
Session C1

Room: Brookfield, Thursday 2.30-5.15

Making Sense of Public Engagement in Creating Knowledge for Decision-Making on Science, Technology and Innovation

Chair: Zoya Damianova, ARC Fund

- Dr. Petteri Repo, University of Helsinki
 - Opportunities for Disruption through Public Engagement
 - Mattia Martini, University of Milano-Bicocca
 - How to reach success in temporary networks: the importance of network mechanisms – Mattia Ventseslav Kozarev, ARC Fund
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 - Engaging Citizens and Experts in Co-Creating Sustainability-Focused Solutions: Lessons Learned from the CASI Engagement Approach
 - DBT, Bjorn Bedsted
 - The role of citizen participation in the transition to a more sustainable society
 - Jürgen Schultze, TU Dortmund
 - Social Innovation in Designing Nature-Based Solutions
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This session will look into participation-focused approaches (i.e. public engagement) to inform policy-making efforts on science, technology and innovation. As such, its main premise is that public engagement approaches – i.e. reaching out to citizens and experts through a range of proven participatory methodologies in EU-funded projects – can be successfully utilised in order to provide a solid knowledge base for decision-makers when designing policy solutions to issues related to science, technology and innovation. Thus, a peculiar perspective to technology assessment will be explored, which integrates broader engagement of lay publics into a typically expert-driven policy decision processes. Of special interest will be the discussion of opportunities to introduce engagement methods into the planning of solutions to societally controversial and typically long-term challenges (i.e. sustainability, emerging technologies, innovation, etc.).

Objectives:

- To discuss different participatory approaches to technology assessment and its applications to issues relevant to sustainability, climate change, resource efficiency, and the environment
- To promote public engagement as an integral part of policy solutions to complex societal challenges
- To share lessons learned on public engagement for policy support in R&I through EU-funded projects (FP7 and Horizon2020)