

# The PACITA project

Parliaments and Civil Society in Technology  
Assessment

Strengthening knowledge-based and  
socially robust policy-making

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# Our common aims these ~24 hours

- Explore the role and use of TA in policy-making
  - With the aim of increasing it
- Discuss the services towards parliaments
  - With the aim of improving them
- Exchange experience across Europe
  - With the aim of learning
- Look into the landscape of TA
  - With the aim of expanding it
- ... with the parliamentarian in the centre



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# Technology Assessment

- About the use of knowledge, science, innovation and technology in our societies
- Most often taking up complex challenges, providing strategic input to policy-making
  - Analytic, forward-looking, visionary
  - “predictive, proactive and curing”
- Many models of institutionalisation
- Parliamentary TA + policy-oriented TA



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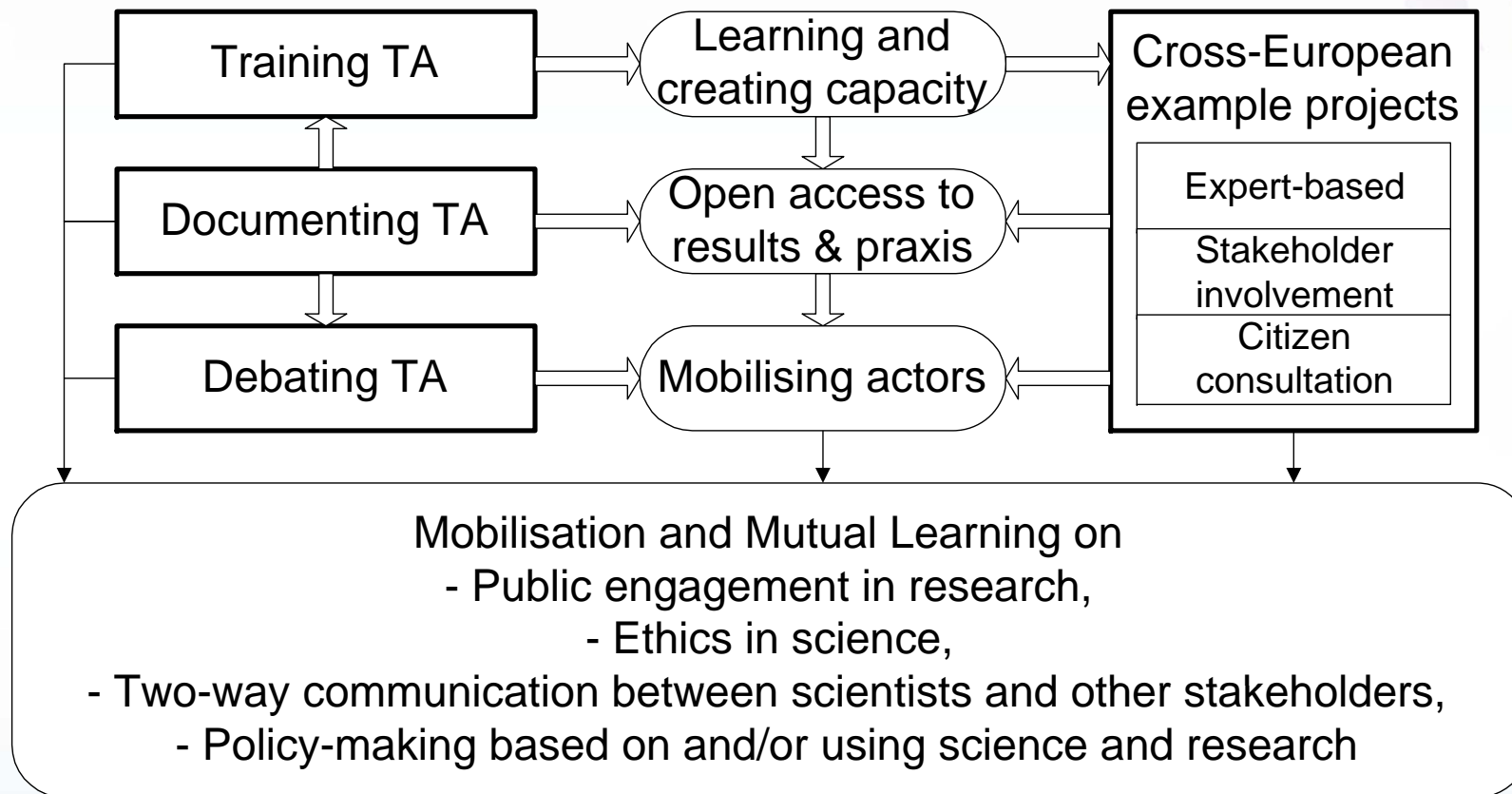
# Overall aims of PACITA

