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Science Foundation Ireland
 https://www.sfi.ie/funding/award-management/research-impact/

- SFI defines impact as the "demonstrable contribution that excellent research makes to society and the economy" SFI classifies the impacts of scientific research according to 8 pillars which are underpinned by 3 thematic areas

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For discussion:

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