



Social Innovation Research under FP7

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Science and Society

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POLITICAL BACKGROUND

A) Social innovation and the EUROPE 2020 Strategy:

→ *'...to design and implement programmes **to promote social innovation for the most vulnerable, ...**'*

B) Social innovation and the Innovation Union Flagship Initiative (Commitment 27-B):

→ *'...Starting in 2011, the Commission will support **a substantial research programme on public sector and social innovation**, looking at issues such as measurement and evaluation, financing and other barriers to scaling up and development...'*



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SSH research on 'social innovation' in the Work Programme 2011

- **New innovation processes, including social innovation**
- **Social Platform on innovative social services**

Total EU contribution up to 4 mio. EURO

SSH research on 'social innovation' in the Work Programme 2012

- **Social innovation against inequalities**
- **Social innovation in the public sector**
- **Social innovation for vulnerable populations (Specific International Cooperation Action)**

Total EU contribution up to 6 mio. EURO



Planned SSH research on 'social innovation' in the Work Programme 2013 (*TENTATIVE*)

- **Social innovation – empowering people, changing societies?**
- **Economic underpinnings of social innovations**
- **Social entrepreneurship for innovative and inclusive societies**
- **The impact of the third sector on socio-economic development in Europe**

Total EU contribution up to 12.5 mio. EURO



Examples of SSH research

KATARSIS on growing inequality and social innovation
(katarsis.ncl.ac.uk // University of Newcastle).

SELUSI on social entrepreneurs (www.selusi.eu // London School of Economics & Political Science).

WILCO on welfare innovations at the local level in favour of cohesion
(www.wilcoproject.eu // Radboud University Nijmegen).

IMPROVE on the role of social innovation for poverty reduction
(University of Antwerp).

TEPSIE on theoretical, empirical and policy foundations for building social innovation (www.tepsie.eu // Danish Technological Institute).

Social Platform on Innovative Social Services in the fields of health, education, and welfare (University of Heidelberg).



Social Innovation in the HORIZON 2020 Specific Programme Proposal – 'Inclusive, innovative and secure societies'-Challenge

6.2.2. Exploring new forms of innovation, including social innovation and creativity

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- understand how social innovation and creativity may lead to change in existing structures and policies and how they can be encouraged and scaled-up;
- platforms networking citizens and allowing them to collaborate and co-create solutions;
- support will also be given to networking and experimentation as well as to networks of social innovators and social entrepreneurs

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RESEARCH IN SOCIAL INNOVATION

**For more
information:**

Inventory of projects funded under the EU Research Framework Programmes

FP7

FP6

FP5

http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index_en.html



From Science in Society (SiS) to Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)

RRI is the legacy of FP6-S&S and FP7-SiS

Main milestones

- 2000** Science, Society and the Citizen in Europe
- 2001** Science and Society Action Plan
- 2002** **Science and Society (FP6) 88 M€ in FP6 – Structuring activities in ERA**
- 2007** **Science in Society (FP7) 330 M€ in FP7 – Capacity building activities**
- H2020** **RRI as a cross-cutting issue and SiS themes under IISC**



Why we need Responsible Research and Innovation?

