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

1. [Report from the 2nd EFP European Policy Workshop "Screening of urban foresight activities – JPI Urban Europe 2050+", April 28, 2011](#)
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1. JPI Urban Europe 2050+ Workshop

The 2nd EFP policy workshop on "Screening of Urban Foresight activities with a time horizon of 30+ years. What can we learn for the Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe 2050+" was held April 28, 2011 in Brussels. The workshop aimed to provide support to the Joint Programming Initiative – Urban Europe (JPI-UE) in the preparation of forward looking activities which play a major role for providing substantial new insights into urban requirements and developments, developing urban scenarios and contributing to a long-term research agenda.

The background paper and presentations can be found on the [EFP website](#).

2. National EFP Policy Workshop "Technology and Services in the Age of Demographic Change", March 30, 2011

The Berlin Policy Workshop was part of the German Education and Research Ministry's funding program on "[Technology and Services in the Wake of Demographic Change](#)". The representatives of 16 funded research clusters, of the funding management organisation and some stakeholders from the context of Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) participated in this workshop on March 30, 2011 to discuss the challenges that demographic change is posing to new service innovation. The workshop was organized and moderated by the ISO Institute Saarbrücken, Germany in cooperation with the core team of the European Foresight Platform (EFP). The Berlin workshop

was the national equivalent to the European level policy EFP workshop on active and healthy aging that took place on January 31, 2011 in Brussels.

The EFP policy brief and the introductory presentation can be downloaded on the [EFP website](#).

3. Website update: EFP brief filter function, forum and news section

We are constantly working on improvements on the EFP website and we usually do not communicate these improvements. However this time we would like to draw your attention to some major improvements on core elements on the web site:

1. With the brief filter function on [the EFP briefs page](#) the brief list can now be filtered by categories and tags. The categories like fp7 subjects, geography and others are filtered with a drop down menu. The tags filter works with the tag cloud in the side bar. By clicking on a tag term in the cloud, the briefs are filtered by this tag.
2. In the community section a [forum](#) was integrated to support “informal” communication in the community. If you know about or even coordinate a foresight or similar conference please take the chance to post this in the forum. We will take this up and make it public to the whole community and you will get increased attention. The same applies to foresight reports. If you have a report or an abstract, which is open for publication, we kindly ask you to post this in the forum and we will make it available on the site.
3. Finally, we developed in the press section a [media screening](#) for foresight projects. Please take a look and if you find something interesting for further discussion, please post this in the forum. The best discussion will then be available on the front page with your user name.

One open task for us is, that communication in the community would be much easier, if the members of the community find some information about each other in the personal profile. In summer we will change the visibility of some parts of the site to registered user only and we hope, that more user will decide to update their profile in a way, that other registered user can learn something about each other. You can increase reputation, when the other knows something about you and they will learn this from your profile description, please consider to complete this.

4. Is your foresight exercise not represented as a brief on the EFP website yet?

Use the occasion and disseminate your interesting forward looking project to a widespread audience of practitioners, academics and other interested readers from the European Commission, the European Parliament, national ministries, universities and other research organisations, NGOs and international audiences such as the UNIDO. Readers of EFP briefs come from all over the world and like to learn more about your experience. Please share your knowledge with us and send a brief to [Susanne Giesecke](#). You can find the template for EFP briefs [here](#).

The new filter function will make it easy for the EFP Community to find the briefs of their interests, e.g. by looking for a special topic or country.

5. Latest EFP foresight briefs: The FARHORIZON project and methodological aspects of foresight

The latest EFP foresight briefs cluster around two topics: the EC's FarHorizon project and foresight methodology. FarHorizon is one of six projects funded by the European Commission to promote "blue sky" research on emerging issues affecting European science and technology. The four EFP briefs [176](#), [178](#), [181](#) and the latest no. [182](#) "[The Future of European Innovation Policy](#)" give an overview of the four selected areas within the FarHorizon project. Regarding foresight methodology the EFP brief no. [175](#) summarizes the Innovation Futures (INFU) project, which deals with the emergence of new innovation patterns, such as open innovation, user innovation, community innovation, social innovation and design innovation. The EFP brief no. [179](#) is facing Europe's future in respect to global challenges, whereas brief no. [180](#) focuses on the analysis of the Millennium projects' future research methodology in order to make it more meaning- and useful for foresight practitioners and users in general.

To download the latest briefs and to browse through the EFP brief database please visit the [EFP website](#).