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Commission Staff Working Document on  
“Supporting and connecting **policymaking** in the  
Member States with **scientific research**”

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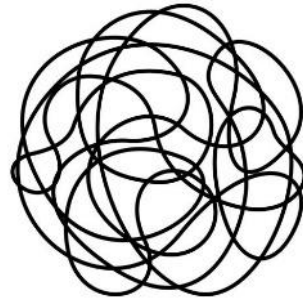
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# 5 reasons why we need this SWD

“Wicked” problems

Robust democracy



EU policy environment

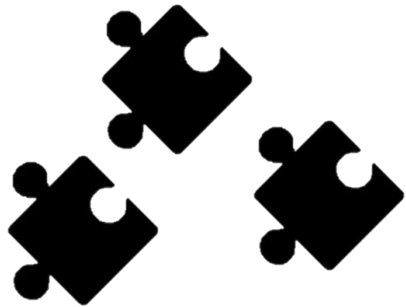


Wider initiative to raise awareness for science for policy

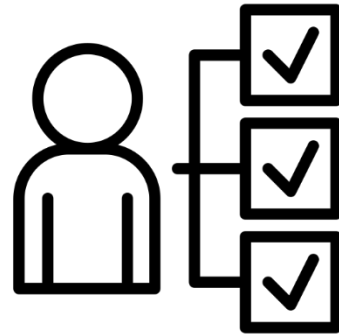


Dynamism in the Member States

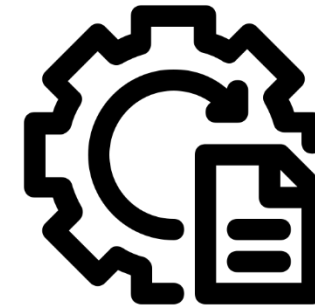
# 3 challenges to science for policy



**Institutional environment:**  
missing connections  
& coordination



**Individual capacities:**  
missing  
competences and  
inter-sectoral  
understanding

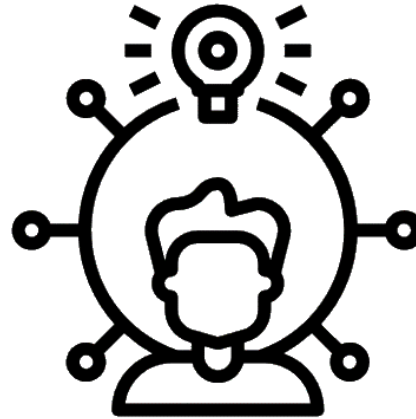


**Good governance of evidence use:**  
Limits of science  
and policymaking

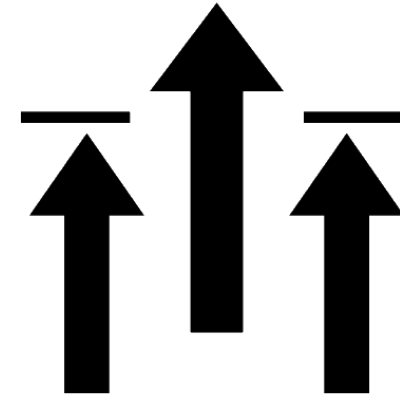
# 3 types of EU support to address challenges



Institutional  
capacity &  
professional  
network building



Professional  
competence &  
inter-sectoral  
professional  
schemes for  
knowledge  
exchange



Knowledge on  
science-for-policy  
ecosystems,  
practices, and  
capacity & limits

# Focus: Science-for-policy networks

- Addressing the challenges of poor coordination and fragmentation, missing professional competences, and good governance of evidence use?
  - Sectoral: EU-Agencies Network for Scientific Advice (EU-ANSA)
  - Parliamentary Advice: European Parliamentary Technology Assessment (EPTA) network
  - Academies of science: SAPEA, ALLEA, EASAC, and more
  - Government science advice: European Science Advisors Forum (ESAF)
  - [Expert Group on Public Administration and Governance]
- What roles could the networks play? What kind of support is needed?

# Questions to ESAF members

1. How can ESAF, as a network whose members represent bodies that inform national policies with scientific evidence and shape national science advice systems, undertake to address the challenges identified in the SWD?
2. What other challenges need to be considered?
3. What kind of resources, support, and networks do ESAF and its members need to help address the challenges?
  - from the European Commission
  - Within each Member State
  - from other Member States and ESAF members

# Next steps

- Debate of EU-27 research ministers on “Science as an instrument to facilitate policy making in the Member States” – 2 December a.m. CET – web-streamed
- International conference on “Building forward better informed – Science for Policy in Europe”, jointly organised by RTD-JRC-REFORM, with ES Council presidency (tbc) – October 2023

Thank you!

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