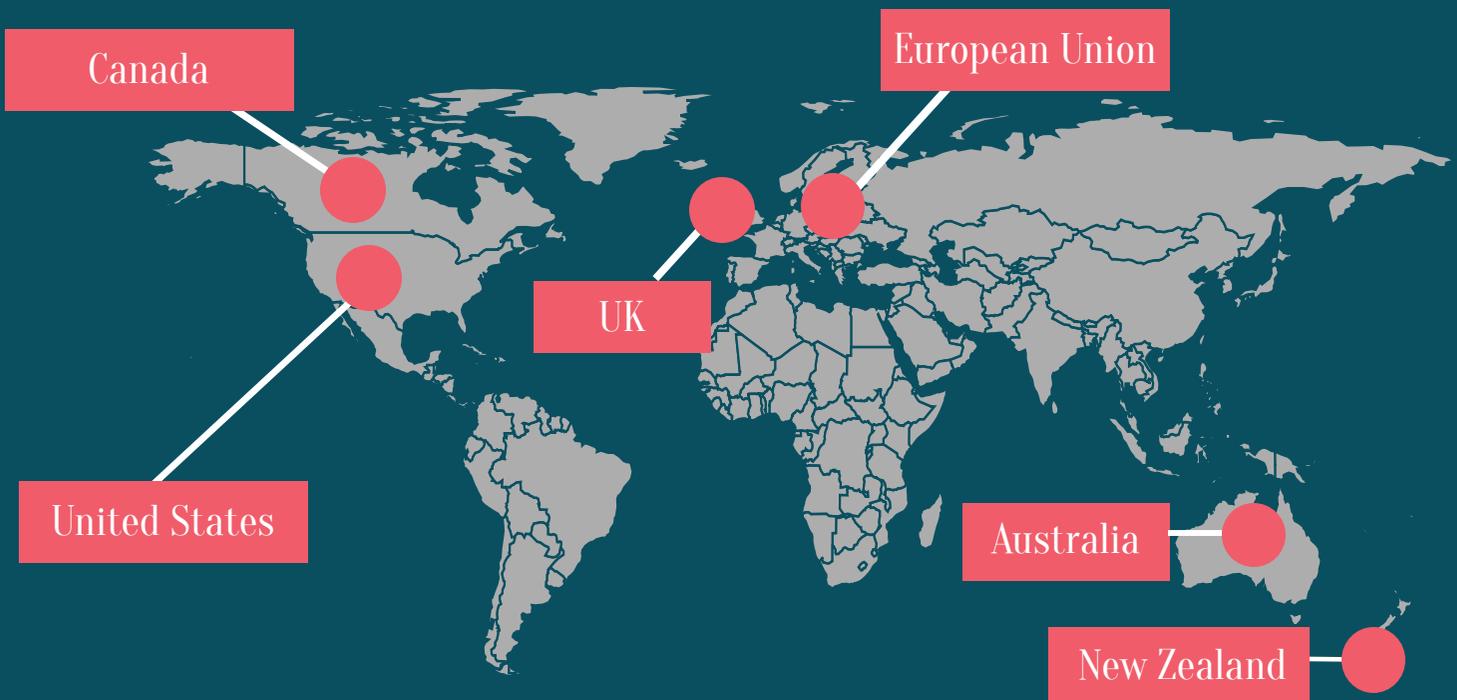


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2 Introduction to the Guidebook

This guide summarizes the resources discovered as a result of an environmental scan of research impact resources across 32 countries. This project addresses the needs of researchers across sectors to better translate their work to wider audiences and trace the impact of their work. Presented in guidebook format, this resource has been created to provide you with a wealth of products to help you with your impact needs. The guidebook describe tools (N = 56), networks (N = 17), projects (N = 10), and open access repositories (N = 4) that were uncovered as a result of the environmental scan. This guidebook will be of immediate practical value to academics, principal investigators, research staff, research chairs, decision-makers at higher education institutions, and administrative staff helping researchers in their work.

3 Tools

Tools were defined as a either a free or paid device or instrument that is used to carry out a particular function. Tools were organized into four subgroups: policy & politics, research and knowledge mobilization, software & services, and grant writing.

