



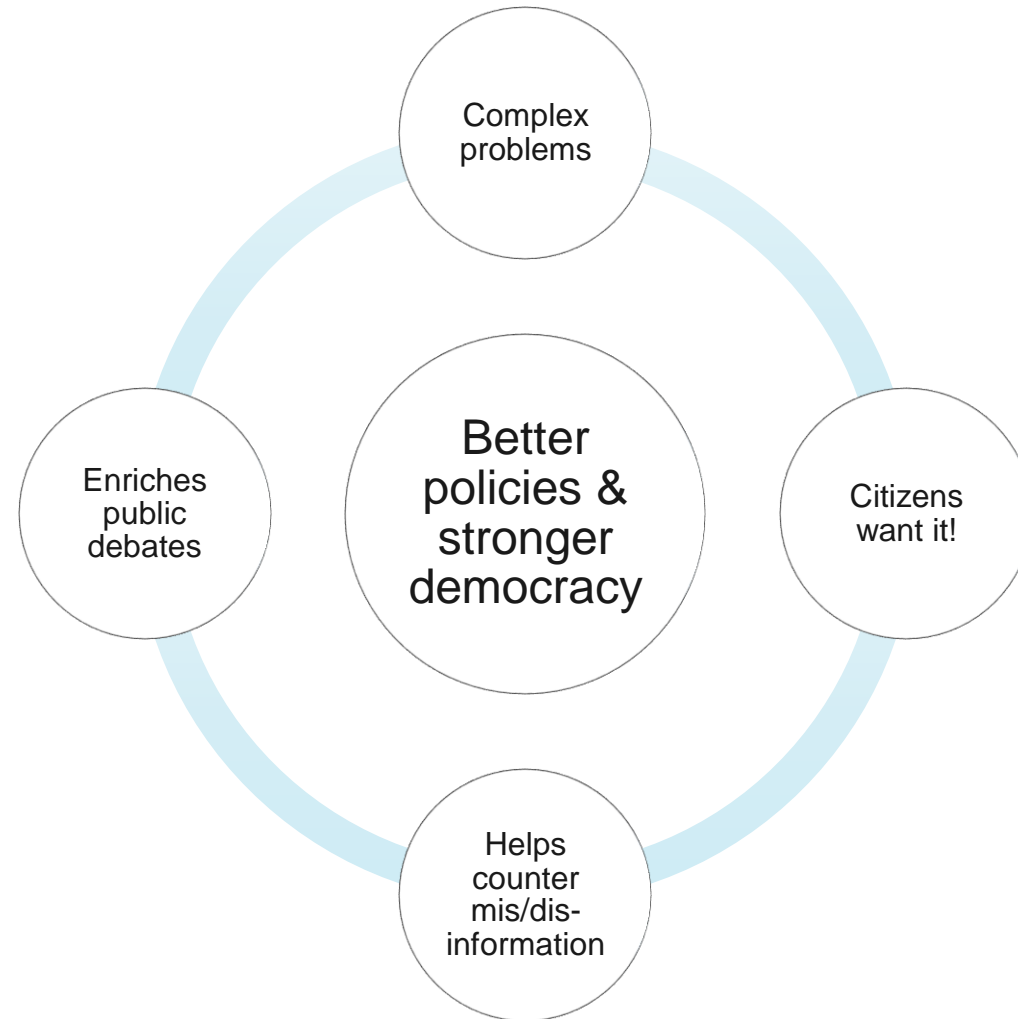
Science for Policy

Towards a European S4P ecosystem

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Why better science for policy?

