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# Progress made with the Athens Statement



## Starting points

- Until now RI has mainly focused on improving research as applied by universities and research centers.
- While principles of RI have been captured in many ways, it is not yet clear how their positive influence applies to the translation of research to innovation and policymaking.



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## Main goal

Extend our knowledge of how RI can be applied to innovation and policymaking, including the perspectives and roles of industry and policymakers on trust in research and innovation processes.

*“We wish to initiate a discussion ...”*

THE SCHOLARLY  
**kitchen**  
What's Hot and Cooking in Scholarly Publishing

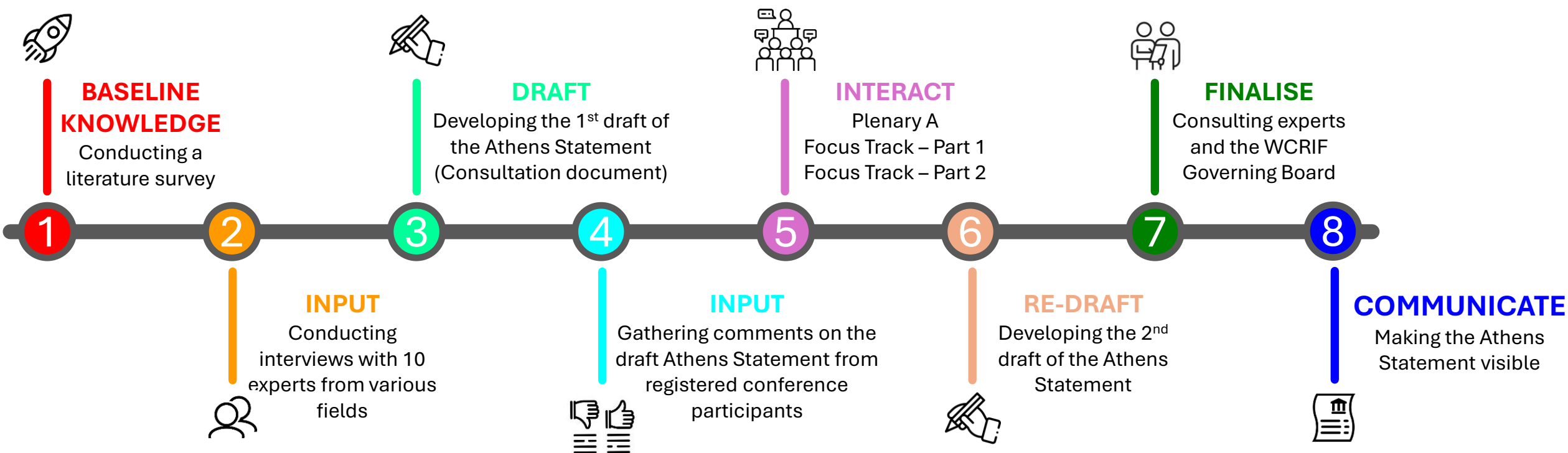
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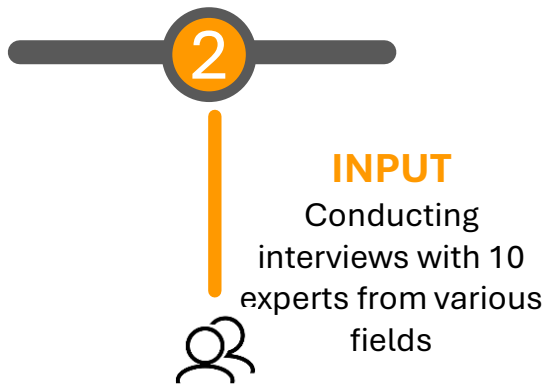
### Guest Post – From Singapore to Athens via Hong Kong: The Itinerary of Research Integrity from Scientific Research to Real-life Applications and Policy Making