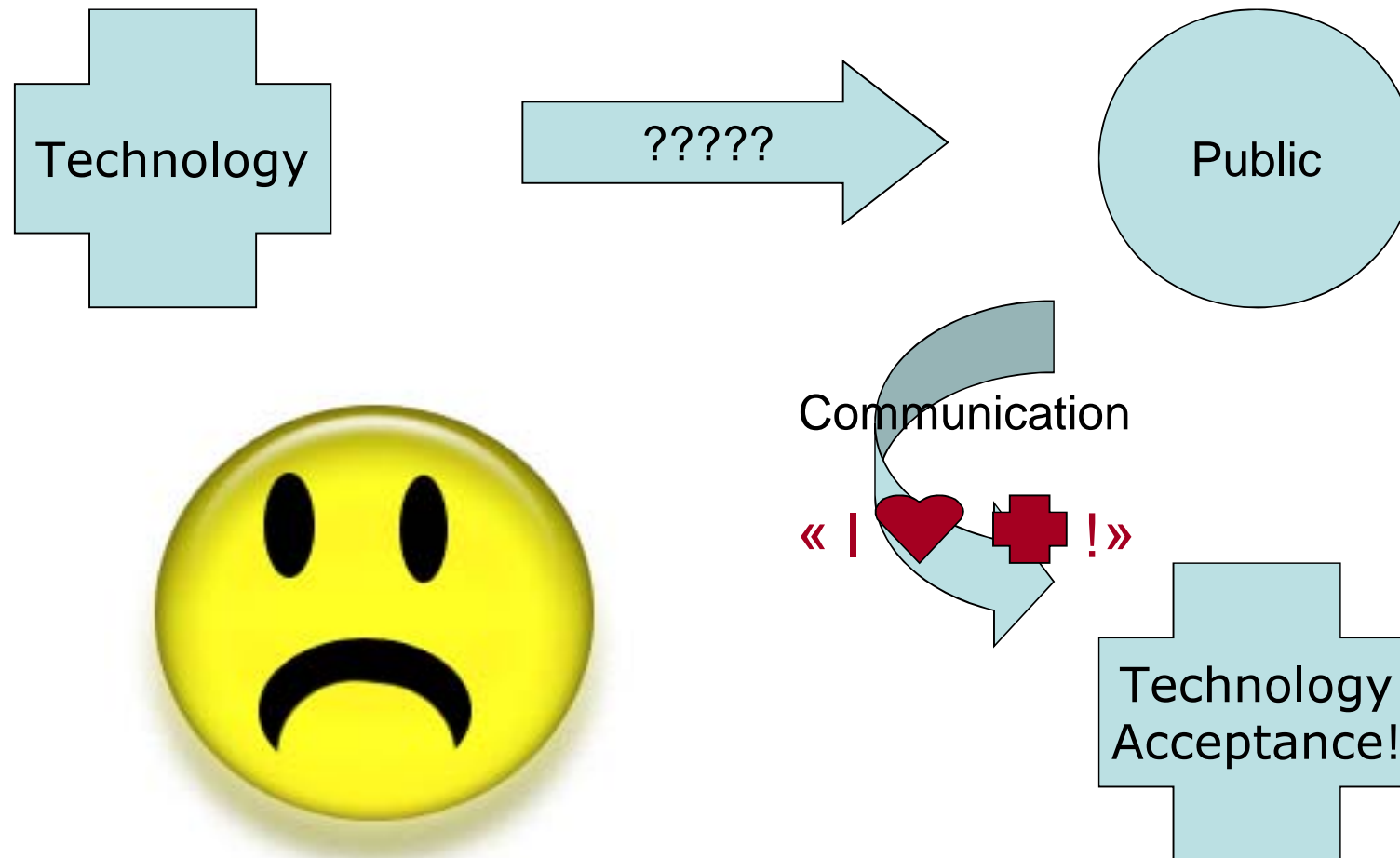
10 years of SiS activities have demonstrated that serious market failures are caused by lack of 'Responsibility'

Societal actors work together to align process, results and expectations, looking for both harmonious and efficient relationship between science and society

