



Evaluation of societal impact and usefulness of research and education

One of the main objective of the NextFood project is to deliver tool for evaluating peer-reviewed output of practice-oriented research and education. In order to develop such a framework to measure performance of practice-oriented research outputs focusing on sustainability (ecological, economic, social) and practical usefulness rather than on their scientific character, and to find ways that boost the incentives for interactive innovation, multi-stakeholder approaches and practice-oriented research we first provide a review insight on the current state-of-the-art.

NextFood project aims to close the gap between university education and agriculture and forestry practice by applying cyclical learning approaches, action research and education, and knowledge co-creation. We thus provide a review on development and different approaches to action research and education which summarizes recent trends in this field. This requires a holistic approach to education with regard to learning contents, teaching methods, cultural and social dimensions of the learning environment.

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Our literature search has provided following key findings which should be retained when designing above mentioned peer-review evaluation tool.

- ***Ex-ante evaluation should be preferred to ex-post evaluation***
 - ***Constructivistic assessment approach should be prioritized to positivistic assesment approach***
 - ***Social impact performance and sustainability of action research and education should be considered as a cornerstone for evaluation tool of practice oriented***
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The results of the review will be used for the development of a new framework for the assessment of applied research and education.

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