By PANAGIOTIS KAVOURAS, ELENI SPYRAKOU, MAURA HINEY, DANIEL BARR | FEB 28, 2024 | 0 COMMENTS

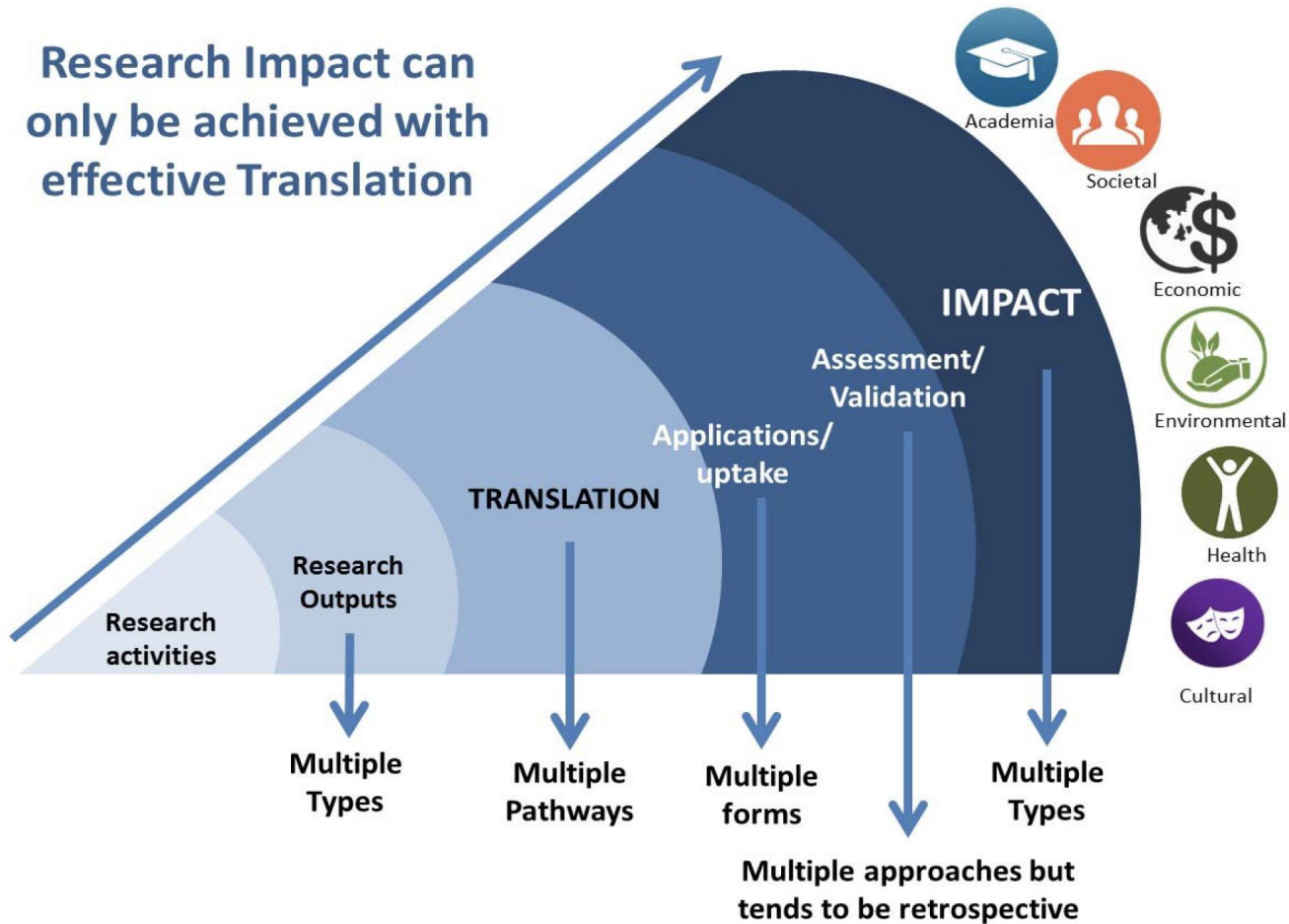
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# Plan for the development of the Athens Statement





Interviews with 10 experts from research translation, technology assessment, responsible research and innovation, research ethics, philosophy of science, and history of science and technology.



