

Protect, prepare and transform Europe – Build forward better

15th December
at 10am-12pm CET



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ESIR Final Event

“Protect, prepare and transform Europe – Build forward better” ESIR virtual seminar”

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Online Event

This event will provide an opportunity to take stock and discuss the work of the [High-Level Expert Group on “The Economic and Societal Impact of Research and Innovation” \(ESIR\)](#), which it has produced since its establishment two years ago. The ESIR Group has been providing evidence-based policy advice to the Commission on how to develop a forward-looking and transformative R&I policy.

Established shortly before the Covid-19 outbreak, the ESIR Group has offered stimulating inputs on how to chart our way from the crisis and leverage R&I to facilitate the twin digital and green transitions, boost Europe’s competitiveness and promote crisis preparedness. Its “protect-prepare-transform” vision makes a strong case for a powerful transformative R&I policy in a post-pandemic world that can enable and accelerate the transformations of our economies and societies and support a just recovery.

AGENDA 15 December 2021

- 10h00 **Opening remarks** – **Jean-Eric Paquet**, Director-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission
- 10h10 **Build forward better** – **Sandrine Dixson-Declève**, Chair ESIR and Co-President Club of Rome
- 10h20 **Protect & Prepare** – **Kirsten Dunlop**, ESIR expert and CEO, Climate-KIC
- 10h35 **Discussion: Nicole Grobert**, Chair of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors to the European Commission
- 10h50 **Q&A from the audience through Slido**
- 11h05 **Transform: Industry 5.0** – **Andrea Renda**, ESIR expert and Senior Research Fellow and Head of Global Governance, Regulation, Innovation & Digital Economy, CEPS
- 11h20 **Discussion: Maria Demertzis**, Deputy Director, Bruegel
- 11h35 **Q&A from the audience through Slido**
- 11h45 **Conclusions** – **Julien Guerrier**, Director Common Policy Centre, Director-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission