

ESIR Kick-off Meeting

Date: 3 October 2017

Place: University College London (UCL)

The 1st meeting of the Economic and Social Impact of Research (ESIR) Expert Group took place in London, UK, 3 October 2017.

ESIR Experts present in the meeting: Luc Soete (chair); Mariana Mazzucato; Patrick Llerena; Dominique Foray; Georg Licht; Ester Martinez-Ros; Andrea Renda; Sylvia Schwaag-Serger; Marzenna Weresa

European Commission DG RTD: Johan Stierna; Tuomas Nousiainen;

External participants: Richard Nelson; Jeffrey Sachs

The ESIR expert group is mandated to support the European Commission by providing statistical and economic evidence related to research and innovation funding. In particular the group will focus on the economic rationale and European value-added of implementing a mission-oriented research and innovation policy at EU level.

The ESIR experts were joined by external experts Richard Nelson and Jeffery Sachs who provided presentations on lessons from US and missions as a means to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals respectively.

In the kick-off meeting the entire group had a wide ranging discussion looking at:

- Conceptual issues around mission-oriented policy
- Selection process for missions
- Implementation of missions

Conclusions and next steps

The group will produce an ESIR Memorandum that will outline in detail the deliberations of the group. The group will reconvene in Brussels on 27 November 2017 to discuss and further develop the Memorandum with a view to publication in late 2017 or early 2018.