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Dear Foresight and Forward-looking Expert,

We have **very good News** to share with you!

With kind regards,

The European Foresight Platform (EFP) Team
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- News 1

From EFMN and FOR-LEARN to EFP

We would like to inform you that the European Foresight Monitoring Network (**EFMN**) and the **FOR-LEARN** On-line Foresight Guide are being integrated into the new website "**EFP** - European Foresight Platform – supporting forward looking decision making" (2009-2012).

- The new website can be found at <http://www.foresightplatform.eu/> and will be continuously extended with interactive features and the integration of the FOR-LEARN content is already under progress. You can already find information about the project, tagged and categorized first foresight briefs as well as profiles of the consortium and members at the website.
- The new EFP Consortium consists of:
 - AIT: Austrian Institute of Technology (Austria) - **Coordinator**
 - JRC-IPTS: Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (EC - JRC)
 - TNO (The Netherlands)
 - University of Manchester: PREST/MIoIR (United Kingdom)

If you wish to receive further information about the EFP, please contact the EFP Project leader **Susanne Giesecke** at Susanne.Giesecke@ait.ac.at

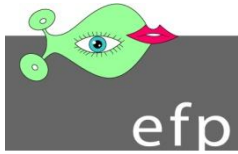
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Mapping Foresight: Revealing how Europe and other world regions navigate into the future

We are also glad to inform you that the European Commission has recently made public the Mapping Foresight report. This report is the first systematic and comprehensive effort aimed to scan and analyse over 2000 foresight experiences in Europe and the rest of the world. The mapping work has also been used to produce academic publications which have already received **two Emerald Literati Network Awards:**

- [How are foresight methods selected?](#) (Outstanding Paper Award)
- [Comparing foresight 'style' in six world regions](#) (Highly Commended Paper)



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Following these successes, the Mapping activities will be further developed in the new European Foresight Platform (**EFP**). To do so, the University of Manchester is currently developing a virtual Mapping Environment aimed to create a more robust and interactive Mapping and Knowledge Sharing platform for foresight and forward-looking activities. If you would like to know more about EFP Mapping activities or if wish to incorporate your recently completed and ongoing projects into our database, please contact the EFP Mapping leader **Rafael Popper** at rafael.popper@manchester.ac.uk

[Click here](#) to download the **Mapping Foresight report** (7.71 MB)

[Click here](#) to read a **Short Overview with access to the Report**

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Briefs

With the help and active contribution of experts within the international foresight community, one of the tasks of the former EFMN network was the production of Foresight briefs. These are short descriptions of interesting, recent, or ongoing foresight exercises and forward looking studies. The briefs were published in two volumes: Part 1 included 120 brief and Part 2 consisted of 40 briefs. The promotion of Brief production had a large success since they proved to be a very useful information and dissemination tool addressed not only to the Foresight community but also to policy-makers. If you wish to receive information about the EFP Briefs strategy, please contact the EFP Briefs leader **Susanne Giesecke** at Susanne.Giesecke@ait.ac.at

[Click here](#) to download the **Briefs report - Part 1** (5.70 MB)

[Click here](#) to download the **Briefs report - Part 2** (6.12 MB)

Briefs published under the auspices of EFP have just been uploaded. The first ten Briefs can be downloaded from this website:

- <http://ipg.ict.tno.nl/wordpress/efp/foresight-briefs/>

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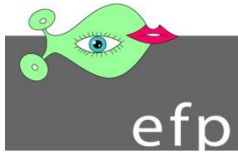
- If you wish to make a proposal for writing an EFP Brief, please fill out the proposal template available at the same website and send it to Susanne.Giesecke@ait.ac.at

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- **Annual EFP Briefs Award**

- The EFP will award a prize for the most inspiring EFP Brief by a member of the EFP community at annual basis. Every EFP brief will automatically take part in the selection procedure. Authors do not have to apply separately. The prize will be the paid trip to an annual EFP event and coverage of the hotel costs. The winner will be introduced at the EFP event and her/his Brief will get special attention. More



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information will be announced at the EFP kick-off in Vienna (see below) and on the EFP web site after the event.

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Upcoming Event

- Forward looking approaches aim at building shared visions of the future European challenges and evaluating the impacts of alternative policies. Foresight combines qualitative and participatory methods with quantitative and operational method such as Forecast to support better long-term policies - such as those in regard to the European research and innovation policies. Continuing the tradition of EFMN "Correspondents' Days", the EFP team invites practitioners of foresight and forward looking studies to participate in our kick-off next month:

- Foresight and Forward Looking Activities -

- Exploring New European Perspectives

- at the **French Cultural Institute in Vienna**

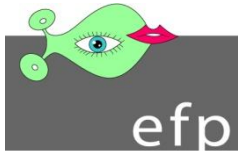
- The preliminary program can be downloaded from the EFP website <http://ipg.ict.tno.nl/wordpress/efp/2010/05/06/foresight-and-forward-looking-activities-exploring-new-european-perspectives/>

- For further information and registration please contact Gabi Schön:
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EFP Policy Support and Workshops

- The ultimate purpose of EFP is to better exploit foresight and forward looking methodologies and related impacts as resources to support policy-making in Europe. EFP will become an evolving web-based information platform which will disseminate foresight and forward looking good practices by linking evolving methodological aspects to an ever growing database of cases and exercises at local, regional, national and transnational levels covering all sectors of the economy as well as societal issues.
- The information platform will be used in a series of national and European policy workshops, geared towards major future challenges for Europe. A total of four to five European-level workshops will be organised under the lead of EFP on specific issues of major interest to EU policy clients (e.g. DGs). Four further national-level workshops will be organised in collaboration with and under the lead of national partners, i.e. correspondents and partner networks.



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- The first EU policy and national workshops are planned for November - December 2010.
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- **EFMN Special Issue Analysis on healthcare**

The "issue analysis" on 'Healthy ageing and the future of public healthcare systems' was produced by VDI and TNO as part of EFMN activities aimed at identifying and analysing "key emerging issues" which are relevant for European future S&T policies. With a focus on public health systems, the EFMN Issue Analysis 2008 addressed a topic of high importance in foresight activities at national or regional level. Future challenges, such as an ageing population call for reforms of public health systems that exceed national borders.

[Click here](#) if you want to download the **Issue Analysis report** (6.33 MB)

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- **EFMN Final Report**

This report is the concluding report of the European Foresight Monitoring Network. After 4 years of activity, the report provides you with a concise overview of the backgrounds and organization of the EFMN. It gives you a more detailed insight in how the organization of work and network development evolved. It shows the results of the Mapping, Issue analysis, Briefs production and Dissemination, being the main activities of the network.

[Click here](#) to download the **EFMN Project report** (5.70 MB)