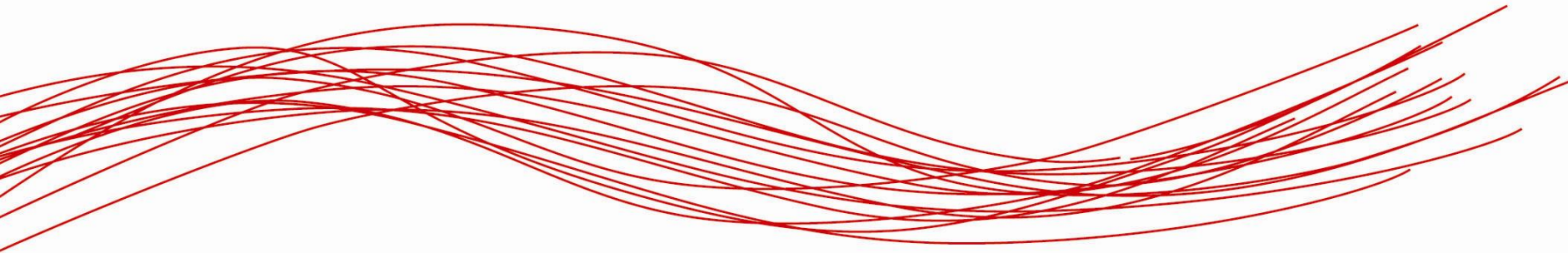


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# **European Forward Looking Activities**



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# Why Forward looking activities?

- To advise on the main changes that the World and Europe will have to face in the next decades – cf. cooperation between RTD and BEPA
- To tackle the current EU long-term challenges such as ageing, globalisation, infrastructure, energy transition and climate change
- To identify clues of potential future societal challenges
- To provide quantified inputs, reflexion and imaginative thoughts to EU policy-makers

# EU Forward looking activities

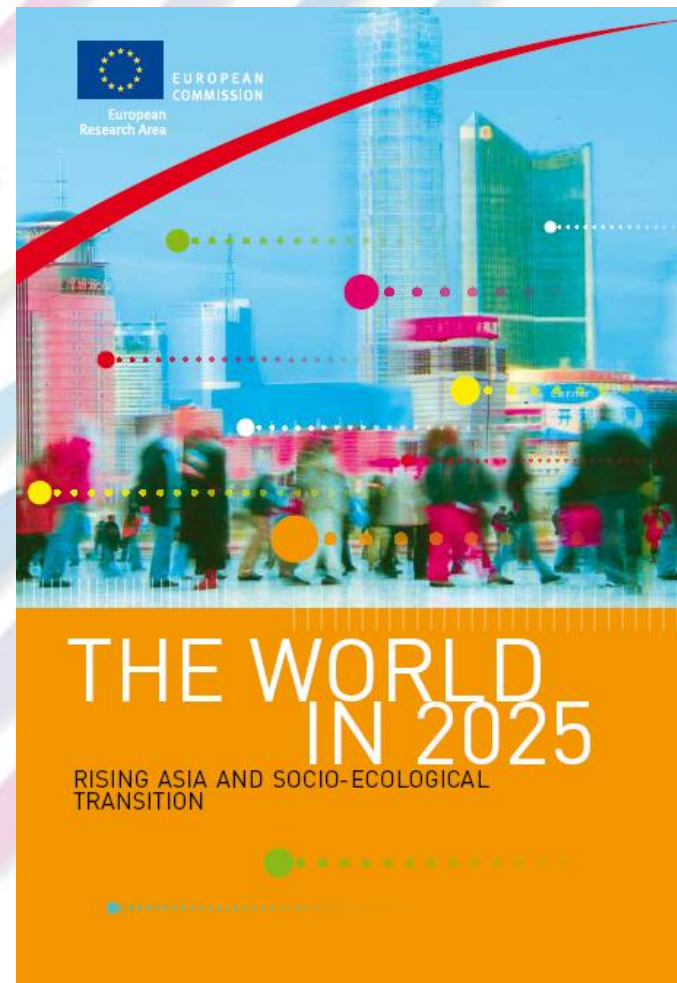
- **EU tradition to have a long-term view, planning and assessment of technologies**
  - Commission: Cellule de Prospective, Financial perspectives, DG Research (FP7, SSH programme)
  - EP: Scientific Technology Options Assessment
  - Council: Joint Programming and Forward looking activities
- **Forward-looking studies aim to concretely inspire EU policies (cf. Europe 2020 Strategy)**
- **See « The World in 2025 » presented and discussed by the European Commission, EU Ministers and MEP**

# EU FLA - Research projects

- **Science, technology and innovation (FARHORIZON, INFU, SESTI)**
- **Participative horizon scanning (CIVISTI)**
- **Wild cards and weak signals (IKNOW)**
- **Security and defence (SANDERA)**
- **The World and Europe in 2030 (AUGUR)**
- **European Foresight Platform (EFP)**
- **The future of the Mediterranean area (MEDPRO)**
- **The evaluation of EU policies (DEMETER)**
- **Post carbon society (PACT, GILDED, PASHMINA)**

# EU FLA - The World in 2025

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/>



# **Anticipate the grand challenges supporting priority-setting**

- **Do not stick only to methodology issues**
- **Do not focus exclusively on the « process »**
- **Do not exclude « non participatory » approaches**
  
- **Present results of FLA exercises in a clear way (“Policy brief”)**
- **Go beyond the « Foresight community »**
- **Visions and stories but also techno-economic problems to solve**



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# Conclusions

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