3.1 Policy & Politics

The resources in this subsection are meant to help researchers address various factors that need to be considered when attempting to turn research into policy influence.

Table 1

Research Impact Tools – Policy & Politics

Name	Location	Description	Free	Paid
Communicating Research for Evidence-Based Policymaking	European Union	Divided into three parts – Concept, Policy Briefs, and Practical Means – this guide identifies the most important stages in the development of a communication strategy to make certain research concepts makes a real difference in enabling policy action. For more information, visit: http://ftp.infoeuropa.euroid.pt/database/000045001-000046000/000045501.pdf	X	
ODI Toolkits	United Kingdom	ODI Toolkits provide practical tips, tools, and guidance for development practitioners. Toolkits include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping Political Context: A Toolkit for Civil Society Organisations • Policy Engagement: How civil society can be more effective • Successful Communication: A toolkit for Researchers and Civil Society Organisations For more information, visit: http://www.odi.org/publications/3854-odi-toolkits	X	

Name	Location	Description	Free	Paid
ODI Handbooks	United Kingdom	ODI Handbooks provide guidance and practical tools that might help users enhance their impact. Handbooks include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weaving Global Networks: Handbook for Policy Influence Tools for Policy Impact: A Handbook for Researchers Targeting Tools: Radio For more information, visit: http://www.odi.org/search/site/handbook	X	
Policy Impact Toolkit	United Kingdom	This toolkit is designed to support evaluators and researchers who are committed to engaging with decision makers to see the evidence from their studies used to build better policies and programmes. For more information, visit: http://policyimpacttoolkit.squarespace.com/	X	
Research to Action	United Kingdom	Research to Action caters to the strategic and practical needs of people trying to improve the way development research is communicated and utilised. The site has been structured and populated with material that is useful to people who would like to be more strategic and effective in their research communication and engagement. Key toolkits include: designing a policy influence plan, monitoring and evaluating policy influence, and research communication for policy influence. For more information, visit: http://www.researchtoaction.org/	X	
DC Research	United Kingdom	DC Research provides evaluation, research, and policy & partnership solutions and advice to public, private, community, and voluntary sector clients. DC Research provides the following services: toolkits and impact frameworks, 'green book' services, impact assessments, partnership reviews and assessments, regeneration policy research, evaluation, area profiling and baseline assessments, strategic advice & action planning, and supporting partner and funder agendas. For more information, visit: http://www.dcresearch.co.uk/		X



3.2 Research & Knowledge Mobilization Planning

The resources in this subsection are meant to help researchers implement a clear plan in order to mobilize their research findings.

Table 2

Research Impact Tools – Research & Knowledge Mobilization Planning

Name	Location	Description	Free	Paid
The Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)	United States	The CEGA is a network of 50+ academic researchers extending across the University of California, Stanford University, and the University of Washington. In addition to many other services, CEGA provides researchers with web-based tools on program design, evaluation, and scaling up projects. For more information, visit: http://cega.berkeley.edu/tools/	X	
Altmetrics for Researchers	United States	The guide contains information about altmetrics and traditional, citation-based metrics. For more information, visit: http://guides.mclibrary.duke.edu/c.php?g=217135&p=1434254	X	
Research Skills Toolkit	United Kingdom	The toolkit brings together key skills, knowledge, behaviours, and attitudes relevant for researchers. Four domains are included in the toolkit: knowledge and intellectual abilities; personal effectiveness; research governance and organization, and; engagement, influence, and impact. For more information, visit: http://www.skillstoolkit.ox.ac.uk/vitae	X	
Maximizing The Impacts Of Your Research: A Handbook For Social Scientists	United Kingdom	This handbook provides a large menu of evidence-based advice and guidance on how to ensure that your work achieves its maximum visibility and influence with both academic and external audiences. Detailed information is provided on what constitutes good practice in expanding the impact of social science research. A wide range of new developments, tools, and new techniques are showcased in the handbook. For more information, visit: http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/the-handbook/	X	
Knowledge Utilization Resource Guide	Canada	This guide highlight resources that can help answer some common questions, such as: What is knowledge utilization? How is knowledge utilization accomplished in organization? How does knowledge utilization shape policy implementation? How do the determinants of knowledge utilization vary across levels of decision-making? For more information, visit: http://www.kusp.ualberta.ca/en/Resources/-/medi	X	



