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Events

COST Foresight 2030 - Living the Digital Revolution

Location	Brugge/Bruges, Belgium
Date	07 - 09 October 2009
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COST Foresight 2030 is an initiative designed to explore a broadly-shared vision for a future world beyond 2030 permeated and shaped by the digital revolution.



The digital revolution is driving innovation and scientific progress today. Interrelationships between science, technology and society are becoming more complex. COST Foresight 2030 focuses on the effect of the digital revolution on the world of 2030.

A series of events will present a long-term perspective in many fields. These include Computer and Communication Sciences and Technologies (CCST), Energy, Food security, Natural resources management, Life enhancement and Society. These topics play fundamental roles in human life and are influenced by CCST-enabling technologies.

The outcome of the COST Foresight 2030, in the form of proceedings and policy recommendations, will be a valuable tool for researchers, policy-makers, industry, consultants, and strategy managers alike.

The Society Workshop is the sixth of the COST Foresight Workshops and concludes the series. It follows the Workshop on ICT/CCST that took place in April 2009 and four parallel focussing on the topics of Energy, Food Security, Natural Resources Management and Life Enhancement which will be held in June 2009.

Based on the conclusions of the five previous Workshops, the Workshop tried to envisage some aspects and possible futures concerning the European society of 2030.

Aims of the Workshop

The workshop "The European Society in 2030: A Look Forward" aimed at picturing trends, possible, probable futures of the future European Society as shaped by the strong technological development intrinsic in the Digital Revolution. The Workshop opened new horizons and broadened the perspective on future society by enabling an open discussion on the major drivers of societal changes while using an interdisciplinary perspective. It identified the challenges for future society, potential solutions and their probability to happen in the future. It finally aimed at supporting policy makers in future policy development by providing tools for social, political, economic forward thinking and by helping them to adapt to a changing environment.

Description of the Working Groups and structure of the workshop

In order to reach the objectives listed here above, the Workshop will be carried out in an interactive manner mixing plenary and working group sessions.

The experts taking part in the workshop will have the chance to focus their attention on the following three main areas according to their expertise:

- Social organisation including topics such as social composition, gender issues, labour flows, migration, cities, families and education;
- Governance including topics such as "good governance", accountability of decision-makers, improved decision-making and involvement of the citizens, etc.;
- Quality of life including topics such as well-being, health, environment, food, questions of sustainability, etc.
- Being this workshop the last of the COST Foresight 2030 series,

Registration

Upon invitation only

Chair of the Initiative

Afonso Ferreira
(Head of Science Operations, COST Office, BE)

Co-chaired by

Simone Arnaldi, (Jacques Maritain Institute, IT)
Francesca Boscolo (COST Office, BE)
Julia Stamm (COST Office, BE)

Downloads

- ▶ [About COST Foresight 2030 \(PDF, 498 kB\)](#)
- ▶ [Foresight 2030 Society Report \(PDF, 169 kB\)](#)

Other Events of the Series

- ▶ [Advisory Group Meeting - December 2008](#)
- ▶ [Workshops on CCST/ICT - April 2009](#)
- ▶ [Workshops on Life Enhancement, Energy, Food Security & Natural Resources Management - June/July 2009](#)

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the working groups will receive and incorporate the inputs and results deriving from the previous workshops.

Expected outcome

The workshop tried to map some challenges the future society would need to face in the next twenty years. It suggested visions and insights aimed at sustaining flows of research, the debate among experts, stakeholders and decision makers, as well as future prospective exercises such as scenario building. The outcomes are therefore expected also to affect positively policy development both at European, national and local level.

Invited participants

- Simone Araldi - Istituto Jacques Maritain, Italy
- Maren Borkert - International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), Austria
- Danes Brzica - Institute of Economic Research SAS, Slovak Republic
- Jeffrey Butler - Manchester Institute of Innovation Research, United Kingdom
- Guenter Clar - SEZ Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum, Germany
- Marie-Anne Delahaut - The Destree Institute, Belgium
- Elie Faroult - European Commission/ DG Research - Belgium
- Antonio Golini - University "Sapienza" Rome, Italy
- Blaz Golob - Center for eGovernance Development, Slovenia
- Sirkka Heinonen - Turku School of Economics, Finland
- Heather Hofmeister - RWTH Aachen University, Germany
- Lynn Jeffery - Institute for the Future, United States of America
- David Koepsell - Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
- Jane Page - University of Melbourne, Australia
- Teresa Ribeiro - European Environment Agency, Denmark
- Mariachiara Tallacchini - Universita' Cattolica, Italy
- David Thorns - University of Canterbury, New Zealand
- Maya Van Leemput - Reelfutures - Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
- Philine Warnke - Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research, Germany
- Volker Wulf - University of Siegen, Germany



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