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# EFP Policy Support Approaches

Exchange of further thoughts

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## Aligning needs of policy-makers and EFP policy support activities


- What is the right target group for the policy support activities?
  - Policy-makers: target group for the results?
  - How to identify the proper policy-makers for specific issues?
  - Industry, scientists, NGOs can be domain experts and stakeholders: what is their role?
  - What is the right mix of participants / audience? Does everyone understand its role?
- What do policy-makers want to learn from the policy support approaches? Insights in challenges or issues, finding solutions, assessment of solutions, or something else?




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- How will policy-makers use the EFP intelligence?
  - How to align policy objectives, the rationale of the policy-making process with the added value generated from forward-looking activities?
- Should EFP be more reactive (answering policy questions) or more proactive (bring in new questions) or try to balance both?
- Should EFP suggested accompanying measures to implement the policy issues / options / recommendations that result form the policy support activities?



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## Position of EFP in the foresight world

- What are the objectives of community building?
  - Bringing together different expertise, pool of experts, public relations, supporting preparations of policy support activities?
- Which participants should be involved in the community: foresight and forecast experts, policy-makers, industry, scientists, NGOs?
  - What is the right mix?
- What institutions should be involved?
  - WFUNA Millenium Project, World Future Society, IPT, EC institutions, research organisations, industry, political parties and their scientific bureaus, NGOs?
- What regions should be included?



- How can EFP distinguish itself from other foresight-related networks?
  - Metaplatform / Network of Network (not topic specific)
  - Foresight-to-Policy and Policy-to-Foresight?
  - Wide range of expertise and interests
  - Neutrality through diversity?
- What other policy support activities could be organised by EFP?
  - Fitting the objectives of EFP
  - Feasibility studies and assessment studies?
  - Challenge workshops?
- Life after EFP