2nd Parliamentary TA Debate

Strengthening Technology Assessment for Policy-Making

7-8 April 2014, Lisbon, Portugal

April 7th – Opening of the conference and working dinner

Palácio Conde D´Óbidos, Sala do Conselho Supremo (Jardim 9 de Abril, Lisboa)

18:30   **Welcoming aperitif**

19:00   **Working dinner**

The PACITA project: strengthening knowledge-based and socially robust policy-making
Lars Klüver, PACITA coordinator and Director of the Danish Board of Technology, Denmark

30 years of Technology Assessment for Parliaments – and still valid today
René Longet, former member of the Swiss Parliament and expert in sustainable development, Switzerland

A next wave of TA? Barriers and opportunities for expanding the European TA landscape
Leonhard Hennen, Institut für Technikfolgenabschätzung und Systemanalyse (ITAS), Germany

April 8th – Debating Technology Assessment

Portuguese Parliament, Salão Nobre

9:00   **Introduction**
Debating Technology Assessment, a short introduction
Wiebe Bijker, Professor of Technology & Society at the University of Maastricht, the Netherlands

9:15   **Doing politics and shaping policies with Technology Assessment**

Paths towards a responsible introduction of Public health genomics
Maria de Belém Roseira, Assembly of Republic, Parliamentary Committee of Foreign Affairs and Portuguese Communities, Portugal

Societal and political issues in personalized healthcare
Felix Gutzwiller, Swiss Parliament, Committee for Science, Education and Culture of the Council of States, Switzerland

STOA at the service of the European Parliament
António Fernando Correia de Campos, European Parliament, Chairman of the Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA) Panel, Brussels

New mobilities and ecological vehicles
Michel Antoine, Deputy Director of the Parliamentary Office for Evaluation of Scientific and Technological Options (OPECST), France

10:15   **Discussion**
Policy-makers share their expectations and experiences with respect to Technology Assessment

11:00	Break

11:30   **Keynote**
Open and responsible innovation for addressing the "grand challenges"
René von Schomberg, DG Research and Innovation of the European Commission (participating in personal capacity), Brussels

12:00   **Prospects for parliamentary TA in new countries**
Panel discussion and dialogue with:

- Sébastien Brunet, Head of the Walloon Institute for Evaluation, Prospective and Statistics (IWEPS), Belgium
- Rui Pedro Duarte, Assembly of Republic, Committee on Education, Science and Culture, Portugal
- Alena Gajduskova, Parliament of the Czech Republic, First Vice-President of the Senate, Czech Republic
- Leonhard Hennen, Institut für Technikfolgenabschätzung und Systemanalyse (ITAS), Germany
- David Cope, Foundation fellow, Clare Hall, University of Cambridge and former Director of the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, United Kingdom

Moderation: Wiebe Bijker

13:00   Lunch

14:00   **(Re)establishing links between Parliament and Technology Assessment**
TA in Austria and Denmark: reconsidering the role of TA towards Parliament

- Jens Henrik Thulesen Dahl, Danish Parliament, Research, Innovation and Further Education Committee, Denmark
- Ruperta Lichtenecker, Austrian Parliament, Chairwoman of the Committee for Research, Innovation and Technology, Austria

14:20   **Strengthening Technology Assessment in Europe**
Panel discussion and dialogue with:

- Ulla Burchardt, Former member of he German Parliament, Lecturer at the Technische Universität Dortmund, Germany
- Jan Kaźmierczak, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Sejm (Parliament) of the Republic of Poland
- Rinie van Est, Rathenau Institute, the Netherlands
- Francisco Veloso, Professor at Católica Lisbon School of Business and Economics, member of the Portuguese Council for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Portugal
- Michel Antoine, Deputy Director of the Parliamentary Office for Evaluation of Scientific and Technological Options (OPECST), France

Moderation: Lars Klüver

15:20   **Closing remarks**
Sergio Bellucci, Director of the Swiss Centre for Technology Assessment TA-SWISS, Switzerland

15:30   End of the conference