TA Methods and Tools

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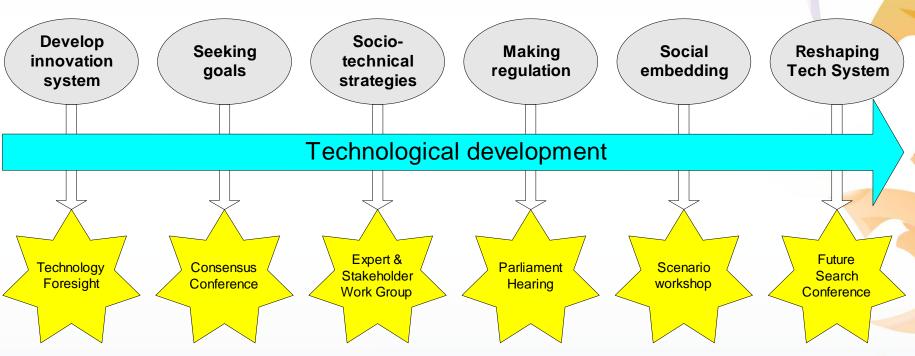
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Situation and response

Development and implementation of technology



Processes - rooms for analysis and dialogue



Impacts of Technology Assessment

21 "roles" to play

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Consensus Conference

When

Testing issues in a well-informed micro-democracy

How

12-16 pers mixed panel calls in experts and write an assessment report.

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Citizen Hearing

When

Citizen ideas for local/national strategies needed

How

2-300, brainstorming, specifying & prioritising policy ideas

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Voting Conference

When

Different actors claim to have the right action plan

How

Action plans presented by actors. Citizens, politicians and experts vote

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Future Lab

When

Actors need to define problems, visions and action opportunities

How

Actor group critisise, turn that to visions, make action on visions

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A broad toolbox

- Expert Analysis
 - X-disciplin Work Group
 - Structured Brainstorm
 - Open innovation
- Citizen Participation
 - Choice Questionnaire
 - Focus Groups
 - Voting Conference
 - Interview Meeting
 - Consensus Conference
 - Citizen summit
 - World Wide Views

- Stakeholder Participation
 - Future Search
 - Perspective Workshop
 - Scenario Workshop
- Advisory function
 - Parliamentary Hearings
 - Future Panel
- Public Debates
 - Involvement in projects
 - Debates with feedback
 - Citizen meetings



The changing context

- Policy moves upwards
 - Climate; Oceans; Terror; Pandemics; Biodiversity...
- Publics, advisors, debate stay national
 - Democratic, analytical, communicative gaps
- · e is changing the rules of communication
- Crisis leads to technocracy and fast solutions
- System change and transition everywhere
- The "competition state" PMs act as CEOs
- → What does that mean for TA approaches?

Aim of the session

We will explore the vague picture of future paths in methods, tools and approaches

Thereby exploring the future paths of TA.



The program

- Heerings/Egmond: What can TA learn from stories: Narratives
- Visser/Keulen: Superhuman a social game for the iPhone: eTA
- Bobylev/Jefferson: Tools for TA: MCDA
- Lucivero/Delvenne/Oudsheusden: Bringing back normative content into TA: Value-choices
- Bedsted: Citizen participation and global governance: Global pTA
- Shuitmaker/Roelofsen/Broerse: Dialogue as a tool for societal valorisation: Upstream CTA