

EFP Policy Support Approaches

How to use the EFP in policy support?

*Description of the methodological approach
and framework to provide foresight information
and support to policy-makers and practitioners*



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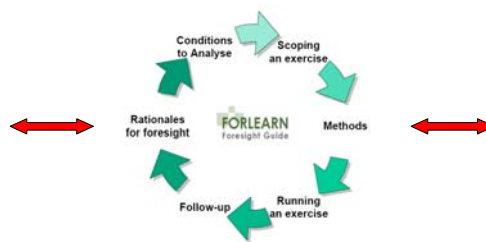
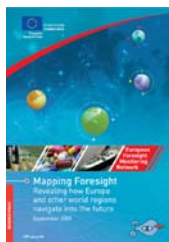


The “EFP European Foresight Platform – supporting forward-looking decision making” aims at

- **consolidating the knowledge base on foresight and forward looking activities (FLA) in Europe and internationally**
- **creating a unique knowledge hub for foresight-related information to facilitate European foresight and forward looking exercises**
- **better exploiting foresight as a resource from different expert-perspectives to support policy-making and to become an evolving web-based information platform which disseminates foresight and forward looking good practice**

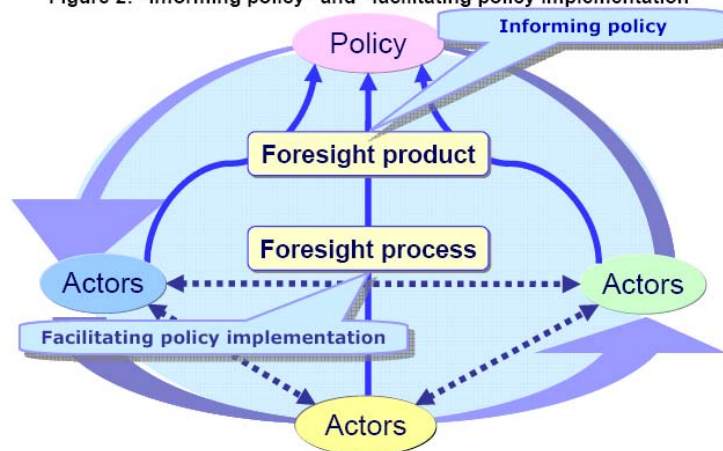
EFP providing foresight and forward looking information

- Online Foresight Guide interconnected with case studies
- describing how to apply foresight and FLA in policy development with different methods
- supporting policy-making to identify the key policy issues related to future grand challenges



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Figure 2: “informing policy” and “facilitating policy implementation”



EFP assessing the opinions in online surveys and forum

- **Wide community of foresight and forward looking practitioners, among them all brief correspondents, will be united under EFP**
- **Assess online their opinions on specific issues and of other experts as well as of stakeholders**



EFP disseminating foresight & forward looking good practice

- **Dissemination of accurate and up-to-date information with focus on good practices to enhance the perceived impact of foresight and FLA on policy-making**
- **Selection criteria for good practices will consider**
 - usability of foresight or forward looking approach
 - efficiency
 - effectiveness
 - impacts on policy-making
- **Follow-up assessments of submitted briefs will be conducted on the lessons learned**

EFP Policy Support Approaches in discussion...

- **Community-building: What expertise is wanted by policy-makers? Which institutions could be interesting? Which regions are of interest?**
- **Foresight brief production: Which specific topics are of interest to policy-makers to be presented in a brief?**
- **Foresight mapping: What topics would you like to have mapped?**
- **What kind of forward-looking intelligence do policy-makers need / want?**
- **How to align policy objectives, the rationale of policy-making process with added value generated from FLA?**

Different Entry Points for different Actors

How EFP can be used for:

- **Policy-Makers** (good practice databank, successful cases, evaluation of impacts, etc.).
- **Practitioners** (foresight cycle, methodology, thematic foresight, experiences, etc.).
- **Newcomers** (online-guidance through foresight cycle, training, etc.).

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Exchange further thoughts to refine the policy support approaches and draw conclusions for the subsequent implementation of the foresight framework given in the EFP Manual for Policy Support