Why SIOR?

Social impact includes the social improvements achieved as a consequence of implementing the results of a particular research project or study. Our societies have already defined societal challenges and goals (such as EU2020 targets, UN Sustainable Development Goals, etc.) and need research developments and innovations to address them.

Through SIOR researchers can provide evidence of how their research has been useful to help meet these social targets, for instance, contributing to creating employment, increase access to health, reduce carbon emissions or reduce poverty, in a particular location or at a broader scale. Often social impacts are not immediate but gathered in a longer term. SIOR allows researchers to edit periodically their entries, adding new evidence of impacts related to the results of their research projects.

SIOR’s contribution to SSH

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CONTRIBUTION TO SSH: Tracing and assessing social impact; measuring the use and impact of SSH research results by giving them value with the aim to make achieved improvements visible

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Social Impact Indicators

Connection to United nations Sustainable Development Goals, EU2020 targets or other similar official societal targets.

Percentage of improvement achieved in relation to the starting situation.

Reproducibility of the impact. The actions based on the project findings have been successfully implemented in more than one context.

Social impact published on scientific journals (with recognized impact), governmental or non-governmental official bodies.

Sustainability. The impact achieved by the action based on project findings, has showed to be sustainable throughout time.

Visualize and assess your Social Impact

1. Register to http://www.ub.edu/ijornal/ diaprac-api
2. Describe your project title, type, brief description, field, funding agency, implementation period
3. Add the team members
4. Choose the official target your project pretend to fulfill
5. Insert general impact and evidences for the specific social impact
6. Send to review

Social impact visibility & Research System Integrations

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