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Conference title: **Understanding causalities, correlations and pre-conditions for the different dimensions of societal impact of science**

Question for this session: **How can (research) management adjust policy and strategy to help researchers and stimulate impact?**

1   What challenges do you face translating research results into policy on different levels (European, African, national, regional, institutional, project)?

-   What steps or measures are possible/necessary to enhance the uptake of scientifically developed knowledge into policy?

2   In your experience as a Research Manager: How can you ensure that the products of research are used by stakeholders, for example policy makers, to have societal impact?

3   How does the focus on impact change the discussions and tasks of researchers and managers at Research Institutes?

4   How should we monitor and assess societal impact of a (concrete) research project?

- **One may argue that publishing research articles in high impact peer-reviewed international scholarly journals, is of lesser relevance than conducting (locally) relevant research.**

- **Should we use SRL's (Societal Relevance Levels) rather than TRL's (Technology Readiness Levels)?**

- **What do you think of this argument and what would you suggest can be done to address the challenges faced?**