# Consultation document

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## DRAFT

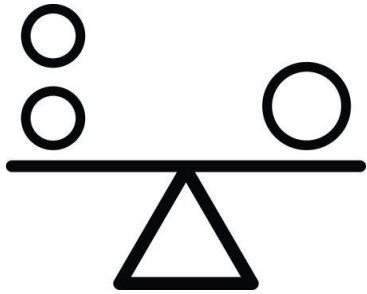
Developing the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the Athens Statement (Consultation document)



5 questions

110 pages of transcript

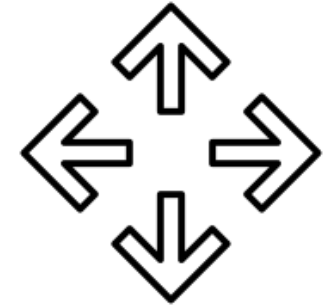




## BALANCE

- a. **Incentive structure**, without compromising basic/blue sky research or academic independence in research agenda setting
- b. **Coherency in quality systems**, while acknowledging that basic research is different from translation
- c. **Communication** between RPOs and industry, very upstream on the translation pathways, without compromising academic in research agenda setting

## EXPAND



- d. **The target audience** by involving policy advisors, lobbyists, think-tanks, and journalists, since they have a significant influence on the decisions of policymakers
- e. The focus of RI to **activities across supply chains**, e.g. working conditions where raw materials are extracted for translation to come into being

# Comments received on the Consultation document

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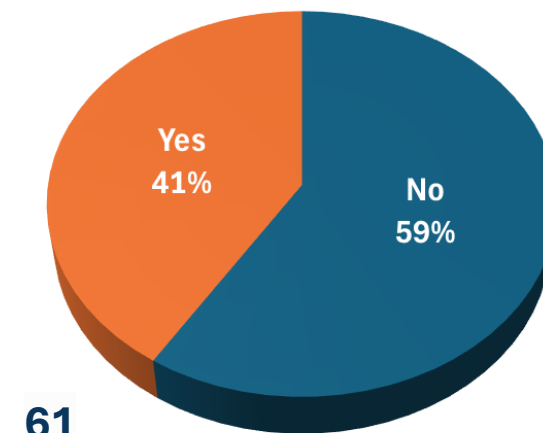
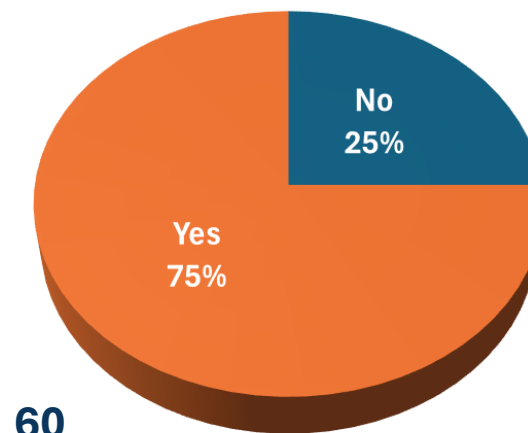
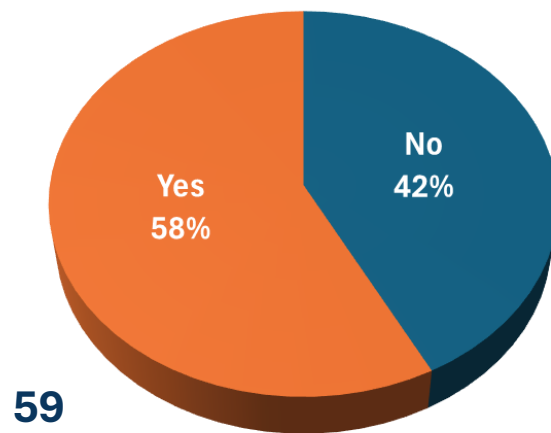
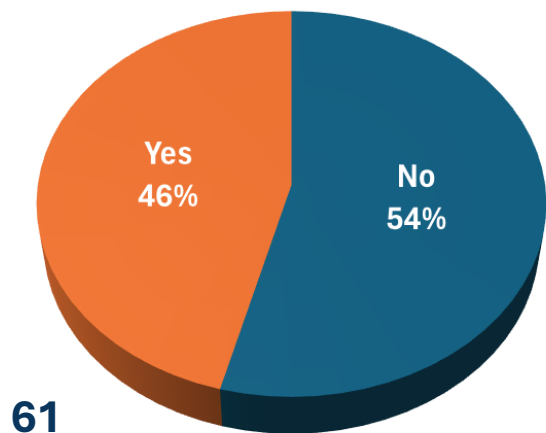
## INPUT

Gathering comments on the draft Athens Statement from registered conference participants



Do you think that the consultation document we have sent you:

1. Captures all of the potential reasons why there may be **issues of trust between researchers who work in academic and non-academic (e.g., industrial) settings?**
2. Captures all of the potential reasons why there may be **issues of trust between researchers and policymakers?**
3. Sets out the **right principles and responsibilities of research integrity** (including the additional ones of clarity, transparency and engagement) that can also apply to translation/innovation and guide evidence-based policymaking?
4. Provides recommendations that have the **potential to ensure RI in the translation process from academia into industry or policymaking?**







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## INPUT

Gathering comments on the  
draft Athens Statement from  
registered conference  
participants



A list of more than 160 comments (and still receiving), from 60 registered participants were compiled into three categories:

- Very concrete
- Need discussion
- Opinions that tweak the content/context of the statement



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## INTERACT

Plenary A

Focus Track – Part 1

Focus Track – Part 2



To provide space for additional input using a World Café setting (~40 participants)

- 8 flip chart sheets
- Dozens post-it notes



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## INTERACT

Plenary A

Focus Track – Part 1

Focus Track – Part 2



To “provoke” participants with  
a number of small statements  
~50 participants

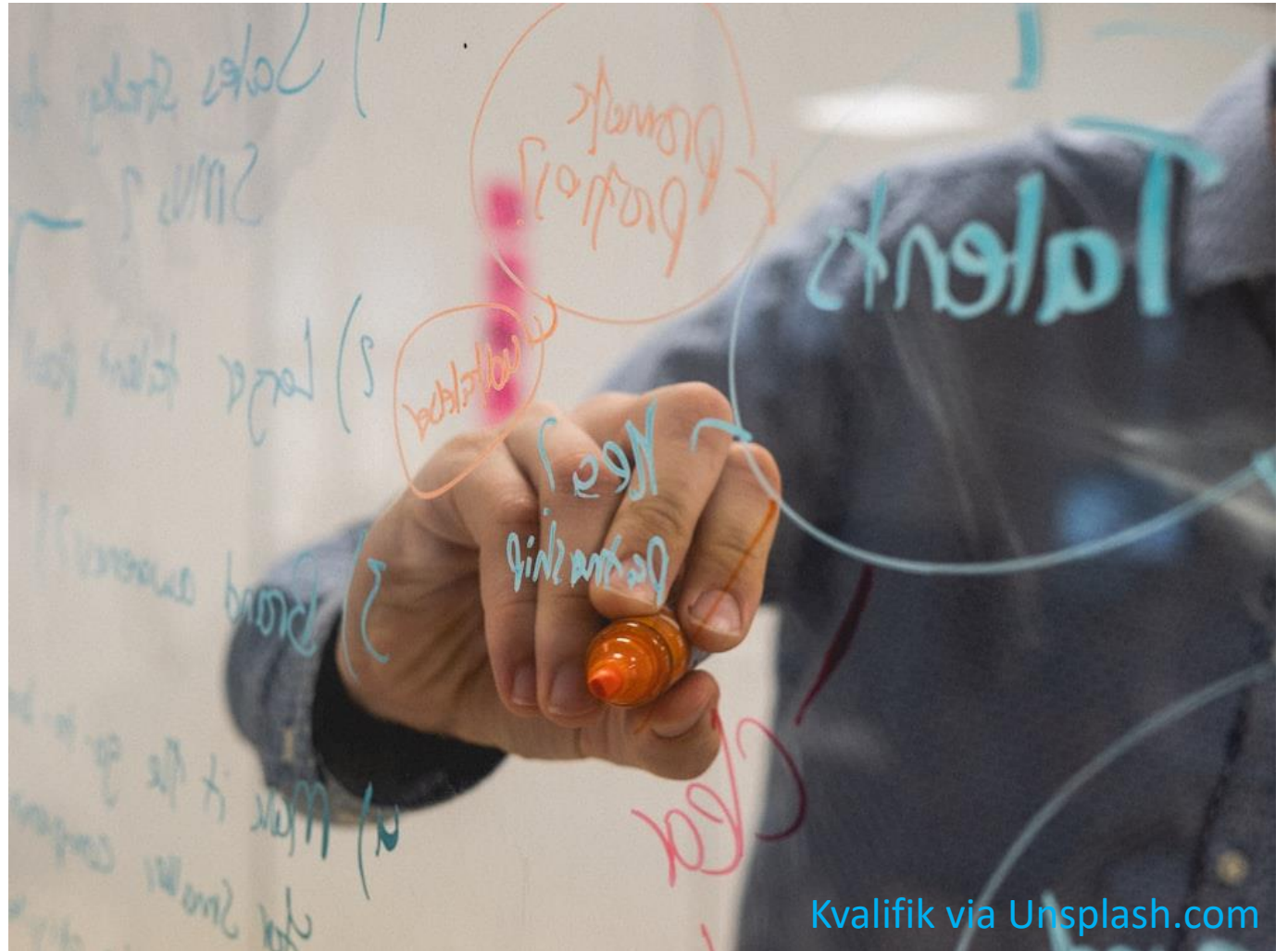
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1. What is the main audience?
2. How much influence can researchers have?
3. Are issues on research security and dual use relevant?
4. Are COIs manageable?
5. Can academia be aided by industry on RI practices?