Name	Location	Description	Free	Paid
Open Access Toolkit	Canada	<p>a/Knowledge%20Utilization%20Studies%20Program/Documents/KUResourceGuide.ashx</p> <p>This toolkit provides general information about the open access and scholarly publishing model, and repositories. For more information, visit: http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/content.php?pid=258206&sid=2131074</p>	X	
The Impact Toolkit	United Kingdom	<p>The Impact Toolkit is a resource designed to take researchers through a step by step process of thinking about the impact from their research projects. You must have a University of Leeds ID and password to gain access to the toolkit. For more information, visit: http://www.sdduonline.leeds.ac.uk/impact-toolkit/#forward</p>		X
Research Impact and Profiles	Australia	<p>This guide describes the different resources which can assist you to examine the impact of your own research. For more information, visit: http://guides.is.uwa.edu.au/content.php?pid=372347&sid=3050051</p>	X	
Researcher Development	United Kingdom	<p>This website provides links to presentations, guide books, and toolkits aimed at enhancing researcher development. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media: A guide for researchers • Writing for the web for researchers • Planning for Impact Toolkit <p>For more information, visit: http://www.bath.ac.uk/learningandteaching/rdu/guides/</p>	X	
Guide for Knowledge Mobilization in the Context of Research Partnerships	Canada	<p>This document provides research partners with a tool to enrich and optimize the dissemination and transfer of knowledge resulting from their research. The guide begins by identifying the significance of knowledge mobilization within the context of social economy research partnerships. The Guide then provides a brief overview of examples of knowledge mobilization practices of the Alliance de recherche universités-communautés en économie sociale. Lastly, a number of suggestions are made to promote rewarding, relevant and high-quality strategies for knowledge mobilization. For more information, visit: http://www.aruc-es.uqam.ca/Portals/0/docs/pdf/Guide_Knowledge_Mobilization.pdf</p>	X	
Knowledge Translation and Transfer Plan	Canada	<p>The toolkit contains helpful information on why you would want to develop a Knowledge Translation and Transfer (KTT) plan, how to go about identifying your audience(s), and what KTT activities might be suitable for your research project. In addition, other KTT resources are listed</p>	X	



Name	Location	Description	Free	Paid
		by topic. For more information, visit: http://www.uoguelph.ca/omafra_partnership/ktt/en/kttinaction/KTT-Toolkit.asp		
Public Policy@Southampton	United Kingdom	Established by the University of Southampton, Public Policy@Southampton is an external facing, public engagement team mandated to increase the reach and impact of University of Southampton research. Public Policy offers three different levels of support to researchers designed to increase impact. Costs range from £500.00 for 9 hours of support, up to £5000.00 for 6+ months of support. For more information, visit: http://publicpolicy.southampton.ac.uk/		X
The Knowledge Translation Toolkit: A resource for Researchers	Canada	This toolkit seeks to explain some of Knowledge Translation's key concepts and make them operational through a variety of practical examples and "hands-on" guides. For more information, visit: https://idl-bnc.idrc.ca/dspace/bitstream/10625/46960/1/13336_1.pdf	X	
Evaluation: Practical Guidelines	United Kingdom	This guide is designed for those who lead projects intended to engage general audiences in science, social science, engineering and technology and the social, ethical and political issues that new research in these areas raises. For more information, visit http://www.rcuk.ac.uk/Publications/policy/Evaluation/	X	
Knowledge Translation Professional Certificate	Canada	The Knowledge Translation Professional Certificate (KTPC™) is a five-day professional development course, held in Toronto, and is the only course of its kind in North America. The KTPC develops the competencies of KT Practitioners working across all disciplines. The curriculum is presented as a combination of didactic and interactive teaching, exemplars, and exercises. For more information, visit: http://www.sickkids.ca/Learning/AbouttheInstitute/Programs/Knowledge-Translation/Knowledge-Translation-Professional-Certificate/Knowledge-Translation-Professional-Certificate.html		X
A tool for assessing research quality and relevance	Denmark	This toolkit provides information on how to document and compare research quality and relevance across research areas and institutions. The tool is designed to be applicable in a variety of areas within the research system, i.e. for assessment and prioritization of basic and competitive funding, and at different levels (the individual researcher, research team, department, institute, faculty or institution). For more information, visit:	X	



