Event: Conference

Sharing visions on Europe in 2030:
lessons from comparative approaches of recent foresight exercises

2nd of June 2010, Brussels

AGENDA

VENUE

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FORMAT OF THE CONFERENCE and ADMISSION:

5 sessions plus one round table of conclusions
Morning sessions from 9.30 – 12.45, lunch break on the spot
Afternoon sessions 14.00- 17.30

Free admission after registration with Mrs Delia Visan

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AUDIENCE :

Foresight experts, policy advisers for the European Commission, members of EU Parliament, a public with some expertise and experience with the past and current foresight exercises engaged by the Commission.

Background:

A full bibliography of foresight exercises has already been made available by the EC on the web.

("See http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/reports_en.html )

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9:00 – 9:30       Arrival and registration

9:30               Opening and welcome: Pascal Petit (CNRS, AUGUR)

9:30 - 10:00      Introduction: Pierre Valette (EC DG Research, head of unit L2, Research in the economic, social sciences and humanities - Prospective) and Domenico Rossetti (EC DG Research, Project officer, unit L2): European Forward-looking activities

10:00 – 10:45    1) Demography and migrations:

Migrations are going to be a major unknown at the 2030 horizon and attention should be given to the different magnitudes of refugees caused by climate change, political insecurity or economic insecurity.

**Contributor:** Beets Gijs (The Netherlands University)

**Discussants:** Terry McKinley (London University SOAS, AUGUR) and Mouhoub El Mouhoud (Paris Dauphine, AUGUR)

10:45 - 11:00    Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30    2) Technological changes and research & development strategies

New technological systems may change our worlds (biotechnologies, nanotechnologies, new types of energy, new materials,…). How dividing will these new technological systems be? among and within countries? Much depends on the R&D efforts that will be devoted to these issues, by whom and to which extent?

**Contributors:** Kumi Okuwada, Director of Science and Technology Foresight Center, NISTEP, who has contributed to a recent report on technological foresight; Rémi Barré (CNAM, Paris) - The dynamics of innovation systems and the position of Europe in the world of 2030 - *What do the Foresight studies tell us?*

**Discussants:** Kerstin Cuhls (Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research, Karlsruhe) and Michael Landesmann (WIIW Vienna, AUGUR)

12:30 - 14:00    Lunch break
14:00 - 14:50  3) Natural resources and climate threat:

How reliable are evaluations of depletion and climate threat? To what extent do they depend on prices, on industrial strategies? Which are the main foreseeable technological and behavioral changes, if any, that could release the constraints…Basically we plan to have a survey of most of these issues through a critical review of debates and polemics that occurred along the Copenhagen summit and around the IPCC 2007 report.

Contributor: Jean Charles Hourcade (CIRED, AUGUR)

Discussants: Jari Romanainen (Tekes Director, Finland) and Francis Cripps (Cambridge University, AUGUR)

14:50 - 15:40  4) Defence: new issues and impacts

How are defence issues influencing the development of technologies? To what extent are defence strategies taking into account crises that may follow from various shortages in water supply, in energy, in food? To what extent are they geared by the will to secure access to resources.

Contributor: Andrew James (Manchester Business School), author of a study for the European Defence Agency on the future of the defence industry and technology, and currently, presently leading an FP7 project SANDERA on the future relationship between EU security and defence policies and EU science and technology

Discussants: Thierry Gaudin (President of Prospective 2100 Paris) and John Eatwell (Cambridge University, AUGUR)

15:45 - 16:00  Coffee break

16:00 - 16:50  5) Well Being: its future and status in the political scene of the next decades:

Ways of life are bound to change in a world, where many resources are clearly exhaustible, where frontiers between public and private domains will have to be redesigned, with hybrid forms of collective controls to meet the various environmental and social challenges. Foresight exercises have to take on board how well being will be experienced and accounted for in the future governance of our economies. How can this be done and what insights the current debates on the new indicators of well being are bringing in that respect?

Contributor: Sam Thompson (Centre of Well being of the New Economics Foundation, London)

Discussant: Isabelle Cassiers (Université catholique de Louvain) and Enrico Wolleb (Ismeri Roma, AUGUR)

16:50 - 17:30  6) Round Table: Conclusions for Europe 2020 Strategy and AUGUR project on Europe 2030

Panelists: Robert Boyer (CEPREMAP Paris), Grzegorz W Kolodko (TIGER Kozminski University, Warsaw, AUGUR,) Pascal Canfin (Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, Vice-Chair of Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis) and Pascal Petit (CEPN CNRS Paris, AUGUR)