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THINKING, DEBATING AND SHAPING THE FUTURE

The European Foresight Platform comprises the following activities:

- Raising awareness of foresight and other forward looking activities as strategic policy instruments
- Providing and updating a knowledge sharing platform for practitioners and newcomers
- Profiling of foresight and related activities and experts
- Discussion forum for new activities, approaches, methods, and outcomes
- Providing support to policy makers, foresight practitioners and a wider audience interested in foresight and forward looking studies



WHAT WE WANT TO DO UNTIL 2012

Mapping of foresight exercises in Europe and beyond to create a comprehensive data set for empirical analysis on various types of activities, methods, customers, countries, clients, results etc. This database will be accessible for the EFP foresight community. We invite all practitioners to provide us with data on their activities.



Foresight Briefs, aiming to provide in a storyline an overview of the methodology, the results and the impacts of important foresight initiatives as well as the most important forward looking studies.

Novel and established mechanisms for the *good practice information platform* will help building on a combination of up-to-date material, case-studies and workshops on policy-oriented foresight methodologies based on the former ForLearn platform.

Policy Support through the organisation of paired national and European policy workshops on key European challenges, supported by standardised procedures and support material. If you want to organize a foresight process in your country we will provide input and advice.

EFP website will be a central tool to connect network partners to each other and to create the EFP community. We invite you to become a correspondent and to present your profile on the EFM website so others can profit from your expertise and your publications.

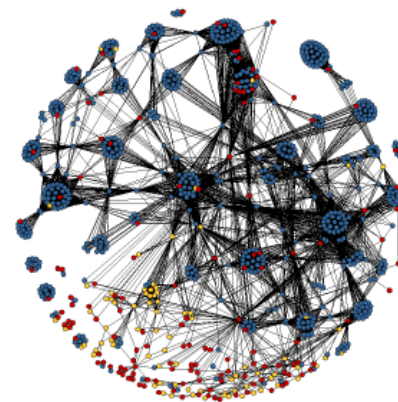
Besides the website, additional measures of *Community Building* will be launched, starting with the official Kick off in 2010 and a Correspondents' day in 2012. Between those milestones we will organize several expert workshops and we will be present at key foresight events around Europe.

THE NEED FOR A FORESIGHT NETWORK

Over the past years, a growing need for forward-looking expertise and foresight has been recognised in Europe and worldwide, as expressed in the growing number of foresight initiatives in a broad range of domains. At European policy level, this development has been reinforced by a range of new policy initiatives that require a clearer vision of the future as well as enhanced cooperation between different policy areas and policy levels.

Apart from dedicated foresight initiatives, forward-looking elements have been integrated in several ERA-Nets and Technology Platforms (e.g. in the form of technology roadmaps), and as diverse policy areas as agricultural policy and energy policy have embarked upon initiatives to better coordinate sectoral policy needs and research agendas, both at national and European level.

With the growing importance of foresight as a policy support mechanism, both in the public and the private sector, the requirements that a European foresight network should fulfil, have changed. Apart from providing a unique central access point to foresight knowledge, there is in particular a growing need to inter-connect information on other existing networks in that area and to enhance the exchange of practices and experiences among practitioners and users.



WORLDWIDE NETWORK PARTNERS OF EFP INCLUDE

- Eurasian Virtual Centre of Technology Foresight (EVC) in cooperation with UNIDO <http://www.unido.org/index.php?id=5681>
- FORwiki-IC in Romania www.q-edu2025.ro
- VDI-Technology Centre in Germany <http://www.vditz.de>
- MIRA Inconet in the Mediterranean www.miraproject.eu
- APEC Centre for Technology Foresight in Asia <http://www.nstda.or.th/apectf>

We welcome the membership of additional network partners.

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