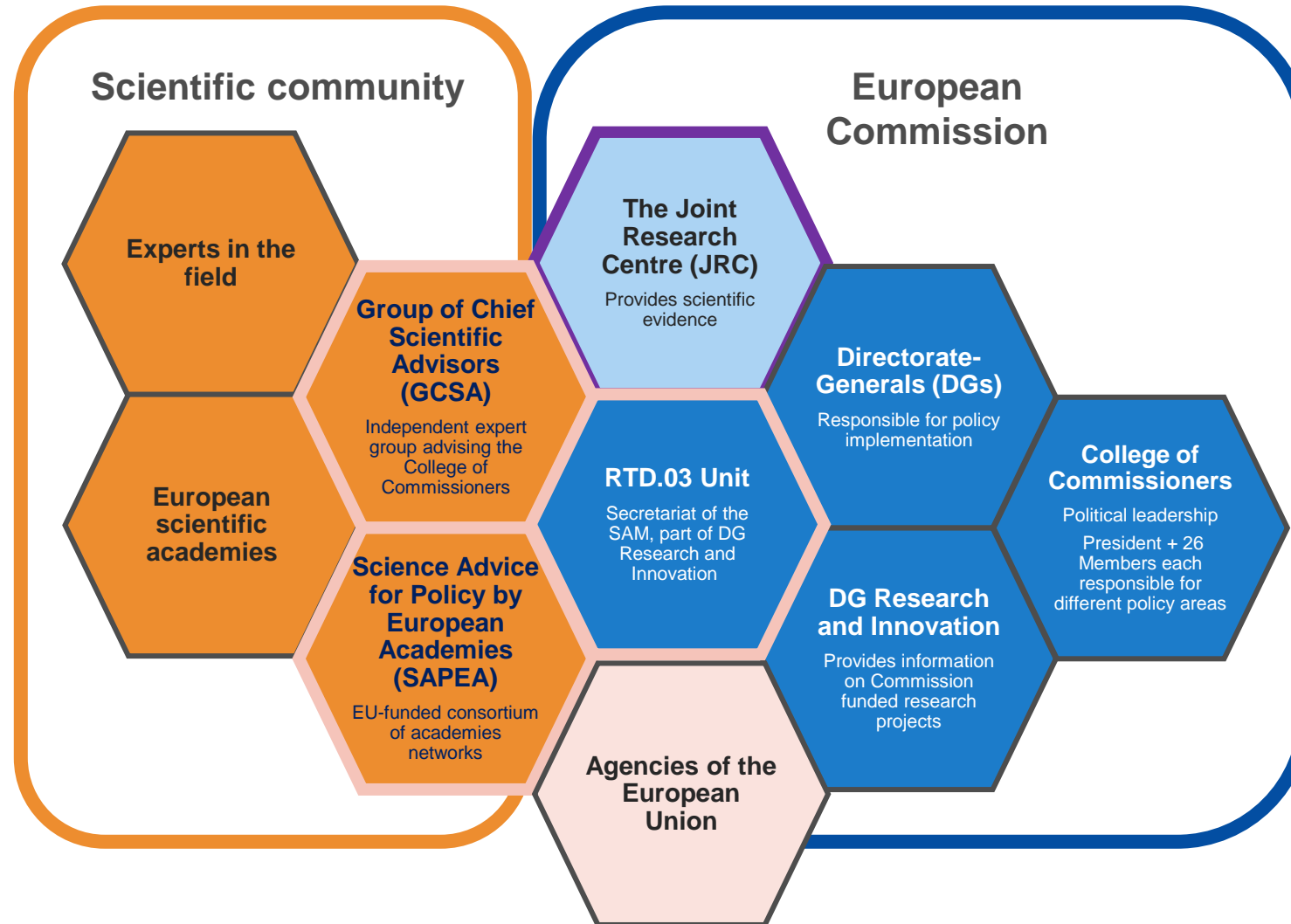


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Science for policy in the Commission

- The Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM)
- The Joint Research Center (JRC)
- Specialised agencies (EMA, EFSA, ECDC, etc)
- Expert committees
- Commissioned research

European Commission access to scientific knowledge



Staff Working Document (Oct 2022): “Supporting and connecting policymaking in Member States with scientific research”



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What is this document about?

