

<b>Title of the initiative</b>
Ingenious Science shops to promote Participatory Innovation, Research and Equity in Science (InSPIRES)
<b>Idea origin (country)</b> The name the country where the inspired practice came from
Spain, Hungary, France, Netherlands, Italy, Tunisia, Bolivia
<b>Idea origin (institution)</b> The name the institution where the inspired practice came from
Barcelona Institute for Global Health
<b>Brief description</b>
InSPIRES unites practitioners and specialists from Europe and beyond to collaboratively design, pilot, implement, and disseminate innovative models for Science Shops (SS). The InSPIRES models inherently incorporate Responsible Research and Innovation, Open Science, and Impact Evaluation, aiming to strategically enhance the engagement of civil society and other stakeholders in the research process.
<b>Idea focus</b> The focus of the inspired practice was on
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Research methodology</li> <li>○ Research implementation</li> </ul>
<b>Why is it considered an Inspiring Practice?</b>
InSPIRES focuses its efforts on advancing research and innovation in health and environmental sectors, prioritizing gender equality and the inclusion of vulnerable groups such as women, the elderly, adolescents, migrants, and refugees. By integrating initiatives like Science Cafés and other public engagement strategies, it fosters dialogue and participation. The project incorporates a “glocal” perspective - combining global insights with local relevance - to ensure that its community-based participatory research and innovation activities are inclusive, context-specific, and culturally sensitive.
<b>Relevance of the initiative in its specific context</b> (why was it developed, why is it important in its specific context, what type of change it generated for the target group, relevance at local / national / international)
<p>Informed by a thorough communication strategy and a dedicated commitment to the formulation and execution of a sustainability strategy, the outcomes of InSPIRES will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide evidence and assist political entities and decision-makers in advocating for modifications in local, regional, national, and international policies;</li> <li>2. Foster discussions regarding the role of society in scientific endeavors, promoting the systematic and ethical participation of civil society stakeholders and their societal interests in research and innovation activities;</li> <li>3. Facilitate the creation of new Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) and Open Science (OSc) strategies and guidelines, within the framework of secure environments that encourage the involvement and engagement of civil society throughout the entire scientific process.</li> </ol>
<b>Target Group of the practice</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Academic staff</li> </ul>

- Administrative staff
- University leaders
- Overall community

### Impact

How the initiative produced an impact in its context and beyond

The INSPIRES initiative has generated significant impact emphasizing co-creation between scientists and communities to align research with societal needs, enhancing its practical relevance. This participatory approach has fostered trust and collaboration, ensuring that research outcomes are not only scientifically robust but also socially actionable.

### Transferability of the initiative

Which elements can be adapted and transferred to other contexts/fields

By integrating the voices and needs of local communities, the INSPIRES approach ensures that research results are actionable and sustainable, a principle applicable in urban planning, public health, and sustainability projects. In this respect, processes and tools developed in INSPIRES are designed to be replicated in different geographical or disciplinary contexts, demonstrating adaptability for global challenges.

### Sustainability of the initiative

The factors favoring the success of the initiative over time

The long-term success of the INSPIRES initiative is rooted in its emphasis on fostering collaboration among scientists, policymakers, and communities, creating a resilient and adaptable network. By focusing on aligning research with the specific needs of local communities, the initiative ensured sustained relevance and stakeholder commitment. Efforts to build capacity among both researchers and community members established a strong foundation for ongoing innovation, while its flexible methodologies allowed for scalability and adaptation to various contexts. Additionally, the initiative's focus on knowledge dissemination and outreach facilitated the broader application of its principles, extending its impact beyond the immediate scope. Institutional support from the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) and other partners provided the necessary resources and credibility to maintain its operations over time.

### Contact and references

Link: <https://www.isglobal.org/-/inspires>