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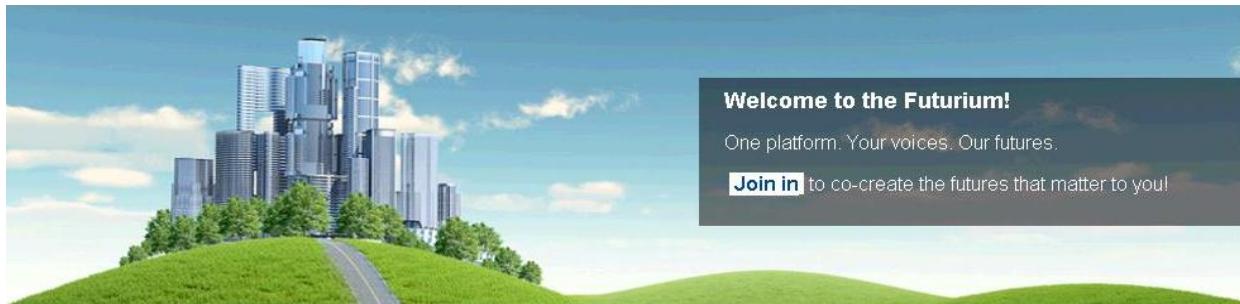
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This is the seventh edition of the EFP newsletter. In this issue we will inform about:

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1. [Futurium](#)



[Futurium](#) is an experimental online platform combining the informal character of a social network with the methodological approach of foresight to engage stakeholders in the co-creation of futures and policy ideas that matter to them. It plays a major role in the realization of the [Digital Futures](#) project.

To date, the platform features more than 100 so-called ‘futures’ (visions of the future in a specific domain), that are underpinned by almost 1500 library entries (scientific and other articles) that serve as evidence. The Joint Institute for Innovation Policy (JIIP), together with the AIT Austrian Institute of Technology, LL&A and Ramboll, have been tasked to enrich the library and to promote it to the relevant communities.

Futurium is about co-creation. Anyone who is registered on the platform can contribute and comment on entries. The content is there for you to refine and augment with your own views and expertise. We would like to invite you to have a closer look at Futurium, read [existing futures](#), create thought provoking new ones and share ideas for future policies in your area of expertise. Any feedback on how to improve the platform and make it as attractive as possible for a broad audience is more than welcome. We look forward to seeing you on Futurium soon.

2. IFA Summer School – Engaging Foresight

The Summer School in Laxenburg (September, 9-13), was called "Futures Studies and Foresight as an Instrument for Public Engagement in Policy-making for a Complex and Uncertain Future". It was the first working meeting of the representatives of the countries-participants of [International Foresight Academy](#), which unites key organizations conducting Foresight projects on different continents and in different cultural and political contexts. For five days, experts in the field of futures studies got acquainted with a fairly new approach to Foresight, working with experts in the field of education and representatives of development institutes from countries such as Austria, Brazil, Canada, Finland, Latvia, Russia, South Korea, and Switzerland.

Schloss Laxenburg was chosen as a site for intense and creative learning and for the [Foresight Canada](#) expert group on strategic consulting to give lectures. They are guided by two imperatives, which aren't the focus in conventional futures studies, — Foresight in their view is a very personal process which at the same time affects the widest possible public.

They believe in the reflexive engagement approach for experts who are involved in the formation of future scenarios, in other words they should clearly understand their role in the process and through a personal message — inspire, engage other people, who are somehow related to the generated scenarios. The new version of Foresight is not so much about technologies but about their life in society. As the lecturers exemplified in their case studies, the efficient way to develop a recovery strategy for the region implies relying on citizens, who are inspired by a common vision of the future. After such an 'Engaging Foresight' allows residents to recognize their role in the process and give clear signals for development and mobilization.

The IFA Summer School, its lecturers and colleagues was a productive and exciting intellectual dialogue about Foresight 2.0.



3. Arte Futur



Tomorrow starts now – this is the theme of the new domain of the European cultural broadcaster ARTE who is now offering, besides its selection of free-to-view streaming videos on the Internet, an interactive platform to see and discuss the future.

Environmental scandals, financial crisis, overpopulation and conflict – we seem to live in a world full of problems and catastrophe. This provoked Arte to invite its community to talk about finding solutions now – because the future is ours to create. They offer an interactive multimedia collection of pressing issues on environment, society, technology, economy and science on an international scale. In well researched documentaries and articles many of the complex and highly discussed issues of our time find a sphere to go deeper, under the surface, and open a view to an understanding on a European level (in German and French).

4. ISAGA Conference 2014

Gaming simulation methods are growing in importance not only for new ways of learning as a society at large and but for our future. The International Simulation and Gaming Association Conference 2014 in Dornbirn, Austria will therefore bring together people to present state-of-the art developments in the gaming domain, including research, evaluation, facilitation, debriefing and design.

Thematic research sessions and poster presentations will focus on gaming related and academic research as well as analytical science traditions. There will be active gameplay and open space interaction with a focus on gaming as part of an art, craft and design science tradition.

The conference will be a forum for enhancing gaming simulation and related approaches. A wide range of methods including traditional gaming methods such as computer and web-based simulation games, board based games, role-play games, learning games, policy exercises and scenario games etc., as well as new developments in digital games, game-based learning and gamification etc. will be discussed.

5. Present your Foresight Project on EFP

Since the foresight brief database is a useful information and dissemination tool, not only to the Foresight community, but also to policy-makers we want to revisit the call for briefs from the first edition of our newsletter.

The open access [EFP Briefs](#) in our online database gives you an idea not only how widespread the issues of the Community are, even though there is a certain concentration on popular themes in the media, but also who is playing an active role in the various fields.

If you want to promote your forward-looking activity and display your example in the EFP online database, just send us a 4-pages [draft](#) version of your project. We are looking forward to your contribution!

To receive information about the EFP briefs strategy, please contact the EFP briefs editors [Susanne Giesecke](#) or [Julia Parys](#).

6. Upcoming Events

Since we are always looking for new events in the area of foresight and forward-looking activities, feel free to [contact us](#) with interesting conferences, seminars or lectures concerning foresight related issues.

22-24 November, Budapest [Sustainability Jam 2013](#)

24-27 November, Rio de Janeiro [Fórum Mundial de Ciência](#)

3-4 December, Munich [Big Data World Congress](#)

11-13 December, Melbourne [International Doctoral Seminar on Strategic Foresight](#)

12-13 December, Paris [La Prospective Teritoriale](#)



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