EU for facts
Evidence for policy in a post-fact world
Annual conference of the Joint Research Centre

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Programme

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JRC@60
The interaction between science and policy has never been straightforward. But this relationship has been further complicated by the current post-fact debate. This is a challenge for the whole of society, not only scientists, experts, the media and policymakers, but also for politicians.

We need to learn from past success and failures in building policy on evidence, to understand the causes of this crisis and to chart a new course for organisations operating at the intersection of facts, politics and the media.

Policy-making needs to find the balance between facts and values. Linear thinking cannot be applied to the relationship between science, society and policy anymore. Scientists, politicians and citizens need new models and processes to connect, to develop new thinking and to communicate new narratives.

The process needs to become more open, involving all stakeholders (scientists, policymakers and society) from the design and production to the delivery phase.

The conference aims to produce a set of clear recommendations for successful evidence-informed policy making institutions, processes and individuals. It will offer a frank encounter between leading experts from the fields of science, policy and media. Economists, psychologists, philosophers, sociologists and natural scientists will have an opportunity to have an honest, public discussion with practising politicians, policymakers and journalists.

In addition to listening to speeches and discussions between leading scientists and politicians, the participants will have a possibility to interact with the speakers via live apps during sessions, as well as meet them in person during dedicated time slots after each session.

**Registration opens at 08.00**

**08.30 – 08.50 Breakfast with speakers**
Possibility to meet with the speakers and discuss in advance the themes of the conference in front of Gasperi room

**De Gasperi Room**

**08.50 – 09.00 - Award ceremony**
Announcing and displaying the videos of the winners of the video and poster competition.

**09.00 – 09.40 Opening session**

**Host: Vladimir Šucha**, Director-General, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission.

**Welcoming remarks: Tibor Navracsics**, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport.

**Key-note Speech - The Scientist’s Perspective: Sir Peter Gluckman**, Chief Science Advisor to the New Zealand Prime Minister, Chair International Network for Science Advice to Governments (INGSA).

**09.40 – 11.15 Session I. Why should we trust science?**

**Video: Ilya Prigogine**, Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1977


**Jonathan Kimmelman**, Associate Professor in the Biomedical Ethics Unit/ Social Studies of Medicine at McGill.
Johannes Vogel, Director General of the Museum of Natural History in Berlin and Professor of Biodiversity and Public Science at the Humboldt University.

Tracey Brown, Director of Sense about Science, independent charity that challenges misrepresentation of science and evidence in public life.

Francesca Campolongo, Head of Unit, Finance & Economy, Directorate-General Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Be interactive: speakers answer the most popular questions from the audience.

Coffee will be available outside the room from 10:00 to 11:15

11.15 – 11.35 Key-note

Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness.

11:35 – 11:55 Key-note: Investing in the European future we want – maximising the impact of EU Research & Innovation Programmes

Pascal Lamy, President emeritus of the Jacques Delors Institute, former European Commissioner and Director-General of the World Trade Organisation.

12.00 – 13.45 Lunch break

Meet the speakers from Session 1

Thierry Courvoisier, EASAC President, will discuss his Manifesto for Science in Society.

13.45 – 14.45 The politician’s perspective

Roundtable discussion hosted by Commissioner Tibor Navracsics with former Commissioners responsible for science and research.

14.45 – 16.15 Session II. Re-designing policymaking using behavioural and decision science

Moderator: Meglena Kuneva, Former EU Commissioner and politician.

Steven Sloman, Professor, Department of Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences, Brown University.

Stephan Lewandowsky, Psychologist, Chair in cognitive psychology at the School of Experimental Psychology, University of Bristol.

Françoise Waintrop, Chargée de mission innovation, Direction de la formation, ENA.

Simon Kuper, FT journalist

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16.15 – 16.45 Coffee break & meet the speakers

16.45 – 18:00 The way forward

Moderator: Jean-Eric Paquet, Deputy Secretary-General, European Commission.

Anne Bucher, Regulatory Scrutiny Board Chair.

Rush Holt, AAAS CEO, scientist and politician.

Mariana Kotzeva, Acting Director-General, Eurostat.

Ann Mettler, Director General of the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC).

17.40 – 18.00 Wrap up discussion

18.00: cocktail at the Berlaymont Piazza – visit of JRC@60 exhibition
JRC Mission

As the science and knowledge service of the European Commission, the Joint Research Centre’s mission is to support EU policies with independent evidence throughout the whole policy cycle.