

SATORI dialogue event
Stakeholders views on
Ethical Assessment of Research and Innovation

October 12th to 14th, 2016,
UNI - Ente Italiano Normazione (Italian Standard Body), Milano

Addressing ethics principles and laws is an essential part of the Research and Innovation (R&I) process, in a variety of fields ranging from biomedicine, technologies and engineering, natural sciences, environmental sciences and humanities.

Science, engineering and innovation are faced increasingly with challenging questions such as misconducts, research(er) integrity, the respect of human subjects and animals in research, protection of privacy and civil rights, responsible product design, responsibility for health and environmental impacts.

Societal actors, as well as the policy makers and the business and research community, are increasingly conscious of these aspects, and their demand to researchers and innovators for high ethical standards is raising.

The SATORI Project, one of largest on-going EU projects on ethics, over the past two years has undertaken an in-depth analysis and consultation of stakeholders on ethics assessment practices in Europe and worldwide. This activity is giving insights for the preparation of a framework of principles, procedures and operative goals to support ethical assessment of R&I. The term ethics assessment is used in its broadest sense, and the project brings together two existing traditions in ethics: *research ethics* and *technology ethics*. Special attention is paid to ethical issues related to societal, health, and environmental impacts of R&I.

To further explore this matter, we would like to invite you to participate **in two back-to-back workshops** aiming to:

- *Present the approach and mid-term results of the Satori Project*
- *Investigate views of stakeholders on ethics assessment practices*
- *Discuss ways for identifying and measuring the value and benefit generated by ethics assessment*
- *Illustrate and discuss the Satori draft model/framework for taking into account ethical issues related to impacts of Research and Innovation (Ethical Impact Assessment)*
- *Foster a dialogue amongst different fields, disciplines and actors on ethics in R&I*

On **October 12th and 13th**, we want to publicly presents results of Satori, and guide interactive discussions between experts in (ethics) assessments in various areas (biomed, environment, technology, etc.) and stakeholders (researchers, business, civil society organizations, policy makers, citizens) about **understanding and measuring the value generated by ethics assessment**. Specific methodologies developed by Satori will be proposed for discussion.

These inputs will contribute to the **workshop on the 14th**, when a draft framework for **Ethical Impact Assessment (EIA)** will be discussed in an interactive way, through case studies and simulations. EIA is a method of doing R&I responsibly, by taking into account ethical issues associated with potential impacts of the R&I activity. The framework provides a novel approach to consider and perform EIA. We want your opinion on the usability and completeness of the protocol we are building. We will also discuss the standardization protocol we are implementing at international level.

The October 14th workshop is restricted to experts on ethics assessment, as their insights and experiences are key and will contribute greatly to creating viable and useful models.

Who should attend

Experts working on ethics assessment in different areas (research & technology ethics, civil and human rights, data protection and privacy, environment, social responsibility, etc.), Research organizations, Industry, Civil Society Organizations, standard and certification organizations, non-governmental and civil society organization (e.g. environmental org. and consumer groups).

Organization

VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd (VTT), Italian Association for Industrial Research (AIRI), European Union of Science Journalists Association (EUSJA) and the Satori project, in partnership with the Italian Standard Body.

Information

- *Workshop: Understanding & measuring the value generated by ethics assessment*
Oct 12th (afternoon), 13th (all day)– advanced registration required
Info: Andrea Porcari (AIRI) – info@airi.it
- *Workshop: A framework for Ethical Impact Assessment*
Oct 14th (all day) - invitation only
Info: Daniela Ovadia (EUSJA) - daniela.ovadia@gmail.com

Venue

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