Name	Location	Description	Free	Paid
		http://ufm.dk/en/publications/2006/files-2006/a-tool-for-assessing-research-quality-and-relevance.pdf		
Impact Toolkit	United Kingdom	The toolkit includes information on developing an impact strategy, promoting knowledge exchange, public engagement and communicating effectively with your key stakeholders. For more information, visit: http://www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/impact-toolkit/	X	
Partnerships Toolkit	Canada	This toolkit is meant to assist researchers and partners at various stages of the Partnerships processes—from application to the implementations of your partnership. For more information, visit: http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/partnerships-partenariats/toolkit-trouse_d-information-eng.aspx	X	
Knowledge Sharing Toolkit	International	This toolkit is a living knowledge repository about knowledge sharing where registered users can add tools and methods, edit existing pages, insert comments and anecdotes, or even list themselves as contacts if they have had experience with a particular tool or method. For more information, visit: http://www.kstoolkit.org/	X	
Impact Measurement Toolkit	United Kingdom	This toolkit is an introduction to impact measurement procedures and an explanation of the principals involved. For more information, visit: http://www.kingstonsmith.co.uk/media-and-resources/impact-measurement-toolkit-for-the-charity-sector/	X	
The Impact Field Guide & Toolkit: From Arts to Impact	United Kingdom	This toolkit includes a set of tools and guides designed to help those who are working with film to better evaluate the impact of their work. For more information, visit: http://impactguide.org/index.php	X	
National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement	United Kingdom	The National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE) supports Universities across the United Kingdom to increase their public engagement activity. Along with consulting and training services, the NCCPE has an extensive resource section to help researchers support their evaluation of their public engagement work. For more information, visit: http://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/	X	X
The Intersector Toolkit	United States	The Toolkit is a guide to help diagnose, design, implement, and assess successful intersector collaborations. The toolkit profiles 40 successful intersector initiatives and draws from an extensive body of research to provide practical knowledge to practitioners. Practitioners from any sector can use these tools to navigate their challenges. For	X	



Name	Location	Description	Free	Paid
		more information, visit: http://intersector.com/toolkit/		
MyRI: An Open Access Toolkit to support bibliometrics training and awareness	Ireland	This toolkit provides a set of materials to support bibliometric training. The toolkit includes videos and other interactive elements. Topics covered include: introduction to bibliometrics, tracking your research impact, and journal ranking and analysis. In addition, training and presentation materials are available (i.e., worksheets, lesson plans, posters). For more information, visit: http://www.ndlr.ie/myri/	X	
Tools for Knowledge Mobilization: Creating Research Summaries	Canada	This KMb Tool Kit describes the process undertaken to develop clear language research summaries at York University. For more information, visit: https://researchimpact.othree.ca/documents/toolsforkmb/kmbtools_researchsummariespdf	X	
Knowledge Translation Planning Template	Canada	The Knowledge Translation Planning Template can be used to plan and evaluate a knowledge translation (KT) strategy. It identifies and documents steps needed to implement a KT strategy. This template can be used along with guides to developing a KT strategy, available from the Hospital for Sick Children Toronto. For more information, visit: http://www.melaniebarwick.com/training.php	X	
Knowledge Mobilization Toolkit	Canada	There are three phases to the Knowledge Mobilization (KMb) Toolkit. The first section helps you determine goals and considerations for your knowledge mobilization plan. The second phase includes ways to mobilize knowledge and key considerations. The final phase includes resources on evaluation. In addition to the toolkit, KMb-related definitions and case studies of what other researchers are doing. For more information, visit: http://www.kmbtoolkit.ca/	X	
The Knowledge Brokers Forum	Canada	The Knowledge Brokers' Forum (KBF) is a collaborative space to promote knowledge sharing and dissemination on knowledge brokering (KB) and the role of intermediaries in international development. KBF allows you to: learn, share, and advise with global community of peers involved in knowledge brokering and intermediary work, and access and share knowledge brokering resources. For more information, visit: http://www.knowledgebrokersforum.org/219319	X	
WeValue	United Kingdom	This toolkit can be used to assess previously intangible, values-related aspects of projects and activities. The toolkit consists of 166 qualitative,	X	



