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Increasingly funders of public investment in science and technology require applicants to demonstrate the expected socio-economic returns of their projects. While the scientific case is obviously the top priority for researchers when they propose a new project, it is helpful to know why and how the funders have an interest on impact studies, and what is the potential reward for scientists to be able to provide the required evidence. The talk will present opportunities and requirements by the European Commission, European Investment Bank, ESFRI and other international and national funders of science and technology.

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