

Foresight Europe Network, Meeting May 16th 2018, at Freie Universität Berlin

News on and from FEN

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About The Foresight Europe Network

Who We Are, Our Aims - And How We Realize Them

You can join by joining the email-list here:
<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/foresighteuropenetwork/join>



FEN-Meetings in Paris, Bilbao, Florence

The Foresight Europe Network FEN is a **network of institutions and individuals active in foresight in Europe**. It continues from far-reaching previous activities, e.g. the Regional Foresight Collège and the European Millennium Project Nodes Initiative EuMPI (in recent years led by Philippe Destatte and Ibon Zugasti). **Many members are from Nodes of the Millennium Project in Europe (but not all - we are encouraging members beyond this circle)**. We are currently approx. 140 members from a variety of countries.

The aim of the network is to advance foresight in Europe. We do so by:

- by enabling connections between practitioners in our two meetings per year,
- by furthering and creating projects between our members,
- with activities showcasing foresight at conferences and events,
- and via publications.

How We Function: Low on Formalities, High in Output

Current FEN Management Principles

No “formal” organisation (No fees, no formal admin, no legal issues, open to membership without selective “barrier”)

Cornerstone Activities

- **Two meetings a year**, around Europe (ideally in conjunction with a conference or project meeting)

- **Focus on creating funded projects**

Troika-leadership = guarantees sustainability (Incoming, current, outgoing president = leadership troika of president and two vice-presidents)

Access to a network of foresight practitioners in Europe

Invitations to and free participation at FEN-meetings = gathering with like-minded foresight practitioners

