



Linking Science and Policy in Sustainable Development Research

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Amathus Beach Hotel,
Limassol, Cyprus



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Day 01 15.10.2009

9:30 - 09:45 Registration

09:45 - 10:00 Welcome by RPF

A. Research and Policy - Making in the field of Sustainable Development Research

Panel Coordinator: Luke Georghiou, University of Manchester

10:00 - 10:40 **European Research Programme Design Methodologies and Interdisciplinarity**

Nicole Dewandre,
DG Research, European Commission

10:40 - 11:00 **National Research Programme Design**

Leonidas Antoniou,
Acting Director General, RPF

11:00 - 11:20 **National Sustainable Development Strategy: Research and Policy-Making**

Eleni Stylianopoulou,
Environment Service, Ministry of Agriculture,
Natural Resources and Environment

11:20 - 12:00 **Communication Between Researchers and Policy-Makers in the Field of Sustainable Development Research**

Stefan Kuhlmann,
The University of Twente, The Netherlands

12:00-13:00 Discussion

13.00-14.30 Lunch

B. Case Studies:

Communication Issues and Links Between Research and Policy-Making

Panel Coordinator: Stefan Kuhlmann, University of Twente

14:30 - 14:50 **The SKEP Network - A Transnational Initiative**

Simon Gardner,
Environment Agency for England and Wales, UK

14:50 - 15:10 **Best Practices in Developing and Implementing Research Programmes: The Case of Norway**

Karl Georg Hoyer,
Oslo University College, Norway

15:10 - 15:30 **Best Practices in Linking Science and Policy: The Case of Malta**

Jennifer Cassingena Harper,
Malta Council for Science and Technology, Malta

15.30-16.00 **Communicating Research to Policy - Makers: A Researcher's Perspective**

Despo Fatta - Kassinis,
University of Cyprus

16:00-17:30 Discussion

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09:30 - 10:00 Conclusions of First Day

C. Measuring the Contribution of Sustainable Development Research to Society and Policy-Making

Panel Coordinator: Nicole Dewandre, DG Research, EC

10:00 - 10:45 **Luke Georghiou,**

University of Manchester, UK

10:45 - 11:30 **Laurence Esterle,**

Institut Francilien Recherche,
Innovation et Societe (IFRIS), France

11:30-12:30 **General Conclusions**

(by the Panel Coordinators)

12:30-14:00 Lunch

Experts' Profiles

Mr. Leonidas Antoniou

Leonidas Antoniou is currently the Acting Director General of the Research Promotion Foundation in parallel to his duties as Head of the National Research Programmes Unit. He has been responsible, since 2000, for the design, monitor and coordination of the Foundation's Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Innovation. Mr. Antoniou is representing Cyprus in a number of Committees, such as the Programme Committee of the "Ideas" Programme of the FP7, the Joint Programming Committee established by the CREST Committee and various Steering Committees of ERA-NET projects. Mr. Antoniou is also a Member of the European RTD Evaluation Network. He holds an undergraduate degree from the School of Architecture, National Technical University of Athens. His specialisation is urban planning and regional development. He continued his studies at the Department of Economic and Regional Development of Panteion University, Athens. His dissertation topic was Science and Technology Parks.

Dr. Jennifer Cassingena Harper

Jennifer Cassingena Harper is the Director of Policy within the Malta Council for Science and Technology with responsibility for National Research and Innovation Strategy and Foresight. She is a graduate of Keele University, the London School of Economics and the University of Malta. Dr Harper represents Malta at European Union level on the JRC Board of Governors, the Euro-Mediterranean Monitoring Committee (MoCo) for RTD and the FP7 Regions of Knowledge, Research Potential and Coherent Development of Research Policies Programme Committee. She was until recently a member of the FP7 Advisory Group on Social Sciences and the Humanities. She has been active on a number of Directorate General (DG) Research High Level Expert Groups (HLG) as rapporteur, including the ERA Rationales Group (2007), EU SCAR Foresight HLG (2006), the HLG on Key Technologies (2005) and the Impact Assessment Review of EUREKA (2005-6). She was also a member of the DG Research Mobility of Researchers (2000) and Regional Foresight (2001) HLGs. She is currently rapporteur of the Lisbon 3% Expert Group.

