Institutional Change for Responsible Innovation



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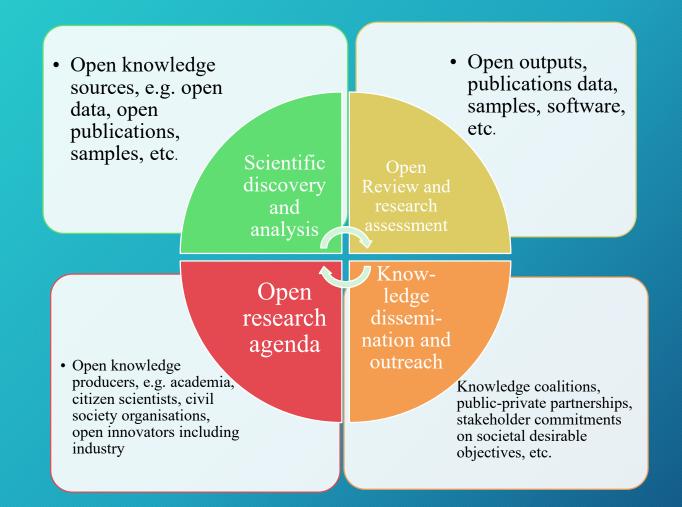
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	(Despensible) State	(Despensible, Market	Perpensible Innovation
	'Responsible' State	'Responsible' Market	Responsible Innovation
Scope of Responsibility of Government	Outcomes and Risks	Risks	Outcomes and Risks
Regulatory oversight	State	Market-hurdles	Public-Private
Socio-economic assessment for Governance	Benefits for the State	Macro-economic/competitive advantage	Social desirability
Governance priorities	Control/Security/Access to resources	Speed of innovation uptake	Responsive to public values
Research/Inno- vation Policy	Technological superiority over competitors	Key-Tech oriented	Societal challenge oriented/Mission oriented
Threats for 'irresponsible innovation'	'Policy Pull' Lack of Foresight	Technology Push, Ignorance of Ethical values	Collective Co- Responsibility!
Ethical constraints	Moral constraint of the 'governor'	Ethical constraints of the market	Ethics as driving force!

1. Towards a new modus operandi for Science: a necessary/insufficient condition for RRI

Current System (domina	nt)	Open Science		
Rewarding individual competing gaining scientific prestige	g scientists -	Rewarding collaboration and sharing to achieve societal impact (e.g. Covid-19)		
Publish as much and as fast as por perish!)	oossible: (<i>publish</i>	Share knowledge/data as early as possible in open collaboration: collaborate or have no impact!		
Excellence as a self-referential	criterion	Relative contribution to research missions with a focus on a societal challenge: collaborate with open research agenda's or have no impact!		
Incentivises researchers to produce specific outputs (mainly publications)	Use of quantitative metrics to 'measure' quality and productivity	Incentivises researchers to conduct particular research behaviour: share knowledge/data, collaborate, transnational, transdisciplinary, with all knowledge actors	Use of qualitative assessment mechanisms for the 'behaviour' of researchers	

Open Research and Scholarship: sharing knowledge/data as early as possible with all knowledge actors



Why not apply to all publicly funded research, notably SDGS?

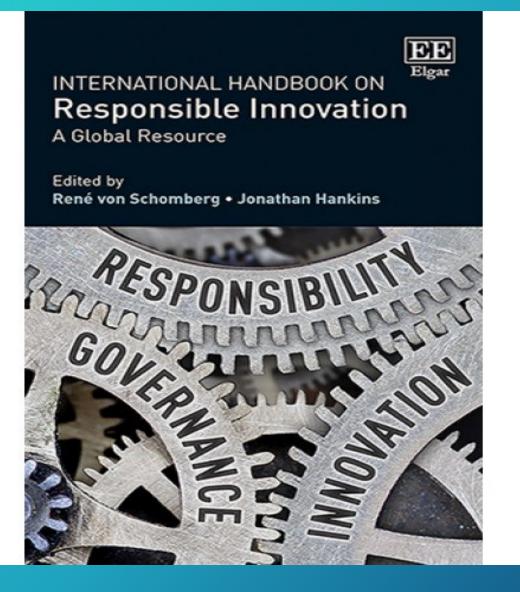
2. Addressing Market-Failure: We are subject of change rather than agent of change

 Responsible innovation constitutes a new paradigm for innovation, in which our social systems institutionalizes collective coresponsibility as a driving force for socially desirable innovation, by giving innovation a direction and whenever possible, shaping its characteristics

 Addressing Market Failure (and dependence on philanthropists): new conditions for the 'market': stakeholder commitment, deployment of non-legislative actions, codes of conduct, certification, new innovation standards, new public-private partnerships, no IPR in RTD discovery phase etc

3. Anticipatory Public Governance

- Organising/Institutionalising collective-co responsibility: Ethics as a driving force rather than a constraint
- Institutionalisation of Foresight and Technology Assessment in public policy: facilitation of alternative futures for public deliberation
- Normative, participative technology design, value-sensitive design etc.
- Value driven innovation: current key example from HE:
- Mission-oriented research, co-designed and co-created, stakeholder driven inclusive research/innovation agenda with a focus on socially desirable outputs



The International Handbook of Responsible Innovation is thus a guidebook for a shift in stance toward collective accountability for the products and consequences of our own ingenuity.'
- Daniel Sarewitz, Arizona State University, US

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On Responsible Innovation, open science and ethics: please send me your comments!

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