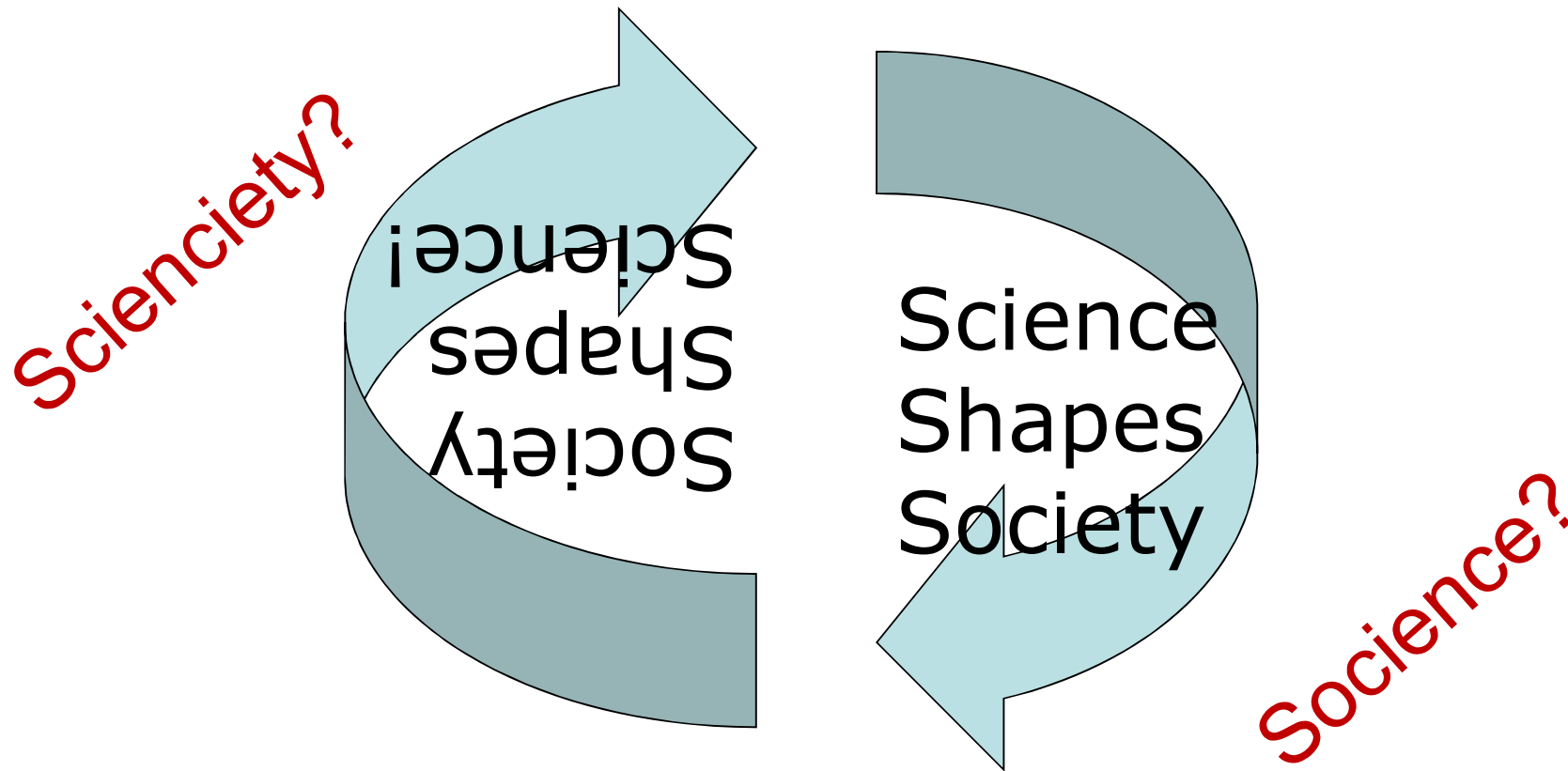
Early and continuous societal intervention may:

- *Favour development of social and hybrid innovation beside technological ones*
- *Enable anticipation of positive and negative impacts of technology and innovation during the time lag between technical discovery and market product*

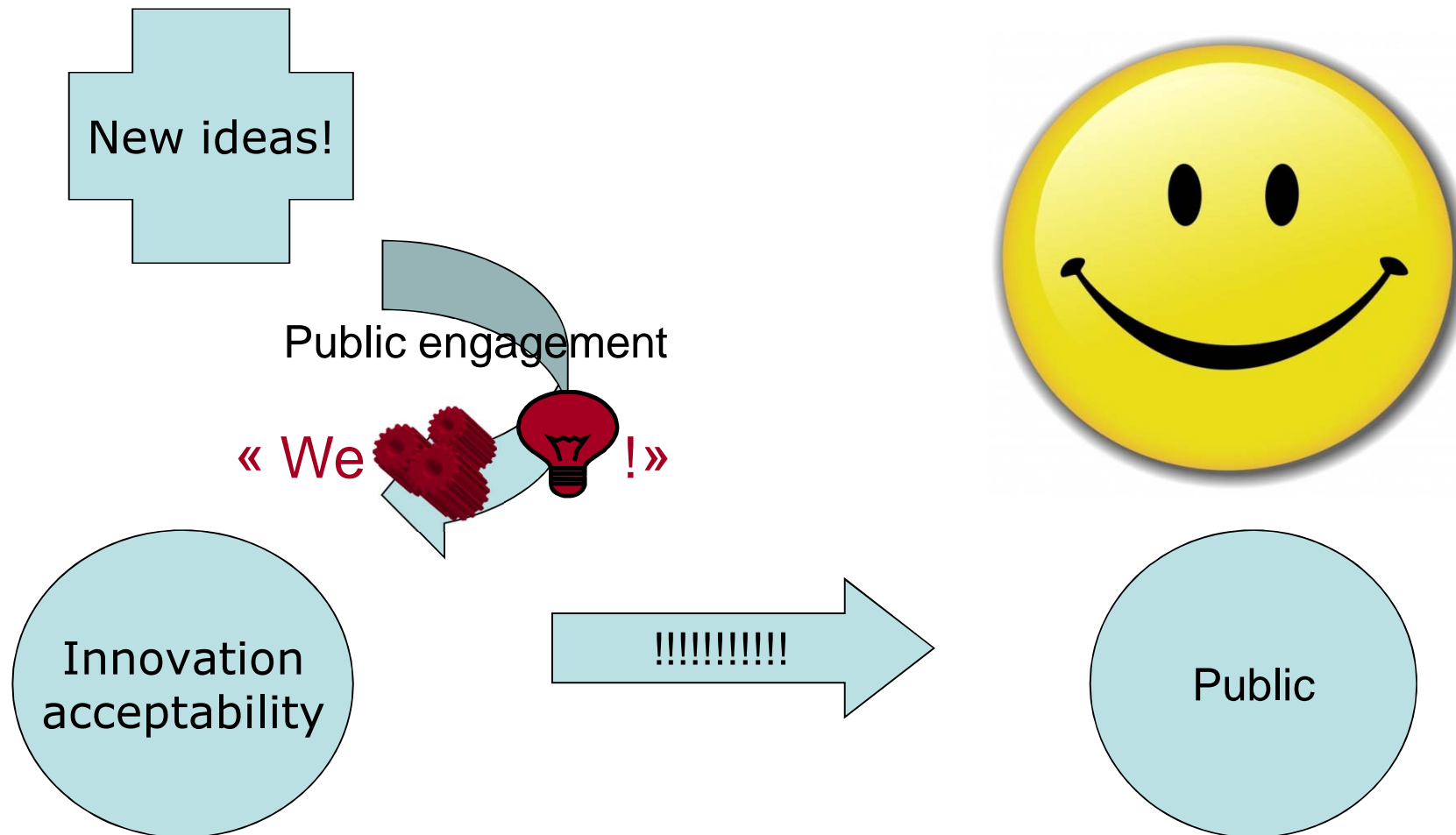
'Technology acceptance' rationale



'Science and society retroactions'



'Innovation acceptability' rationale and dynamics





Mobilisation and Mutual Learning (MML) Action Plans

SiS WP funds MML Action Plans since 2009 to foster partnerships and mechanisms that:

- Address societal challenges where S&T are involved
- Bring together a wide range of actors
- Pool partners' knowledge, experience, different concerns and priorities
- Develop mutual understanding and joint solutions to complex issues that raise conflicting opinions
- Increase transparency, participation, trust and benefit-sharing at political, economic and social level
- Explore policy issues to ensure that technology is developed in accordance with fundamental rights and values
- Develop (social) innovation encompassing societal needs and concerns**



SiS activities with a focus on 'Social innovation' in the Work Programme 2012

One Mobilisation and Mutual Learning Action Plan with a specific focus on social innovation incubation

- **Active and Healthy Ageing**
 - One proposal under negotiation

Total EU contribution approx. 4 mio. EURO



Planned SiS activities with a focus on 'Social innovation' in the Work Programme 2013 ***(TENTATIVE – call on 10 July)***

Three Mobilisation and Mutual Learning Action Plans with a specific focus on social innovation, but ...

- **Urban challenge**
- **Internet and society**
- **Water challenge**

Total EU contribution up to 12 MEURO, each up to 4 MEURO



Thank you for your attention!

More information:

HORIZON 2020

http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm

SCIENCE IN SOCIETY PORTAL (EUROPA)

http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/home_en.cfm

EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/index_en.htm