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The ESS is a rigorous comparative biennial survey of changing attitudes and values in up to 34 European countries. With other members of the CST, he was awarded the Descartes Prize in 2005 for 'excellence in collaborative scientific research'. In 2016 the ESS was declared to be a landmark infrastructure by the European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures in Europe (ESFRI). There are just over 180,000 registered users of the ESS data and almost 5500 publications using the data available online.

He has also coordinated a number of H2020 awards. This included two grants to promote the sustainability of the ESS and another - SERISS - which supported pan-social science infrastructure collaboration in Europe. Rory is also an Associate Editor of the Survey Research Methods Journal. He has published on survey non-response, web panels, questionnaire design and pre-testing.