

# SiS forum

## Best practices

WG 3 & 4

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# Recommendations: two types

- Make your own strategy with this tool-kit!
- Give clear recommendations of these types:
  - Interrogative recommendations
    - What is your strategy in this?
    - Reflect, be aware.
  - Normative recommendations:
    - Do this!
    - Do not do this!

# Introduction to the recommendations

- Three levels of recommendations.
- The change of the agenda is needed on all levels:
  - Makro (laws, national policy / European policy etc.)
  - Meso (funding agencies)
  - Mikro (researchers, institutes)

# Objectives

- Increase number of researchers
- Integrate science to society: new careers for researchers outside of academia (in administration, in NGO's, in industry); mediators
- Increase openness;
- Be responsive
- Inclusion of citizens (wevsthem > US)
- Development of knowledge-based society: better informed citizens and politicians make better society.

# Description of Context

- Dynamics of society: increasing complexity, polarisation, different crisis
- Lack of trust on both sides
- Ethics to be included in all research processes
- Need of openness and transparency
- Responsiveness from science community
- Grand challenges
- Laymen data (ecology, birds, sea); Citizen science

# Recommendations

- Create reward systems
- Level playing field in all aspects: basic research and SiS are equal important
- Training for researchers and communicators, all stakeholders
- Set up Evaluation & assessment systems
- Set up fora for exchange of experiences, networking between researchers, Funding agencies etc.
- Set up infrastructure for public debates and all SiS actions (arenas, fora, competences, training)
- Two-way communication
- Responsible research, risk-analysis

# Other important issues

- Individual vs. Collective responsibility
- Minimum / maximum commitment in SiS
- "Researchers' motivation or vocation": is it up to a researcher to do SiS (do we ask motivation for science activities?)?
- Change of discourse of science: not only success stories but debates, uncertainty, context-dependent results
- Research process must be opened, not only interesting results

# Other, other issues

- Budget structures are different in SiS
- Research on SiS!!!
- General recommendations or discipline-specific? Does one size fit all?



# Recommendations to microlevel: researchers, institutes

- Make it age appropriate or adaptable for all ages
- Do not dumb it down
- Create dialogue / interaction
- Make it entertaining / fun
- Use various channels: event, social media, i-phone apps
- Be creative + experimental

# Micro/ Meso

- Train researchers
- Make sure you have resources and infra
- Align with national priorities / European strategy
- Leverage already existing activities (ESOF)
- Try to measure impact + growth

# MOTTO

- Together for better societies and for better science!
- Tax-payers' right vs. Researchers' right