Name	Location	Description	Free	Paid
		values-based indicators, together with guidance on their application. The indicators are presented in a 'menu' format to facilitate users in identifying and crystallizing what intangibles are important to them, and those they wish to evaluate. A second 'menu' is provided of assessment methods for potential use, accompanied by detailed guidance notes. For more information, visit: http://www.wevalue.org/index.php		
Knowledge Network of Applied Education Research – Project Resource Toolkit	Canada	This toolkit is a compilation of the many resources created by the Knowledge Network of Applied Education Research (KNAER) projects. There are resources for a variety of audiences including teachers, parents, administrators, and researchers. There are 29 different types of resources – including: tipsheets, online videos, podcasts, reports, online forums, and workshops. For more information, visit: http://www.knaer-recrae.ca/	X	
Helping authors choose the right mode of publication to maximise impact	Italy	This toolkit is meant to help researchers choose the right journal in order to maximize impact. For more information, visit: http://eprints.rclis.org/8567/2/paper!SSsubmit.pdf	X	
Using Twitter in university research, teaching and impact activities A guide for academics and researchers	United Kingdom	This guide shows you how to get started on Twitter and discusses how Twitter can be used as a resource for research, teaching and impact activities. For more information, visit: http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/files/2011/11/Published-Twitter_Guide_Sept_2011.pdf	X	
Scientist Knowledge Translation Training Workshop	Canada	The Scientist Knowledge Translation Training Workshop is a two-day professional development course held in Toronto. The course is suited to Knowledge Translation professionals, science/practitioners, educators, and decision makers in community based organizations and government. This is a practice-oriented course which covers the following material: 1. Utility of KT, for researchers, educators, clinician-scientists, 2. KT strategies and their evidence base, 3. Developing a KT plan (practical, hands-on approach with tools), 4. Plain language communication, 5. Communicating with media, 6. Communicating with policy makers. For more information, visit: https://www.sickkids.ca/Learning/AbouttheInstitute/Programs/Knowledge-Translation/Scientist%20Knowledge/index.html		X
Pathways to Impact Toolkit	United Kingdom	This guide is aimed at researchers and support staff involved in writing and supporting Pathways to Impact applications. For more information, visit:		



Name	Location	Description	Free	Paid
Public Engagement Evaluation Guide	United Kingdom	http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=23012 This guide provides support for quantitative and qualitative evaluation for those running public engagement events or projects. In addition, the guide is accompanied by podcasts that offer an introduction on how to use the toolkit, and exemplars of people who have used the guide. For more information, visit: http://www.manchesterbeacon.org/publications/view/10/Public-Engagement-Evaluation-Guide	X	

3.3 Software & Services

Software was defined as a program used by a computer (must require download). While software was defined as either free or paid action that helps or does the work for someone. The resources in this subsection are meant to help researcher's measure *impact* based on the consumption of research content by a population of readers.

Table 3

Research Impact Tools – Software and Services

Name	Location	Description	Free	Paid
CiteULike	Web-based	CiteULike helps researchers to store, organize, and share scholarly papers. For more information, visit: http://www.citeulike.org/	X	
EPrints	Web-based	EPrints is a software platform which allows the user to set up repositories of open access research literature, scientific data, theses, reports, and multimedia. EPrints provides its open source software for free; however, they offer paid packages for hosting and support services. For more information, visit: http://www.eprints.org/software/	X	X
PaperCritic	Web-based	PaperCritic offers researchers a way of storing, organizing, and sharing scholarly papers. For more information, visit: http://www.papercritic.com/	X	
CitNetExplorer	Web-based	CitNetExplorer is a software tool for visualizing and analyzing citation networks of scientific publications. The tool allows citation networks to be explored interactively and can be imported directly from the Web of Science database. For more information, visit: http://www.citnetexplorer.nl/Home	X	
ReaderMeter	Web-based	ReaderMeter utilizes readership-based metrics to estimate impact. The site was not functional as of September 1, 2015; however, the website states the service will be brought back. For more information, visit: http://readermeter.org/	X	
Zotero	Web-based	Zotero helps you collect, organize, cite, and share your research sources. For more information, visit: https://www.zotero.org/	X	



Name	Location	Description	Free	Paid
Impactstory	Web-based	Impactstory is an open-source, web-based tool that helps scientists explore and share the diverse impacts of all their research products—from traditional ones like journal articles, to emerging products like blog posts, datasets, and software. You can try Impactstory for free for 30 days, no credit card required. After the free trial has ended you must pay \$60/year for the service. For more information, visit: https://impactstory.org/		X

3.4 Grant Writing

The resources in this subsection are meant to assist researchers in improving their odds of successfully competing in peer-reviewed research application competitions.

Table 4

Research Impact Tools – Grant Writing

Name	Location	Description	Free	Paid
Welcome Europe	European Union	Welcome Europe offers toolboxes, training courses, and consulting services to European-based researchers for each stage of their project. For more information, visit: http://www.welcomeurope.com		X
Research Funding Toolkit	United Kingdom	The Research Funding Toolkit helps academics to write better research grant applications. In addition, researchers can hire consulting and training services if desired. The toolkit consists of a book and a website. For more information, visit: http://www.researchfundingtoolkit.org/	X	X
Kudos	Web-based	Kudos is a web-based service that helps researchers and their institutions and funders to maximize the visibility and impact of their published articles. Kudos provides a platform for assembling and creating information to help search filtering, for sharing information to drive discovery, and for measuring and monitoring the effect of these activities. The basic service is free for researchers to use; publishers and institutions pay a fee for access to support tools, information on article and author performance within Kudos, and also to supplement the data set available to their authors to help them evaluate the impact of their efforts. For more information, visit: https://www.growkudos.com/	X	

4 Networks

Networks were defined as a group or a system of interconnected people. Networks were organized into two subgroups: communities of practice and research networks.

4.1 Communities of Practice.

Communities of practice are groups of people who collaborate either in physical settings or online. This subsection contains examples of communities of practice that are devoted to knowledge mobilization and research impact.

Table 2

Research Impact Networks – Communities of Practice

Network		Description
Centre for Science and Policy	United Kingdom	The Centre for Science and Policy welcomes government and industry decision makers to apply for policy fellowships (£2000 - £4500). At the beginning of the fellowship, fellows will spend five days in Cambridge meeting as many as 30 researchers chosen for the relevance of their work to the questions you define. Fellowships will last two years. During the fellowship Policy Fellows can make use of the Policy Fellows Network, made up of other Policy Fellows from Whitehall and industry, as well as the researchers who support the program. Fellows have the opportunity to attend, initiate and speak at a range of events. For more information, visit: http://www.csap.cam.ac.uk/programmes/
Mendeley Groups	International	Mendeley Groups allow you to collaborate to create a shared space to collect documents and notes. Groups can be private, invite-only, or public. Examples of research impact related groups include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact Research: https://www.mendeley.com/groups/785831/impact-research/ • Societal Impact of Research: https://www.mendeley.com/groups/1002141/societal-impact-of-research/ • Impact Factor: https://www.mendeley.com/groups/2486431/impact-factor/ • Altmetrics: https://www.mendeley.com/groups/586171/altmetrics/
Knowledge-Driven International Development	United States	The Knowledge-Driven International Development (KDID) Portal is a family of websites established to maximize the effectiveness of development assistance by connecting development practitioners through learning opportunities and spreading innovation and good practice. KDID Portal sites allow members discuss ideas, share experience, connect to other professionals, and access the latest thinking in best practice. For more information, visit: http://kdid.org
Evidence Informed Policy and Practice in Education	European Union	The Evidence Informed Policy and Practice in Education in Europe (EIPPEE) Network is made up of organizations and individuals working together in groups on specific aspects of the use of evidence. Anyone can join the EIPPEE Network or Special Interest Groups. For more information, visit: http://www.eippee.eu/
Evidence Network	Canada	The Evidence Network aims to foster contact between active researchers and practitioners who have an interest in evidence-based policy and practice issues. Members of the group receive: access to a database of the activities, interests, and contact details of over 1700 members; bi-monthly e-newsletter, and a discounted subscription to Evidence & Policy. For more information, visit: www.evidencenetwork.ca
The Knowledge Brokers' Forum	International	The Knowledge Brokers' Forum (KBF) is a collaborative space to promote knowledge sharing and dissemination around intermediary work in



