



As part of the [online workshop series “Strengthening and connecting eco-systems of science for policy across Europe”](#), the European Commission is organising – in partnership with the European Science Advisors Forum – a virtual workshop on:

## “Science for policymaking in Estonia”

Date and time: 9 March 2021, 14h30-17h30 EST (13h30-16h30 CET)

### Draft programme

<b>14h30-15h45</b>	<b>Plenary session</b>
14h30-14h35	<i>Introduction to the workshop series, <b>David Mair</b>, DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i>
14h35-15h45	<i>Reflections on science for policy eco-systems in Estonia and beyond, moderated by <b>Renzo Tomellini</b>, Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM), DG Research and Innovation, European Commission</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Science Advice from the perspective of decision makers, <b>Jüri Ratas</b>, former Prime Minister of Estonia</li><li>• <i>Science advice from the perspective of scientists, <b>Professor Krista Fischer</b>, Member of Estonian Academy of Sciences, member of the national COVID-19 science advice group</i></li><li>• <i>General overview of the Science Advice system in Estonia &amp; short reflection of ESAF, <b>Professor Tarmo Soomere</b>, President of the Estonian Academy of Sciences, Chair of ESAF</i></li><li>• <i>Support measures for Science Advice system in Estonia, <b>Liina Eek</b>, Estonian Research Council</i></li><li>• <i>Science advice to Government: from reflections from Ireland to ideas for Estonia, <b>Professor Mark W.J. Ferguson</b>, Director General of the Science Foundation Ireland, Chief Scientific Advisor to the Government of Ireland</i></li></ul>
<b>15h45-16h35</b>	<b>Break-out group discussions</b>
15h45-15h50	<i>Brief explainer of questions for break-out groups and process, <b>Kristian Krieger</b>, DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i>
15h50-16h35	<i>Break-out sessions addressing the following questions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What works well (and not) in Estonia’s science for policy eco-system? Why?</li><li>• What could concretely help to address the bottlenecks/challenges to Estonia’s science for policy eco-system?</li></ul>
<b>16h35-17h15</b>	<b>Concluding plenary</b>
16h35-17h05	<i>Reports from the break-out groups &amp; open discussion of projects to take forward</i>
17h05-17h15	<i>Concluding remarks, <b>Tarmo Soomere &amp; David Mair</b></i>