

Grand Challenges and Foresight in EFP

Healthy Ageing – Urban Europe – Smart Mobility

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Grand Challenges in EFP – how we addressed them

- Policy workshops at European and national level
- To cross-fertilize ideas by discussing insights on grand challenges from foresight studies
- To support policy-makers in preparing strategic responses to grand challenges
- 3 topics: ***Active and Healthy Ageing, Urban Europe, Smart Mobility***

The workshops

- Supporting the preparations of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and healthy ageing
- Supporting JPI Urban Europe in the preparation of forward looking activities
- Brainstorming and assessment of suggestions to tackle the challenges
- Feasibility, desirability and identifying potential fostering and hindering factors.
- Listing policy requirements, a timeline for realisation and the level of policy action
- Contributing to a long-term research agenda with a time horizon of 2050+.

Some cross-cutting insights

- Topics addressed share 3 major trends and many policy areas:
 - This requires policy coordination!
- Better understanding needed of human behaviour, social practices, socio-economic issues in relation to grand challenges
 - Research efforts needed also in social innovation
 - Effective policy mix: incentives schemes and regulatory push
 - Stimulate quadruple helix

Some cross-cutting insights

- Key technology enabler: ICTs
 - Will ICT deliver on its promise
 - Dependency of society on ICTs? -> security and reliability
- Risk of exclusion and difficult accessibility
- Assumptions about citizens behaviour, capabilities and needs
- Involve younger generations in foresight
- Countertrend: regionalisation

Some hints for policy

- Smart incentive schemes combined with regulatory push
- Setting framework conditions
- Stimulating cross-sector innovation
- Coordinating among various policy areas
- Supporting research in social innovation, introducing user perspective

More information

- All workshop reports and presentations are available at:

<http://www.foresight-platform.eu>

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