# A preliminary list of the most prominent comments

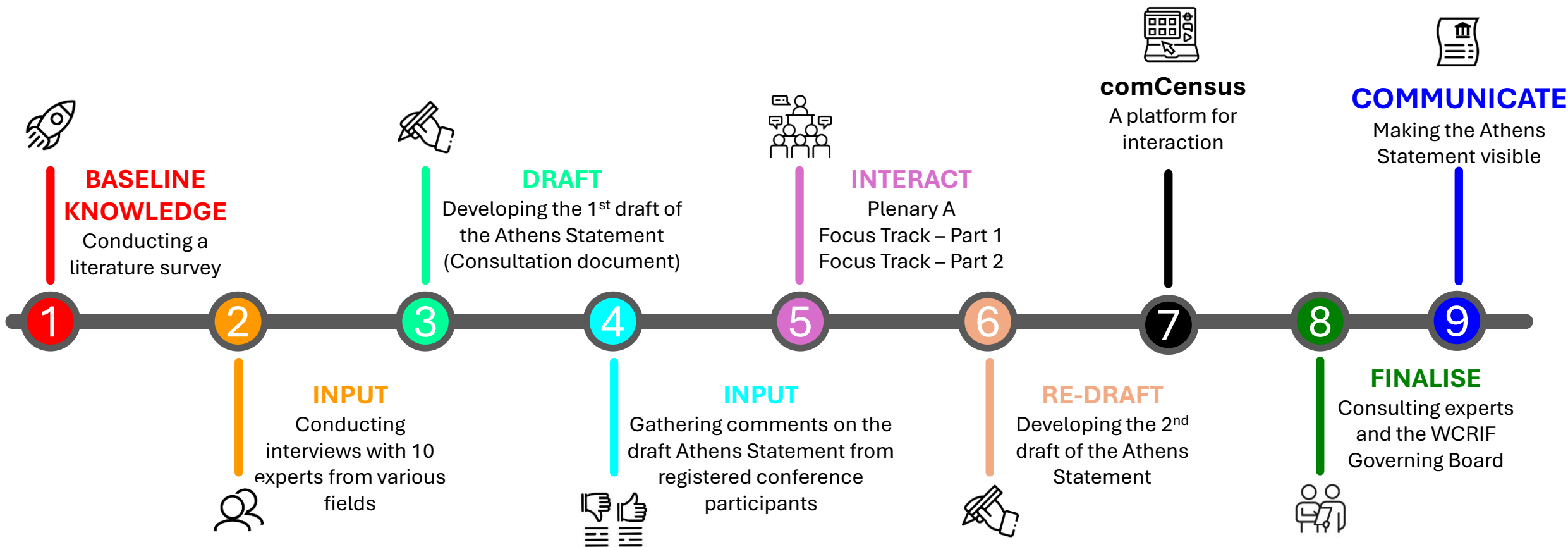
6. Are the key aspects of RI in academia the same as those for industry and for policymakers?
7. How responsibilities for RI are allocated to industry and policymakers?
8. Is there a need for education and training on research translation and end-user engagement?



Javier Allegue Barros via Unsplash.com



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Closing plenary  
5 June 2024



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*“As you set out for Ithaka  
hope the voyage is a long one,  
full of adventure, full of discovery.”*

Constantinos P. Cavafy



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Thank you and see you again soon