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European Network for
Research Evaluation in the SSH

Why ENRESSH

- The value of SSH is not recognized by policy makers, industry, society in general
- Major societal challenges are in the area of SSH, economic/financial crisis, migration, multi-cultural society, nationalism/populism, 'gilets jaunes'
- Other challenges need inter- or transdisciplinary research, global warming, sustainability, water, health, robotics (behavioural sciences, economics, ethics)
- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are highly intertwined with sectors such as health, education, energy or agriculture

Scientific organisation: SSH ≠ STEM

Work groups

WG1. Conceptual frameworks for SSH research evaluation

WG2. Societal impact and relevance, collaboration with stakeholders

WG3. Databases and uses of data for understanding, monitoring and evaluating SSH research

WG4. Dissemination and outreach

+ transversal special interest group for early stage researchers.

ENRESSH main objectives

- to make robust cases for how SSH **contribute** to the solution of societal challenges
- to improve **evaluation procedures** for SSH research
- to help SSH scholars better **appropriate their research agenda** and overcome fragmentation.

HOW

- Bring together all types of researchers, field specialists, STS researchers, policy researchers
- Narrow the gap between scholars in SSH research evaluation, research managers and policy makers, develop a joint agenda
- Put together a pool of specialists upon which stakeholders may call to solve questions linked to evaluation of SSH research

Societal Impact topics

- to improve the understanding of how SSH fields generate knowledge, scholarly and societal
- inter- and transdisciplinarity, SSH and SSH/STEM
- to identify interactions with stakeholders in science and society, pathways
- to look at patterns of dissemination and outreach

Societal Impact in Europe

- Inventory of 32 national evaluation systems: only a few give room for disciplinary variation (UK, NL) and include societal impact
- Outreach to stakeholders, Prague conference, roundtable in Vienna
- Peer review mostly traditional, not extended
- Examples of studies of enressh members
 - Comparison of impact case studies Norway – UK (Marta Wróblewska)
 - Evaluation in SSH (Elea Giminez Toledo)
 - The role of hybrid books (Ad Prins)

Research assessment in Humanities and Social Sciences in review

- 1. Use of complete data on scholarly outputs and development of indicators sources for journals and academic books, other than commercial databases;
- 2. More qualitative evaluation and / or using bottom-up approaches;
- 3. Open access and its involvement in scientific evaluation;
- 4. Alternative metrics and open citations;
- 5. Responsible metrics;
- 6. Societal impact of research.

QRiH: Bottom up indicators

		Quality domains	
		Research quality	Relevance to society
Assessment dimensions	Demonstrable products	1. Research products for peers	4. Research products for societal target groups
	Demonstrable use of products	2. Use of research products by peers	5. Use of research products by societal target groups
	Demonstrable marks of recognition	3. Marks of recognition from peers	6. Marks of recognition by societal target groups

QRiH: <https://www.qrih.nl/en>

Evidence Based Narratives



Quality and Relevance
in the Humanities

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SEP Evaluatie

Dit is een uitwerking van de door SEP voorgeschreven Tabel D1 (*output indicators*). Deze tabel onderscheid drie dimensies van beoordeling: producten, gebruik en erkenning voor zowel kwaliteit als relevantie (**Quality and Relevance**). Deze dimensies zijn hier zo uitgewerkt dat zij aansluiten bij de kenmerken van geesteswetenschappen, in het bijzonder de samenhang van kwaliteit en relevantie in het wetenschappelijk en maatschappelijk domein.

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