- Increase European PTA capacity
- Enhance the institutional foundation for knowledge-based policy-making
- Build on diversity of practices in PTA
- Explore specifically "interactive" practices
- Develop and test modes for trans-national and European TA



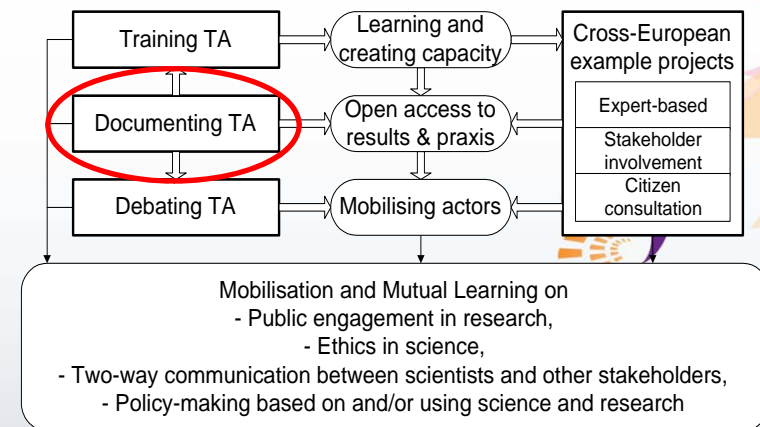
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# The PACITA action plan



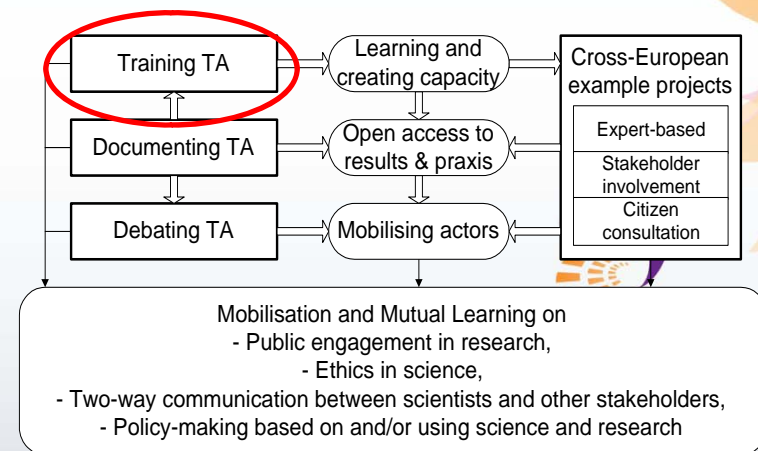
# Documenting TA

- Existing praxis in PTA institutions described by partner pairs (PTA+non-PTA partner)
- Potential work modes for cross-European PTA developed/described
- TA Book