Possibility to shape FEN activities

Possibility to create and realize projects with other FEN-members

Membership Benefits

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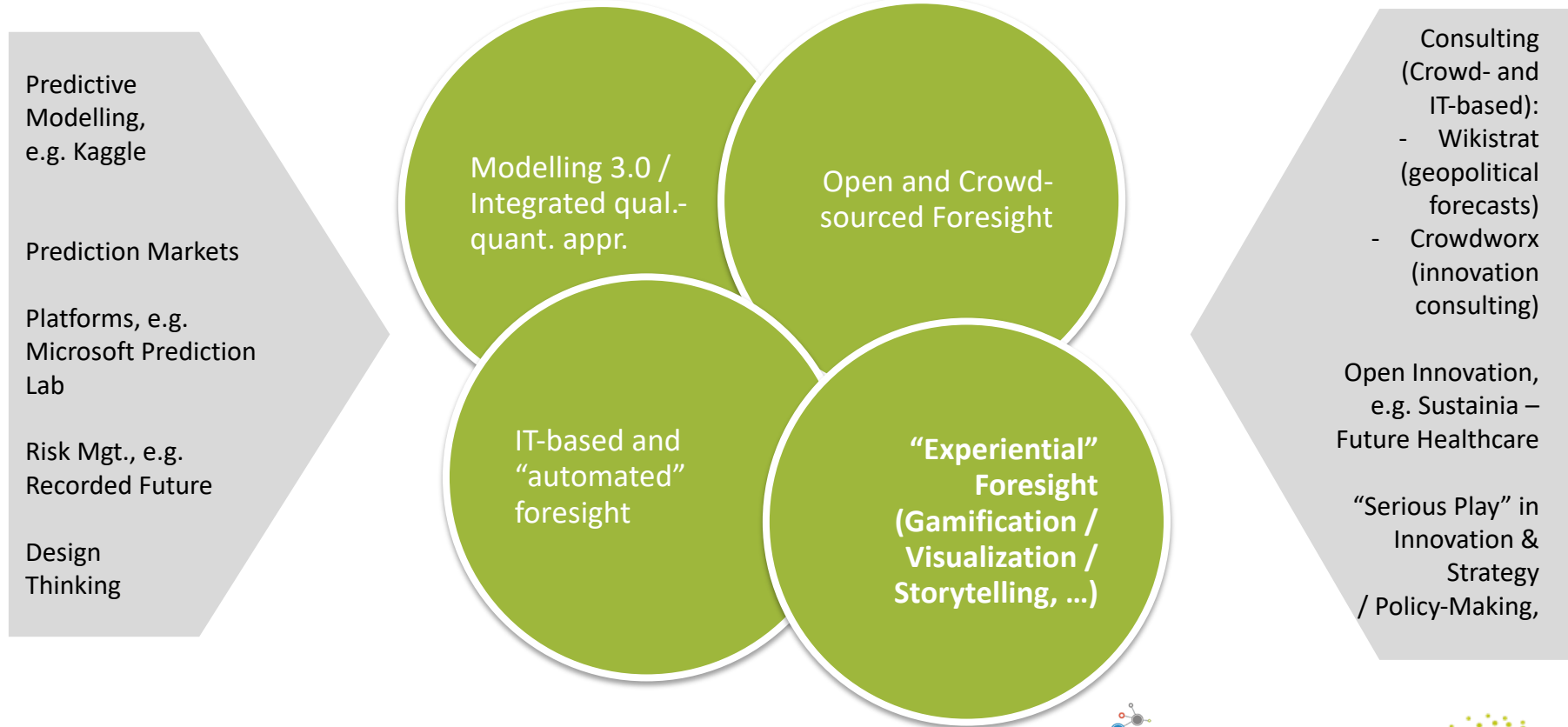
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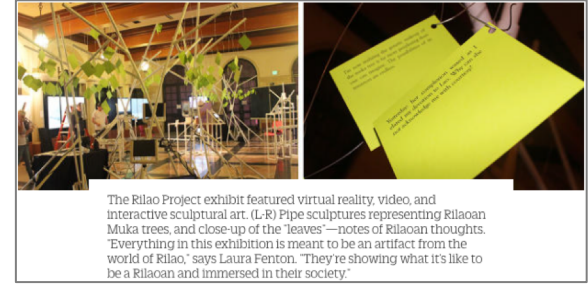
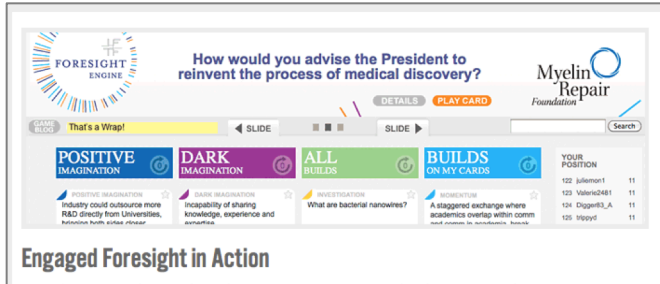
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TODAY'S TOPIC

4 Emerging Practices in Foresight that Gain in Importance Today: Focus on Experiential Approaches



Experiential Foresight Gamification / Visualization / Storytelling, ...



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- Encourages perspective of creating the future
- Can uncover blind spots of traditional analytical techniques

Variety of Approaches in Foresight are practiced already, e.g. various games (today: SES, Thing from the Future, Impact, Future Disruptions Game), or theatre- and scripting-based approaches (enactments) and storytelling based formats (today: storytelling for scenarios, StorifyYourVision)

Image Sources: IFTF Foresight Engine <http://www.iftf.org/what-we-do/foresight-tools/collaborative-forecasting-games/>, The Thing from the Future <http://situationlab.org/projects/the-thing-from-the-future/>, Rilao Remote Viewing Protocol <http://situationlab.org/projects/rilao-remote-viewing-protocol>, <http://situationlab.org/projects/the-thing-from-the-future/>

Experiential Foresight

Gamification / Visualization / Storytelling, ...

