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This is the first edition of the EFP newsletter distributed via the European Foresight Platform to registered users. In the second issue of the EFP newsletter we inform you on

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## 1. EFP European policy workshop on 'Active and Healthy Ageing- a long term View'

On Monday, 31st January 2011 the first European Foresight Platform (EFP) European Policy Workshop took place in Brussels, focusing on "Active and healthy ageing - a long-term view" in support of the pilot European Innovation Partnership in the field of active and healthy ageing. The workshop participants, among them medical and health experts, industry representatives, researchers and consultants have been working in working groups focussing on the following topics: (1) "Users, products & service design", (2) "Research on Ageing as such", (3) "Work" and (4) "Health Care Delivery".

Discussion results and further information can be found on the [EFP website](#).

## 2. Workshop "Technology and Services in the Age of Demographic Change"

A complementary policy workshop at national level will be held in Germany in cooperation with the Institute for social research and social economy (ISO), Saarbrücken. The workshop entitled "**Technology and Services in the Age of Demographic Change**" takes place **March 30**, in **Berlin**. The audience will be comprised of scientists and practitioners from more than 80 research projects whose major focus is to develop new technologies and services supporting the elderly and other physically impaired people to live independently and safe in their own homes. This research cluster is thematically related to the Ambient Assisted Living initiative of the European Commission und supported by the Federal German Ministry for Education and Research. The policy workshop will take an interactive approach for identifying future challenges the German

society is confronted with related to demographic change and future research priorities that arise from these challenges.

A summary of the results from this workshop will soon be presented on the EFP website.

### **3. Call for briefs**

Since its implementation the foresight brief database is proving to be a useful information and dissemination tool, not only to the Foresight community, but also to policy-makers. You will find the former EFMN briefs as well as new EFP briefs in our online database at your disposal. In a next step the search and tagging functions will be upgraded to facilitate information retrieval and queries. If you want to promote your forward-looking activity and display your example in the EFP online database, just send us a description of your project. To propose an EFP brief, please fill out the [proposal template](#) available at the EFP website. We are looking forward to your contribution! In the meantime, have a look at the [published briefs](#) on the EFP Website. All briefs are tagged according to a set of categories relevant for the analysis of European foresight activity. The tags are displayed in form of a word cloud and can also be filtered by the search function on the website.

To receive information about the EFP briefs strategy, please contact the EFP briefs leader [Susanne Giesecke](#).

### **4. Foresight community**

So far 200 interested persons joined the online foresight community by registering at the EFP website. We are still in the process of improving our website according to the requirements of our community. The site already features a community platform with (optional) profile information and the possibility to send messages to other community members. Currently we are working on the implementation of the community forum, which will be fully functioning by the end of April. The forum will provide the space for our online community members to discuss latest issues and future topics. If you have not registered yet, you can [register for free on the EFP website](#). (To avoid the possibility of being deleted as "spam bot", we would advise you to use a display name (nickname) and e-mail address that looks rather human than computer-generated – this will also make a more professional impression.)

Currently the registration function is closed, due to problems with "spam bots". So we kindly ask you to register via sending an e-mail to [Joachim Klerx](#) or [Dana Wasserbacher](#).

### **5. Yeditepe International Research Conference on Foresight and Futures**

A review of journals in the field(s) of Foresight and Futures Studies point to a tension in the relationship between Foresight and Futures theory and practice. Whether to treat "Foresight studies" and "Futures studies" as two different fields, or to treat them as one field and write "Foresight and Futures Studies" is probably a matter of debate among the researchers. Interested individuals from academic (economics, management, political science, engineering) and business worlds are invited to come together to discuss and communicate on challenging problems related to theory building in Foresight and Future Studies within the historic and mystic environment of

Istanbul. The Yeditepe International Research Conference on Foresight and Futures takes place from **August 24 to 26, 2011**.

For further information and registration please visit the [conference website](#).

## 6. FTA 2011 Conference

The 4th edition of the International Seville Conference on Future-Oriented Technology Analysis (FTA) focuses on the need and potential of FTA to address disruptive transformations in response to grand societal challenges. FTA offers policy and decision makers the potential to look across such transformations, enabling governments and other organisations to become more adaptive and capable of enacting systemic change. The Conference will take place from **12 to 13 May 2011** at the European Commission Directorate General Joint Research Centre – Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (JRC-IPTS), Seville, Spain.

For further information and conference registration please visit the [conference website](#).