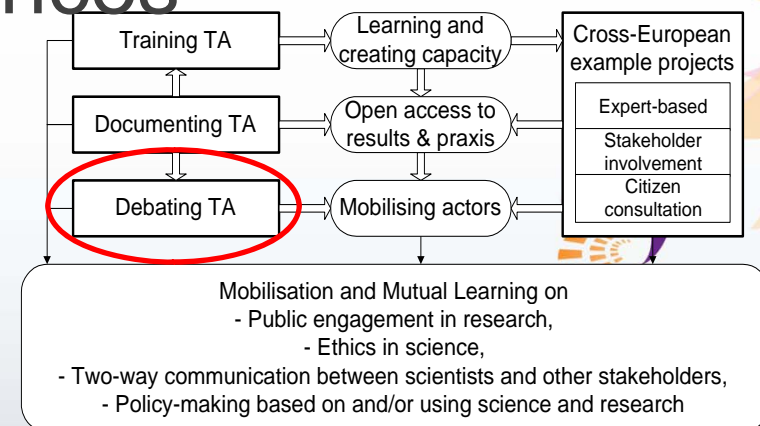
# Training TA

- 2 Summer Schools for users 2012 & 2014
- 4 Practitioner Training Seminars
  - Scoping and framing 2012
  - Methodology 2013
  - Networking and impact creation 2013
  - Communication 2014
- TA Portal
  - TA web-mining
  - Content repository
  - One-way entrance to TA



# Debating TA

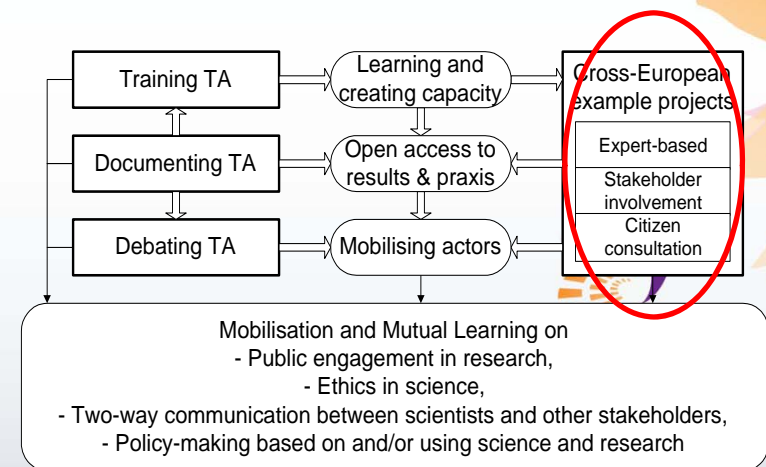
- Expanding the TA landscape
  - Non-PTA countries analysis
  - Debates in the non-PTA countries 2012-15
- 2 Parliamentary Debates
  - European TA landscape 2012
  - Strengthening knowledge-based policy 2014
- 2 European TA Conferences
- 8 issues of **volta**  
Newsletter/magazine





# 3 cross-European example projects 2013-2015

- European coordinated and synthesized, subactivities at national/regional level
- Expert & MP based: Public Health Genomics
- Stakeholder involvement: Ageing Society Telecare
- Citizen consultation: Sustainable Consumption



# A Science-in-Society "Mobilisation and Mutual Learning Action Plan"

- Financed by FP7 Science-in-Society
- Proposal made on the initiative of EPTA
  - PACITA reports at all EPTA meetings
  - Pushed by MP/MEPs in Europe
- 2011-2015: So, «What's next» is an important question



# The Partners

- Danish Board of Technology Foundation (Denmark)
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany)
- The Rathenau Institute (Netherlands)
- Norwegian Board of Technology (Norway)
- The Institute of Technology Assessment (Austria)
- Applied Research and Communications Fund (Bulgaria)
- Institute of Technology of Biology and Chemistry (Portugal)
- Institute Society and Technology (Flanders, Belgium)
- Catalan Institution Foundation for Research Support (Catalonia, Spain)
- Swiss Centre for Technology Assessment (Switzerland)
- Knowledge Economy Forum (Lithuania)
- Technology Centre ASCR (Czech Republic)
- University of Liège, SPIRAL Research Centre (Wallonia, Belgium)
- University College Cork (Ireland)
- Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Hungary).