Dr. Nicole Dewandre

Nicole Dewandre is Head of the Sustainable Development Unit in the Directorate General (DG) for Research. She studied physics, engineering and economics at the University of Louvain, operations research at the University of California (Berkeley) and philosophy at the Free University of Brussels (ULB). She entered the European Commission in 1983, working as a scientific officer in the DG Research, in the field of strategic issues for technology policy and linking societal concerns with technology policy until 1986. She became a member of the Central Advisory Group and then the Forward Study Unit, dealing with strategic analysis of research and industrial policy for the President of the Commission (1986-1992).

Dr. Laurence Esterle

Laurence Esterle is a senior scientist at the French National Institute for Health and Medical Research (INSERM, France). She was the Director of the 'Observatoire des sciences et des techniques' (OST) between 2001 and 2005. She is now developing research on public policy and innovation in the field of health at Cermes, a joint INSERM-CNRS laboratory. She is the Director of Institut Francilien Recherche, Innovation et Société (IFRIS), set up in April 2007 and networking over 100 researchers, doctoral and postdoctoral students in sociology, management, history, economics and political science.

Assist. Prof. Despo Fatta - Kassinis

Despo Fatta-Kassinis is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering of the University of Cyprus. Her previous work experience includes being an inner circle expert of the European Topic Centre of Waste and Material Flows of the European Environment Agency and a researcher at the School of Chemical Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens, (NTUA). Her principal research interests are in the field of water and wastewater treatment systems, environmental chemical pollution monitoring and xenobiotics risk assessment. She has authored or co-authored 50 refereed journal papers and 77 conference papers

while she is a co-editor of the book 'Xenobiotics in the Urban Water Cycle' by Springer. She has participated in over 45 projects funded by the European Commission, national government and other bodies.

Dr. Simon Gardner

Simon Gardner is the manager of the European and International team, within the Evidence Directorate of the Environment Agency for England and Wales and the coordinator of the 'Scientific Knowledge for Environmental Protection' (SKEP) research network. The SKEP network aims to support the development of a European evidence-base for environmental regulators and to facilitate improvements in science into policy processes. He is based at the Environment Agency Head Office in Bristol, England. His areas of technical expertise include water quality policy, environmental monitoring, assessment and reporting and the management of infractions related to EC Directive implementation. He has a D. Phil on the impacts of climate change on tree physiology.

Prof. Luke Georghiou

Luke Georghiou is Professor of Science and Technology Policy and Management in the Manchester Institute of Innovation Research at Manchester Business School. He has been on the staff of its precursor institute, PREST, since 1977 and was its Executive Director from 1990-2004. After a year as member of the Interim Leadership Team of Manchester Business School during the merger between the Victoria University of Manchester and UMIST he took up the post of Associate Dean for Research in the Faculty of Humanities. He now combines this role with that of Deputy Dean but remains active in research and policy advice.

Prof. Karl Georg Høyer

Karl Georg Høyer is a full-time Professor and Research Director for the interdisciplinary programme "Technology, Design & Environment" at Oslo University College. He is also affiliated with Western Norway Research Institute where he is adjunct Professor. Karl Georg holds a Master's Degree in engineering sciences from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. In 1999, he completed his PhD in social sciences at Roskilde University in Denmark with the dissertation "Sustainable Mobility - The Concept and its Implications". Most of Professor Høyer's research is related to sustainable development, with a main focus on transport and energy. For more than twenty years he has extensively published in international scientific books and journals in the fields of interdisciplinary science and sustainability.

Dr. Stefan Kuhlmann

Stefan Kuhlmann is the Chair of the Department of Science, Technology and Policy Studies (STEPS) and a member of the University's Institute for Governance Studies (IGS) programme committee. He is a political scientist and studied also history (University of Marburg, Germany; graduation 1978). In 1986 he received the degree of PhD in political science (Dr.rer.pol), at University of Kassel, Germany, and in 1998 he received a 'habilitation' (2nd Doctorate) in political science at the same University. Since 1979 Stefan Kuhlmann has been involved in studies of research and technological innovation as social and political processes - with changing entrance points and perspectives. During the last two decades he has analyzed science, research and innovation systems and public policies, focusing on the dynamics of governance.

Ms. Eleni Stylianopoulou

Eleni Stylianopoulou is a biologist (B.A. Brown University, USA) with further studies in the fields of environmental and energy management. She has extended experience in conducting EIA as well as in community funded projects. Since 2001 she is employed in the Environment Service of the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment and among others, she has been the focal point for the LIFE+ and CIP-Ecoinnovation Programmes.