Network		Description
		international development. For more information, visit: http://www.knowledgebrokersforum.org/
Alliance for Useful Evidence	United Kingdom / International	The Alliance for Useful Evidence is an open-access network of more than 2000 individuals from across government, universities, charities, and business who champion the use of evidence in social policy and practice. For more information, visit: http://www.alliance4usefulevidence.org/
Google Groups	International	Google Groups allows you to collaborate to create a shared space to engage in discussions about a specific topic. Groups can be private, invite-only, or public. Examples of research impact related groups include: Altmetrics: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/altmetrics Research Impact Services: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/research-impact
Research Impact	Australia	Research Impact is forum for those who would like to discuss the evaluation of university research activity, quality, and impact. Forum topics include research round-up (the latest news and information relating to research evaluation, impact, and higher education policy), evaluating the impact of research, evaluating research quality, and evaluating research activity. For more information, visit: http://www.researchimpact.com.au/

4.2 Research Networks

Research networks are groups of institutions who are devoted to a particular aim. This subsection contains examples of research networks that are devoted to knowledge mobilization and research impact.

Table 3

Research Impact Networks – Research Networks

Network	Location	Description
Knowledge Network for Applied Education Research	Canada	KNAER's mission is to build, advance, and apply evidence-informed practices. KNAER conducts and synthesizes research as well as facilitates networks of policy-makers, educators and researchers. For more information, visit: http://www.knaer-recrae.ca
Research Impact	Canada	Research Impact (RIR) is a pan-Canadian network of 11 universities committed to maximizing the impact of academic research for the social, economic, environmental and health benefits of Canadians. RIR is committed to developing institutional capacities to support knowledge mobilization by developing and sharing knowledge mobilization best practices, services and tools. For more information, visit: http://researchimpact.ca/
Social Innovation Generation	Canada	The focus of Social Innovation Generation (SiG) is to foster social innovation to achieve impact, durability, and scale by engaging the creativity and resources of all sectors. SiG is a collaborative partnership between The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, the University of

Network	Location	Description
		Waterloo, the MaRS Discovery District, and the PLAN Institute. For more information, visit: http://www.sigeneration.ca
Baltic Sea Region University Network	Baltic Sea Region	The Baltic Sea Region University Network's (BSRUN) mandate is to develop a mutually beneficial and equal partnership by strengthening the collaboration in University governance, management, and administration. Currently there are 29 member institutions in Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Russia. Members can attend BSRUN events such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Evaluation & Assessing Research Quality Practical Seminar • Successful Knowledge Transfer & Research Commercialisation Seminar For more information, visit: http://www.bsrn.org
United Kingdom Evaluation Society	United Kingdom	The UK Evaluation Society's aim is to promote and improve the theory, practice, understanding, and utilisation of evaluation and its contribution to public knowledge and to promote cross-sector and cross-disciplinary dialogue and debate. Networks exist in Wales, the North West, the North East, the Midlands, London, and South West to provide events and communications. For more information, visit: http://www.evaluation.org.uk
Research Unit for Research Utilisation	United Kingdom	The Research Unit for Research Utilisation (RURU) is a cross-university research collaboration that investigates the use of social science research in public policy and service delivery settings. The core RURU team are based at the School of Management, University of St Andrews, but the unit benefits from collaboration with a team of research associates from across the UK. For more information, visit: http://www.ruru.ac.uk/
Consortium of Institutions for Development and Research in Education in Europe	Europe	The Consortium of Institutions for Development and Research in Education in Europe (CIDREE) is a network of educational institutions that play a national role in the field of educational research. The aim of CIDREE is to mobilize knowledge and information amongst member institutions and other stakeholders. For more information, visit: http://www.cidree.org
Research Informing Policy, Practice, and Leadership in Education	Canada	Research Informing Policy, Practice, and Leadership in Education (RIPPLE) conducts empirical studies to explore knowledge mobilization efforts across systems; builds partnerships across producers, users, and intermediaries, and; creates knowledge mobilization resources. For more information, visit: http://www.ripplenetwork.ca

