

Foresight Europe Network Documentation, Meeting on May 16th 2018 in Berlin



The meeting focussed especially on gaming and experiential foresight approaches – a set of tools, techniques and practices that have recently gained in importance in the field. Here, we have not only discussed, but also experienced a variety of these approaches. The meeting was facilitated by Cornelia Daheim, Future Impacts and FEN president, and her colleagues Christian Schoon and Jonas Korn, Future Impacts (both also currently finishing their studies in the future studies programme at Freie Universität Berlin).

We were hosted by the futures studies programme at Freie Universität Berlin (more info here: <http://www.ewi-psy.fu-berlin.de/en/v/master-zukunftsforschung/index.html>), and glad to have a number of students not only joining the meeting, but also actively contributing to it with their own sessions. Overall, approx. 40 participants from various European countries took part in the meeting.



A mix of formats was employed, including:

- Presentations
- An interactive networking session
- Practically experiencing different approaches in the working sessions
- Group discussions

Presentations were held by and on:

- “The Scenario Exploration System – Background and Experiences”, by Laurent Bontoux, European Commission JRC Foresight Team (contact: Laurent.Bontoux@ec.europa.eu) – *see the document on the website*
- News on and from FEN” by Cornelia Daheim, Future Impacts Consulting and FEN-president (contact: daheim@future-impacts.de) – *see the document on the website*
- “The beFORE Knowledge Alliance project – new insights from a FEN-project on foresight capacity building” by Dr Anna Sacio-Szymańska, Institute for Sustainable Technologies NRI and FEN-vice-president (contact: anna.sacio@itee.radom.pl) – *see the document on the website*
- “Scanning and monitoring global challenges with significant impact on the economy” Prof. Dr. Nadezhda Gaponenko, The Institute for the Study of Science of the Russian Academy of Sciences - *see the document on the website*

Working sessions were held on and by:

- “Gaming Session: The Scenario Exploration System” (facilitated by Laurent Bontoux, European Commission Joint Research Centre, Foresight and Policy Lab Team; contact: Laurent.Bontoux@ec.europa.eu) – *see the document on the website*
- “Gaming Session: Link - A Scenario Game” (facilitated by Jonas Korn and Christian Schonert, students at FU Berlin) – *see the document on the website*
- “Gaming Session: Showcasing a Foresight Game” (facilitated by Christina Moser, student at FU Berlin; contact: c.moser@fu-berlin.de)
- “Gaming Session: Future Disruptions – a Foresight Game” (facilitated by Christian Schoon and Cornelia Daheim, Future Impacts; contact: daheim@future-impacts.de) – *see the document on the website*
- "Narrative Approaches to Foresight Scenarios: The "I" Concept"(facilitated by Yannis Angelis, consultant) – *see the document on the website*
- “#StoryYourVision: A workshop to Create Video Visions from the Future” (facilitated by Leon Krenz, video journalist, contact leonkrenz@gmail.com) - *see <http://leonkrenz.de/portfolio/storyyourvision/>*



The discussions on gaming and experiential foresight highlighted several main issues, e.g.:

- The overall benefits in all approaches demonstrated, e.g. from or by
 - Enabling creativity
 - “Personalizing” the future as e.g. in the narrative approach
 - Enabling fast “rapport” and connections within groups that would usually struggle to have an open exchange, especially helped by role-playing elements as e.g. in the SES
 - Opening up different perspectives as e.g. realized by nudges in the Future Disruption Game
- The added value from also using digital media as in the #StoryYourVision

Please also see the respective documents on the website www.feneu.org for more information, and the annex for a detailed agenda and details of results from the working sessions.

*Thank you -
to our hosts, all contributors, volunteer support and participants for making this happen!*

Next FEN-Meeting

The next FEN-meeting will be held in conjunction with the FFRC futures conference (<https://futuresconference2018.wordpress.com>) in Tampere. It will take place before the conference:

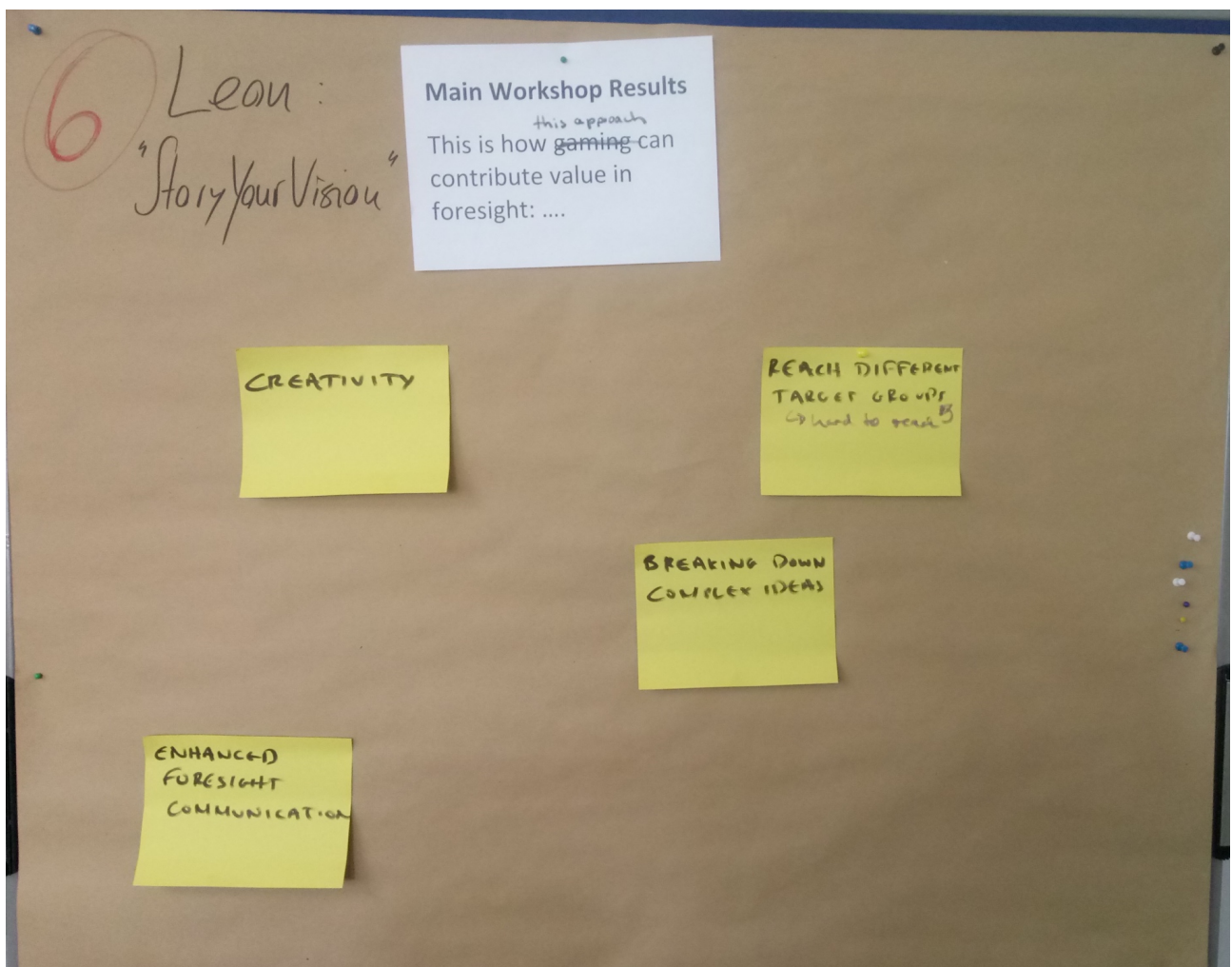
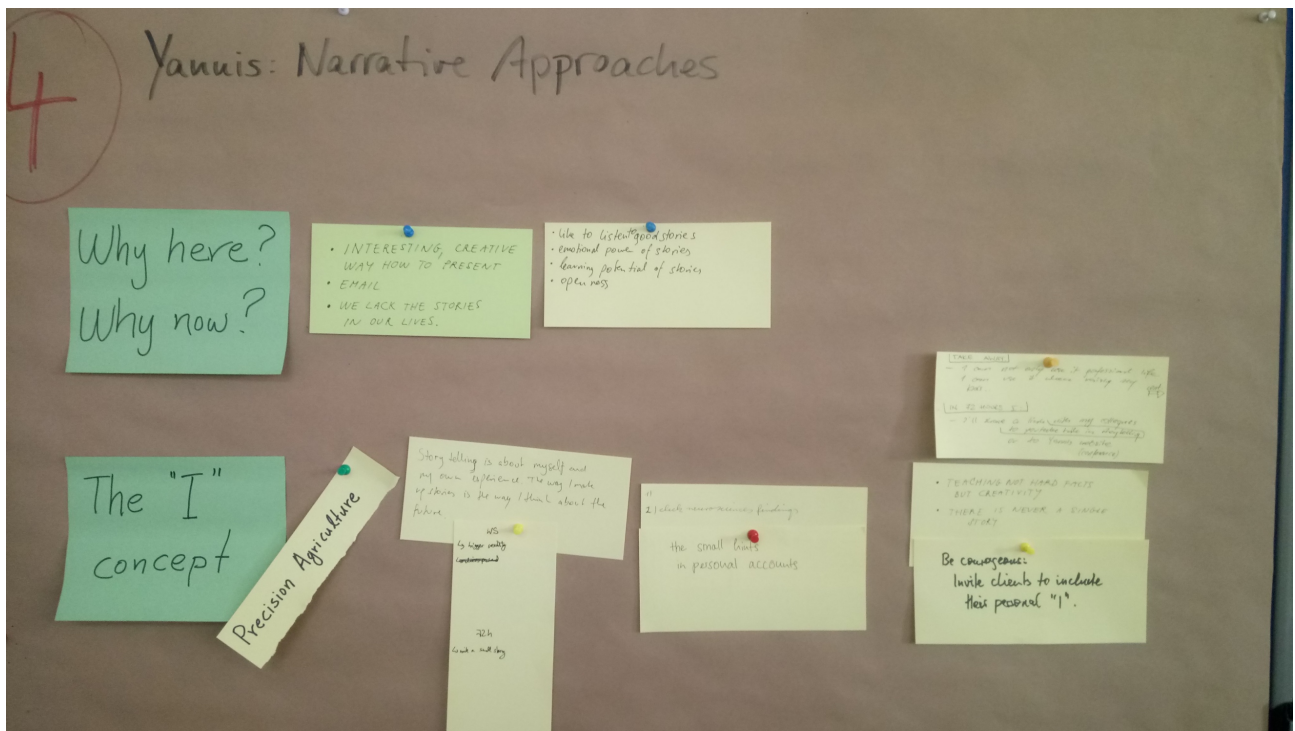
- on Tuesday, June 12th, from 2 pm until approx. 6 pm
- at the conference venue, Tampere Congress & Culture Centre
Puistotorni, Address: Hämeenpuisto 28, 33200 Tampere, Website: www.puistotorni.fi

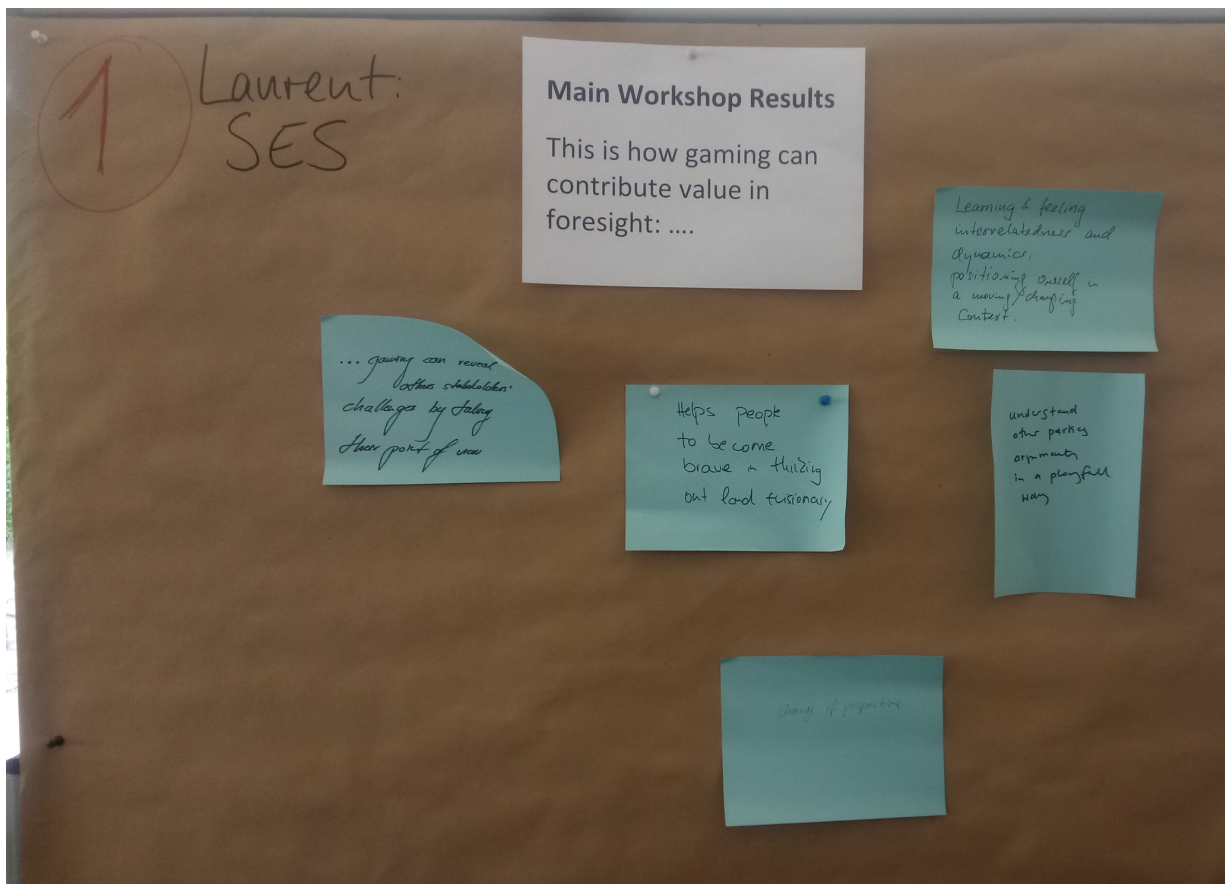
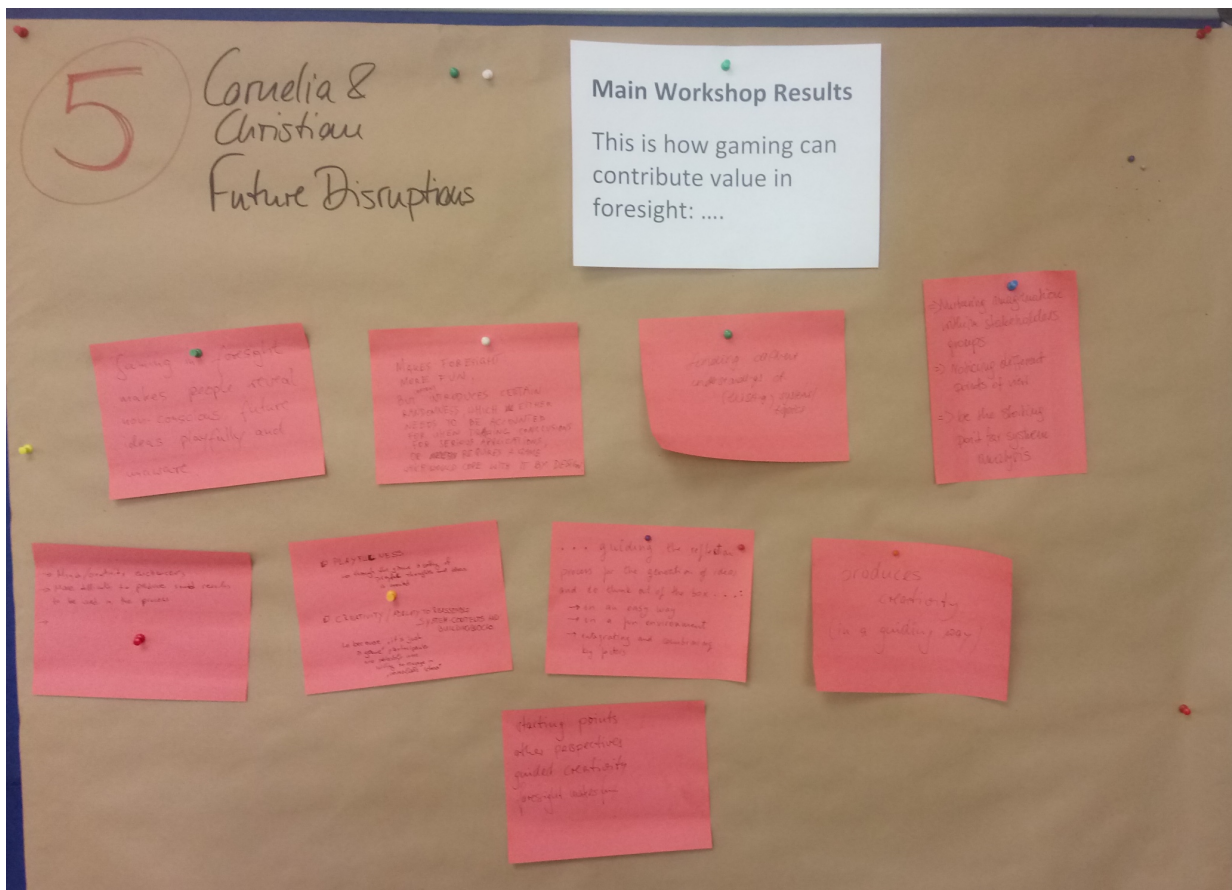
We will share more details closer to the event. For now, please confirm your participation here: <https://doodle.com/poll/n6dudy5genfefze6>

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<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/foresighteuopenetwork/join>

Details from the Discussions at the Meeting









Agenda, May 16th, 10 am to 5 pm

At: Freie Universität Berlin (Free University Berlin), Seminarzentrum (seminar center) room L115, Otto-von-Simson-Straße 26, 14195 Berlin

9:45	Open doors
10:00	Meeting Start: Welcome by FEN leadership (Cornelia Daheim) and host Free University of Berlin (Sascha Dannenberg)
10:15	Keynote (<i>incl. questions & answers</i>) by Laurent Bontoux, European Commission JRC Foresight Team: "The Scenario Exploration System – Background and Experiences"
11:00	Break
11:15	"Moving Networking Session" , facilitated by Cornelia Daheim
11:30	FEN-related and other matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "News on and from FEN" by Cornelia Daheim, Future Impacts Consulting and FEN-president • "The beFORE Knowledge Alliance project – new insights from a FEN-project on foresight capacity building" by Dr Anna Sacio-Szymańska, Institute for Sustainable Technologies NRI and FEN-vice-president • "Scanning and monitoring global challenges with significant impact on the economy" Prof. Dr. Nadezhda Gaponenko, The Institute for the Study of Science of the Russian Academy of Sciences
12:30	Lunch (<i>Italian Restaurant Galileo, located on the 1st floor of the same building</i>)
13:50	Interactive Sessions on Gaming / Experiential Foresight - "Playing the Games" , overall (intro) facilitation by Cornelia Daheim, Christian Schoon & Jonas Korn
14:00	1st Gaming-Session Working Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Gaming Session: The Scenario Exploration System" (facilitated by Laurent Bontoux, European Commission Joint Research Centre, Foresight and Policy Lab Team) • "Gaming Session: A Scenario Game" (facilitated by Jonas Korn and Christian Schonert, students at FU Berlin) • "Gaming Session: Showcasing a Foresight Game" (facilitated by Christina Moser and Hendrik Brandenburger, students at FU Berlin) • "Narrative Approaches to Foresight Scenarios: The "I" Concept"(facilitated by Yannis Angelis, consultant) • „Open Space“ - topics to be decided on location <p>In parallel: Session only for German Node Members: Meeting of the German Node of the Millennium Project (<i>at Italian Restaurant Galileo, located on the 1st floor of the same building</i>)</p>
15:00	Break

15:15	2nd Gaming-Session Working sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Gaming Session: Future Disruptions – a Foresight Game” (facilitated by Christian Schoon and Cornelia Daheim, Future Impacts) • “Gaming Session: The Scenario Exploration System” (facilitated by Laurent Bontoux, European Commission Joint Research Centre, Foresight and Policy Lab Team) • “Gaming Session: A Scenario Game” (facilitated by Jonas Korn and Christian Schonert, students at FU Berlin) • “Gaming Session: Showcasing a Foresight Game” (facilitated by Christina Moser and Hendrik Brandenburger, students at FU Berlin) • "Narrative Approaches to Foresight Scenarios: The "I" Concept"(facilitated by Yannis Angelis, consultant) • „Open Space“ - topics to be decided on location
16:15	Break
16:30	Feedback from the Group Sessions, Summary and Conclusions
17.00	End of Meeting

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