Practice Type	Experiential Foresight
Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Playful, “serious gaming” approaches- World building / design fiction / creating future artefacts- Directly experiencing future worlds / scenarios
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KEYNOTE

A Quick Networking Session – Futures Guessing Game (Adapted from a session by Tyler Mongan at Antwerp DDT conference)

3 Steps:

1. You have two cards beneath your seat: Take one of the cards
2. Find a person with the same card / number at the back (ideally someone you do not know yet...)
3. Discuss (you have 5 mins):
 - Guess & Share: What you think the other person does will do with reference to foresight in the year 2025 (research, consulting, design, space futures, ...)
 - Tell each other what you really do today, and plan to do 😊

Afterwards: Repeat with another person when I give you a sign

5 Workshops

Choose via the lists on the wall (you can see two sessions, one at 2, one at 3 pm)

- Games:
 - Laurent: “Gaming Session: The Scenario Exploration System”
 - Christina: “Gaming Session: Showcasing (Research and) two Foresight Games (Impact & Thing from the Future”
 - Jonas & Christian: “Gaming Session: A Scenario Game”
 - Christian & Cornelia: “Gaming Session: Future Disruptions” (A Board Game)
- Storytelling-based-approaches
 - Yannis: "Narrative Approaches to Foresight Scenarios: The "I" Concept"
 - Leon: „#StorifyYourVision“ (Creating Video Visions)

Strategic Direction - Current Focus 2017 / 2018 +

- **Build an increasingly sustainable organization**
 - Continue meeting and conference presence / activities
 - Transfer communication to a tool for email and group management
 - Widen volunteer basis
 - Increase visibility: PR-materials / potentially publication
 - Widen “European reach” and membership (more members, meetings in other European countries than previously)
 - Systematically create connection to European actors in the field and to other networks (APF, WFSF, WFS, national foresight networks)
- Focus orientation of projects and activities on **defined strategic pillars**
 - Drawing from existing competencies and activities lending themselves to FEN aims
 - Thereby creating synergy

UPDATE ON FEN-ACTIVITIES

FEN (founded 2014) – Some Past Projects and History

History: EuMPI (European Millennium Project Nodes Initiative) and ERFC (European Regional Foresight Collège)

FEN members meet in Ljubljana

FORESIGHT EUROPE NETWORK - members gathered at FEN meeting in 2016 in Ljubljana, Slovenia, 6-7 October.



Autumn 2016 FEN meeting was held in Ljubljana after following Ljubljana forum on Future of Cities. Nodes presented their activities and different projects, followed by election of Vice President FEN 2017-2018. Anna Sacio-Szymańska was elected as Vice President FEN for the 2017-2018 According to the FEN policy From 1st of January 2017 Cornelia Daheim will become the President of FEN and Blaž Golob Vice President for the time period of 2017-2018.

Attachments

📎 [FEEN minutes](#) 0,48 MB

FEN members meet in Starachowice

FORESIGHT EUROPE NETWORK - members, science and business representatives gathered on 3rd Future Engineering conference 2016 in Starachowice, Poland, 29-30 September.

On September 29th and 30th, Europa hotel hosted 3rd 2016 Future Engineering conference, which brought together science and business representatives ready to speak about common projects in the broad theme of manufacturing technological. This year's edition was exceptional as it broadened the scope of the conference.

Archive

October 2016
[FEN members meet in Ljubljana](#)

October 2016
[FEN members meet in Starachowice](#)

April 2016
[FEN members meet San Sebastian](#)

December 2015
[FEN members meet in Zagreb](#)

July 2015
[FEN members meet in Turku, Finland](#)

May 2015
[New joint initiative Foresight Europe Network \(FEN\) established](#)

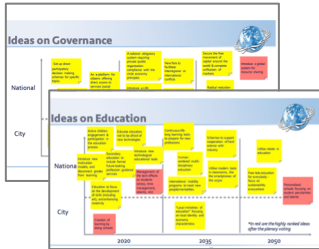


Recent FEN-Activities: Workshop on “Future of Work – European Perspectives” at FFRC Conference, June 2017 & FEN-Meetings in Turkku & Florence



