

***Plenary session on Friday, 29 October / 10.00 – 10.45 (CET) – ONLINE***

**Title: „Aligning Science with Society in (Research) Projects“**

**Introduction:**

Bridging the gap between science and society has been a challenge for decades. We are close to consensus that the broader society needs to be involved in decisions about the shape and direction of research and innovation in order to contribute to smart, inclusive and sustainable growth of our societies. Citizens all around Europe are showing growing interest in participatory activities: their engagement not only in social movements and voluntary associations, but also in science-related activities. Thus, Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) has become one of the key words on the European stage, transdisciplinary collaboration is another one on the agenda, just like Citizen Science or Co-Creation. But what opportunities arise and what challenges must be faced if participatory elements are to be integrated more strongly into research projects? How can participation already be generated in the research design? How can participatory approaches be made clear in research proposals? The lecture is intended to provide an impulse for subsequent questions and discussions

**Aim of the session is:**

- To raise awareness to the topic of citizen involvement in research and education projects
- To learn potential methods of how to address citizen involvement in transdisciplinary projects

**Agenda**

- Welcome and introduction to the session (Moderator: Kathrin Rath, Coordinator International research, HAW Hamburg)
- Presentation „Aligning Science with Society in (Research) Projects“ (Norbert Steinhaus, Wissenschaftsladen Bonn)
- Discussion