





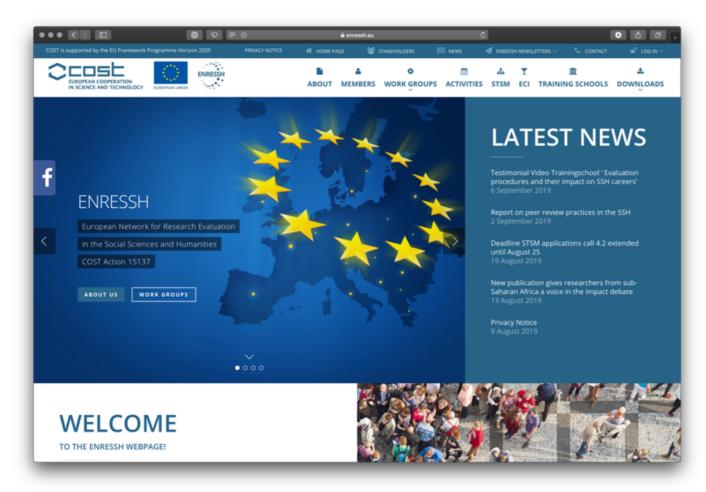
Research evaluation for the benefit of society



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European Network for Research Evaluation in the Social Sciences and the Humanities



ENRESSH

- ▶ Four-year COST Action.
- Researchers and experts from 37 European countries.
- Over 140 members.

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The aim of ENRESSH is to enable the Social Sciences and Humanities to better demonstrate their true place in academia and society.

Research Evaluation DARK SIDE

An administrative and oppressive tool

A source of 'Publish or Perish' research culture

Research Evaluation

DARK SIDE

Metric-fixation causing burnout and health issues

The consequence of the New Public Management and neoliberalism



✓ Powerful instrument to support researchers' careers

✓ Useful tool for selecting publication and communication channels

Research Evaluation

LIGHT SIDE

✓ Being an evaluator (reviewer) is one of the most important roles played by researchers.

One of ENRESSH goals has been to provide toolboxes for policy and research communities



Some pillars of research evaluation that have a positive impact



Pilar I (Not only) publication-oriented evaluation

Researchers and their activities cannot be reduced to *publications*.

Good research assessment covers various dimensions (e.g. societal impact of research) and values (e.g. cooperation in very competitive academia)

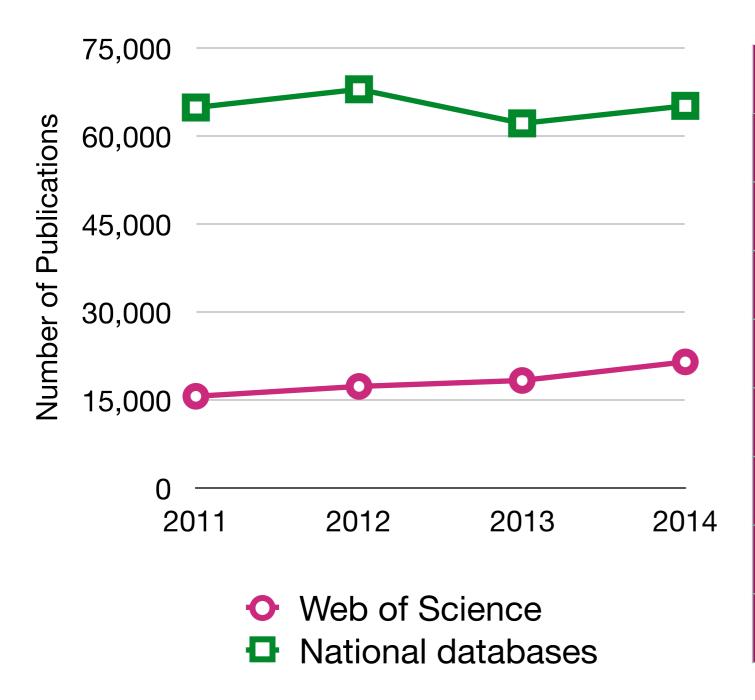
Pilar II All publication types matter



Different disciplines have different publication practices

Good research assessment allows researchers to report various publications types (monographs, book chapters, proceedings, journal articles) and use the most appropriate databases for the fields.

Publications in eight European countries in the Social Sciences and the Humanities

