Steps towards meeting the Horizon Europe research integrity requirements in practice: RIE Policy

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What can we really accomplish with a RIE policy?
That depends on **what we put in it** and **how we use it**...
Purpose and contents

“The main purpose of this policy is to clarify the overall view of Stockholm University as regards protecting and promoting good research practice. The policy introduces the foundations for this work as well as the distribution of responsibilities within the organisation.”
Fundamental principles

“Those who conduct or participate in research or similar activities must be familiar with the basic principles introduced in [the ALLEA-code (and Good Research Practice)], and understand how these principles are applied in their specific research areas.”
Fundamental principles

The fundamental principles of the ALLEA-code are cited, followed by the following statement: “These principles set guidelines for working and dealing with the practical, ethical and intellectual problems which arise when research is carried out.”
Promoting good research practice

“The University’s work on protection and promotion of good research practice shall be pursued in close relation with the researchers and the research environments, in a way that stimulates open and well-informed collegial discussions about research ethical matters.”
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“The work on securing compliance in the research integrity and ethics area should primarily be focused on creating good conditions for effective collegial monitoring. This is done mainly by offering support, training, information and clear internal governing documents, as well as by promoting good research environments.”
Deviations from good research practice

“Suspicions of deviation from good research practice in the course of the operations of the University shall be noted and handled in a legally secure, transparent and purposive manner. This handling is regulated in *Procedure for handling suspicion of deviation from good research practice.*”
Distribution of responsibility

- Overall responsibility
- Individual responsibility
- Special responsibility entailed by certain roles
- Support and advice
Examples of activities

- Continuous support
- Information routine: e-mail and follow-up activities
- Information meetings about RIE regulations etc.
- Workshops on implementation of the ALLEA-code
- Special meetings with HoDs
- Thematic seminars with invited speakers/contributors
To be continued...