5 Projects

Projects were defined as an individual or collaborative enterprise that is carefully planned and designed to achieve a particular aim.

Table 4

Research Impact Projects

Project	Location	Duration	Description
NISO Alternative Assessment	United States	2013 – 2015	The NISO Alternative Assessment Metrics Initiative is a two-phase project, designed to explore, identify, and advance standards and/or best practices related to altmetrics. For more information, visit: http://www.niso.org/topics/tl/altmetrics_initiative/
CWTS Leiden Ranking	Netherlands	2015	The CWTS Leiden Ranking 2015 offers key insights into the scientific performance of 750 major universities worldwide. For more information, visit: http://www.leidenranking.com/
Danube-INCO.NET	Europe – Danube Region	2014 – 2016	Danube-INCO.NET seeks to overcome obstacles hindering the social and economic development of the Danube Region. For more information, visit: http://danube-inco.net/
Humanities Indicators	United States	2008 – 2013	Humanities Indicators provides comprehensive, up-to-date statistical information, the Humanities Indicators provide a picture of how the humanities are faring in the United States today. For more information, visit: http://www.humanitiesindicators.org/content/document.aspx?i=176
Third Sector Impact Project	Europe	2014 – 2019	The goal of the Third Sector Impact project is to institutionalize the capability of national statistical agencies to generate reliable empirical data on the third sector. For more information, visit: http://thirdsectorimpact.eu/news/a-statistical-revolution-in-data-on-the-third-sector-in-europe/
Statistical Indicators Benchmarking the Information Society (SIBIS)	Europe	2001 – 2003	The SIBIS project developed information society indicators to enable the benchmarking of progress in EU Member States. For more information, visit: http://www.sibis-eu.org/
Vital Outcome Indicators for Community Engagement (VOICE)	Canada – Northern Manitoba	2011 – 2015	The VOICE Research Project investigates six areas of activities. They are: capacity building of communities and individuals, development of community-based indicators of success, support for and/or development of success pathways, evaluation of success pathways, knowledge mobilization, and sustainability activities. For more information, visit: www.voiceresearchproject.ca
IMPACT-EV	Europe	2014 – 2017	The IMPACT-EV project designed to develop a permanent system of selection, monitoring and evaluation of the various impacts of Social Sciences and the Humanities research. For more information, visit: http://impact-ev.eu/about/
ComNet Project	Europe	2007 – 2009	The main aim of ComNet is to increase the quality of European networks and networking activities in education through developing, testing and delivering a training course and learning materials on networking skills and competences for successfully planning and implementing networks in adult education. For more information, visit: http://www.networks-in-education.eu/



6 Open Access Repositories

Table 5

Open Access Repositories

Repository	Location	Description
Northumbria Research Link	United Kingdom	Northumbria Research Link is an open access repository of Northumbria University's research output. For more information, visit: http://nrl.northumbria.ac.uk/
OpenEdition	France	OpenEdition is an electronic resource portal in humanities and social sciences. For more information, visit: http://www.openedition.org/?lang=en
Gateway to Research	United Kingdom	The Gateway to Research repository allows users to search and analyze information about publically funded research in the United Kingdom. For more information, visit: http://gtr.rcuk.ac.uk/resources/about.html
White Rose Research Online	United Kingdom	White Rose Research Online is an open access repository which houses research outputs from the Universities of Leeds, Sheffield and York. For more information, visit: http://eprints.whiterose.ac.uk



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