future specific studies will aim to further empirically verify the approach, extending the application to functions of impact with *n* (real) variables in order to improve the SIIN, increasing the precision of the description of the effects and the possibility of generalisation of the tool for measuring technological change and technological forecasting. The path will be arduous and long, since the analysis and measurement of the complex variables of technological change cannot be traced to a single topic, but these difficulties represent a challenge to be taken up.

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