards, <https://embassy.science/wiki/Special:BrowseData/Report>