Workshop:

- On European Perspectives on the Future of Work
- Based on Millennium Project scenarios on Future of Work / Tech 2050
- About 30 participants
- Chaired by FEN-members from Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Greece and Spain
- 40 pages report



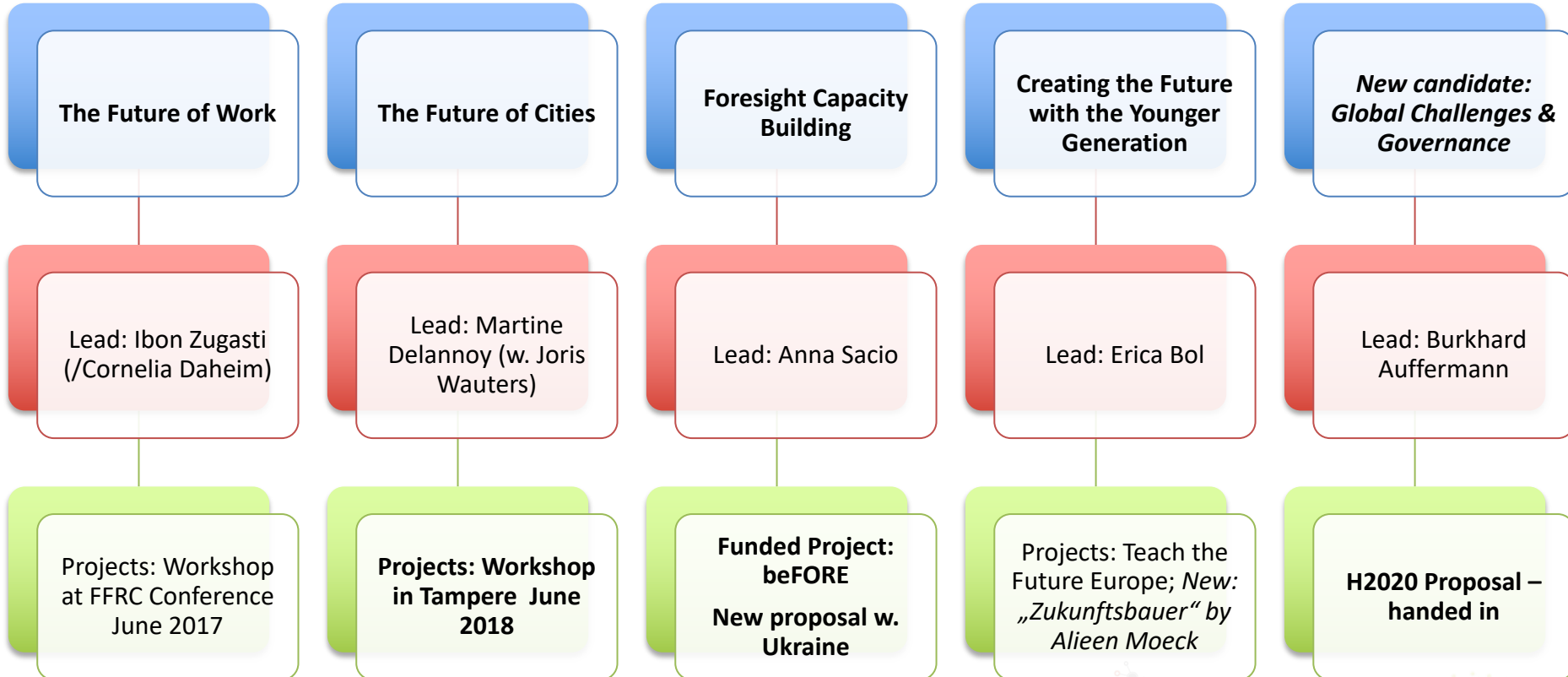
Meeting in Turkku, June 2017:

- Approx. 40 participants from 15 countries
- In conjunction with FFRC conference

For more details:

<http://www.feneu.org/en/news/>

FEN - Strategic Pillars & Current Projects



Next Meeting: in conjunction with FFRC Futures Conference, 13–14 June 2018, Tampere, Finland (FEN-meeting on 12th)

CALL FOR PAPERS IS OPEN for the Futures Conference 2018: Energizing Futures – Sustainable Development and Energy in Transition, 13–14 June 2018, Tampere, Finland

The forthcoming 19th Futures Conference of the Finland Futures Research Centre, University of Turku will focus on the futures of sustainable development and energy issues under a title "Energizing Futures".



To understand the governance challenges of sustainable development and energy, we need multidisciplinary, multi-level and time-variant analysis of various issues. Renewable and non-renewable primary energy sources, their transformation into useful energy carriers (such as fuels, electricity, and heat), environmental impacts of energy transformation processes during the whole value chain, energy exports and imports, energy markets and the price of energy carriers, energy end-use patterns and consumer behavior, energy and resource efficiency, as well as energy policies are important elements of local, national and international energy systems.

- What are the main challenges of sustainable futures in an era of increasing uncertainty?
- How to create sustainable energy policies in Europe and elsewhere in the World?
- What is the role of futures studies in sustainable development and in identifying opportunities for a fair, efficient and resilient energy system?

'Energizing Futures' conference aims to generate multidisciplinary, stimulating and critical discussions that promote networking between people interested in energy issues from different backgrounds.

We are looking forward to meet you in Tampere, Finland on 13–14 June 2018!

We welcome you to share your findings, ideas, results and thoughts on (but not limited to) these key topics:

1. Theory and practice of energy and resource efficiency and sufficiency
2. Renewable energy policies and sustainability in Europe and the World
3. Future prospects of carbon-neutral economy and its production structure and consumption patterns
4. Futures of carbon-neutral energy economy and policy at different levels
5. Technology foresight of sustainable energy systems
6. Challenges and opportunities for future energy governance
7. Energy "fantasies" and socio-technical imaginaries
8. Methods and methodology of futures research on sustainability.

Important dates

- Abstract submission starts: October 2017
- Deadline for the abstracts: 8 December 2017
- Notification of acceptance: 19 January 2018
- Registration opens: January 2018
- Early bird registration ends: 31 March 2018

Conference organizers

'Energizing futures' is the 19th International Futures Conference of the Finland Futures Research Centre, University of Turku. The conference is organized in co-operation with the Finland Futures Academy and the European Commission, Horizon 2020 project "European Futures of Energy Efficiency (EUFORIE)".

<http://www.utu.fi/en/units/ffrc/news/news/Pages/futuresconference2018.aspx>

News from the Millennium Project

Message from J. Glenn:

- “The Arts/Media Node plans to make videos of much of the Grappling with the Futures Conference held at Harvard and Boston Universities available – the conference that explored historical, philosophical, and STS (Sci., Tech., and Soc.) perspectives on foresight and potentials for scholarly collaborations. Abstracts are available at: <https://grapplingwiththefutures.com/detailed-schedule>
- The MPPC RTD listed future of anticipatory governance as a priority – as an application we are exploring governance of the transition from artificial narrow to artificial general intelligence. A draft concept paper has been written and potential AI collaborations confirmed are: Artificial General Intelligence Society; Harvard Future Society; SingularityNet; and UNICRI Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics. We could list FEN as a sub-contractor to identify European experts. Funding suggestions for this are welcome.
- Since I will be at the FTA conference in Brussels next month, SITRA will bring me to Helsinki and then to speak at conf. in Tampere and hence will be able to attend the FEN meeting in Tampere in June. I could also set aside some time for GFIS training is anyone is interested.”

FURTHER INPUTS

Thank you!

See you in Tampere!

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