Session B4

Room: Brookfield, Thursday 9.30-12.15

Horizon Scanning: an instrument for early detection

Chairs: Veenhoff, Sylvia

- Stephan Richter, Tobias Jetzke; VDI/VDE iit, GE

    o Designing, implementing and conducting horizon scanning ·

- Wendy Schulz, Infinite Futures, UK

    o Scanning Styles: Hand-crafted, Crowdsourced, and Automated. Which suits you?

- Niklas Gudowsky (Niklas Gudowsky, Leo Capari, Mahshid Sotoudeh, Helge Torgersen, Michael Nentwich; all Institute of Technology Assessment, Austrian Academy of Sciences, AUT)

    o What is on the horizon for technology assessment·

- Frans Brom, Scientific Council for Government Policy, NL

    o Framing the future; the role of agent-relative expectations of the future in the transfer of the Netherlands' biotechnology trend analysis

- Sylvia Veenhoff, German Environment Agency, GE
    o Transfer of horizon scanning results of German Environment Agency into policy
- Miroslav Havránek, EEA EIONET, Charles University Environment Center, CZ

    o Horizon scanning for emerging environmental issues in EIONET network: Opportunities and barriers

In various countries, horizon scanning has been implemented for years in order to anticipate changes, opportunities and risks at an early stage with the aim of strengthening the capacity of political actors to act accordingly. This session discusses different approaches of horizon scanning and how findings can be transferred into policy making. In the first part (90 minutes) three approaches are presented to reveal and discuss with the audience how policy institutions are working with horizon scanning The second part (60 minutes) will focus on practical experiences (esp. transfer and policy making). The idea is that initial provocative mini-presentations will stimulate the audience and set a frame for further lively discussions.