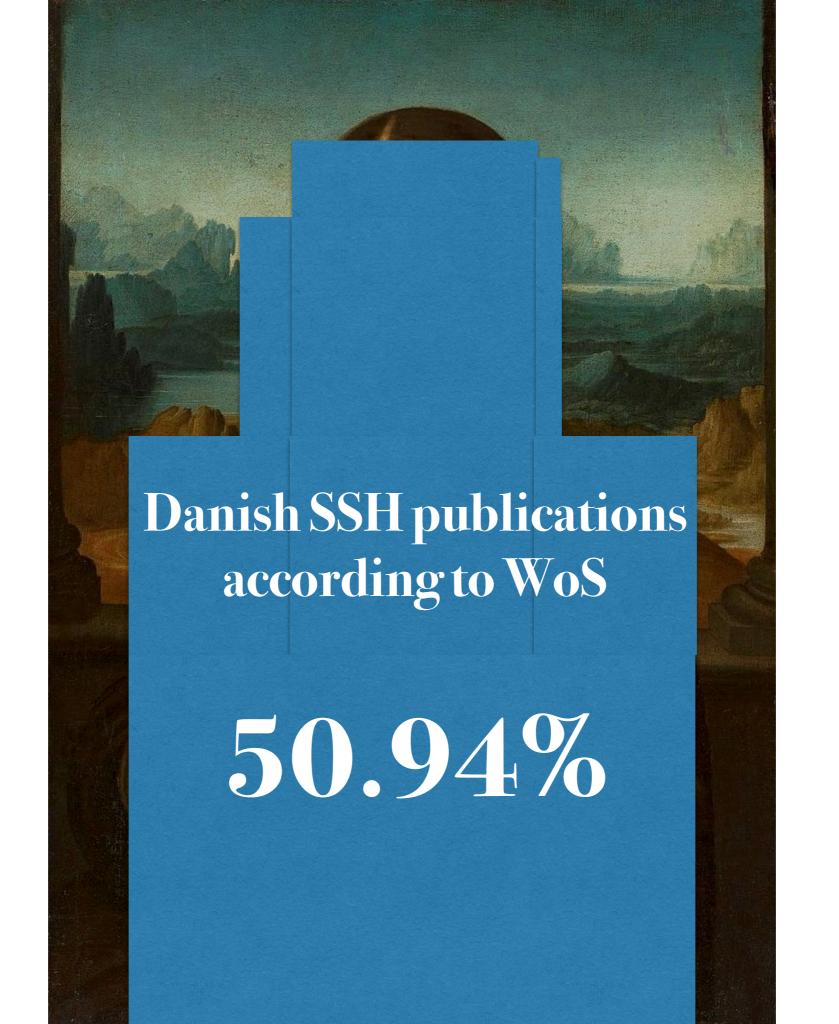


Country	% of coverage in WoS
Poland	14.98%
Slovenia	16.05%
Slovakia	25.86%
Czech Republic	30.25%
Finland	38.34%
Flanders	39.76%
Norway	44.15%
Denmark	50.94%

What is it?

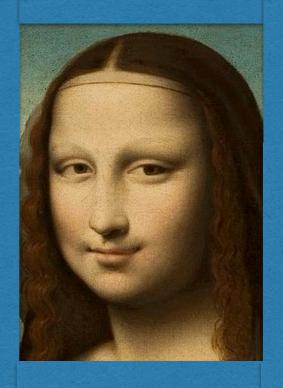
Publications of Polish scholars from social sciences and humanities according to Web of Science

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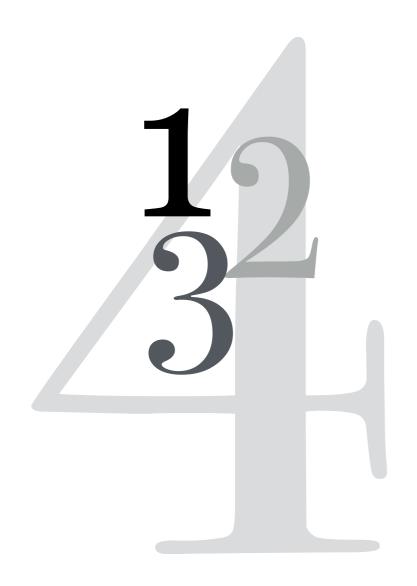


SSH coverage degree according to the Web of Science

"Core parts" of the whole scientific production







Pilar III

Use more than one (but not to many!) indicators

The assessment should not be based on a single indicator

Good research assessment is based on a number of indicators to increase the uncertainty of evaluators' decisions

Researcher 1



Hirsch Index = 5

Citations = 740

Conference presentations = 20

Discipline = Biology

Researcher 2



Hirsch Index = 8

Citations = 260

Conference presentations = 8

Discipline = Sociology



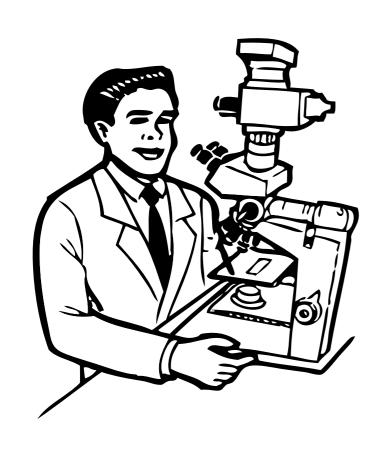
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Pilar IV

Science has many international languages

Multilingualism keeps locally relevant research alive.

Good research assessment supports dissemination of research results in various languages.

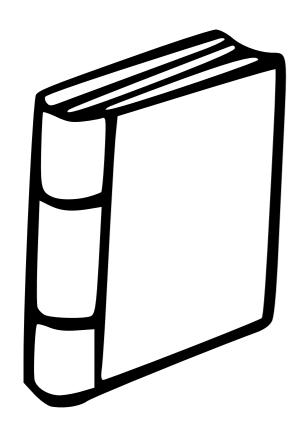


Pilar V

No one is born an evaluator

By evaluating researchers, we show them what good evaluation should look like

Early Career Researchers are and will be peers and evaluators.



Pilar VI

Evaluation legitimize publication channels and create incentives to achieve policy goals

Showing what publication channels (toptier journals, open access publications, etc.) are counted in evaluation, very powerful incentives are established.

Evaluation can be a signpost and serve to avoid predatory publishers and publish in the best (from a disciplinary perspective) channels.