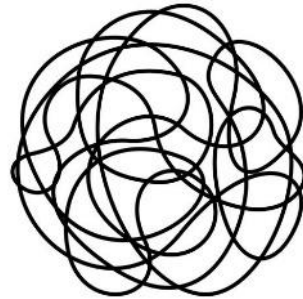
- Analytical reflection to identify challenges at the science and policy interface
- Summary of the support offered from the Commission to Member States
- Written by the JRC and DG RTD, with political support of DG REFORM
- Input from other Commission services and a participatory workshop with stakeholders and practitioners

- **Aim: promote national and European debate on improving science for policy**
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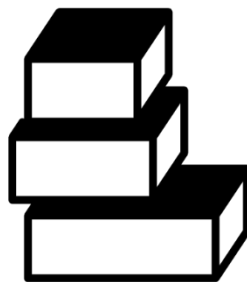
5 reasons why we need this document

“Wicked” problems

Robust democracy



EU policy environment



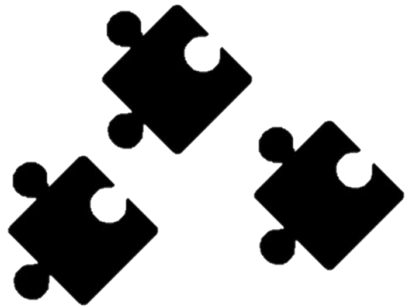
Wider initiative to raise awareness for science for policy



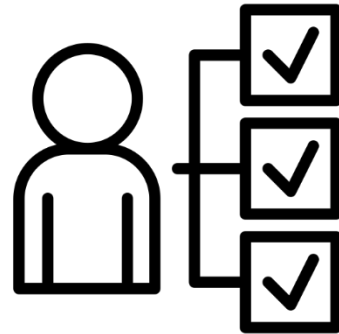
Dynamism in the Member States

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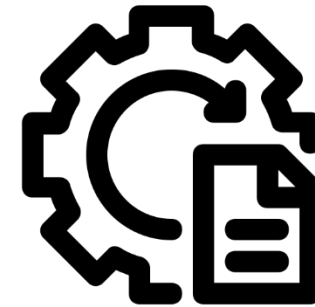
3 challenges to science for policy



Institutional environment:
missing connections
& coordination



Individual capacities:
missing
competences and
inter-sectoral
understanding

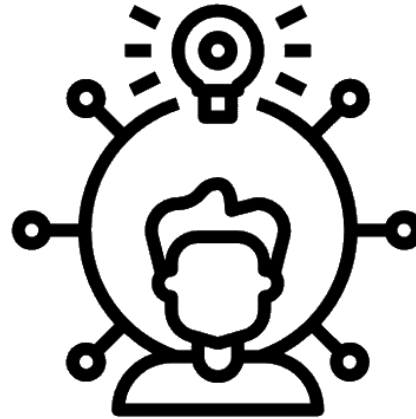


Good governance of evidence use:
Limits of science
and policymaking

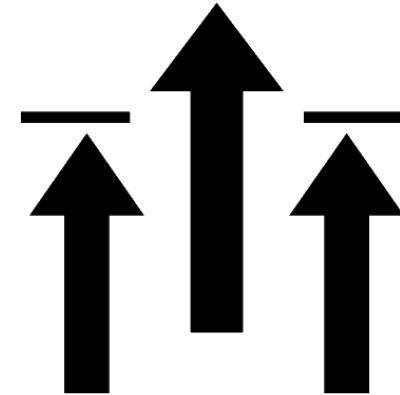
3 types of EU support to address challenges



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: EU support from the R&I policy area

- Knowledge valorisation
- Research assessment
- Policy support facility & multi-country mutual learning exercises
- Inter-sectoral career mobility
- Global approach to R&I and science diplomacy
- Policy units at scientific organisations

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Stock-taking and promoting debate on Science for Policy for Member States

Commission Document (Oct'22)



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COMPET Council Debate (Dec'22)

- Interventions by EU-27 ministers of science or delegates
- *“Commission should play a key role in providing coordination, expertise, and support for policy development in the EU”.*
- Consider discussing science for policy in other Council configurations, e.g. sectoral, where evidence users are present.
- <https://video.consilium.europa.eu/event/en/26331>

Session on Science for Policy Making
“Open Science – from Policy to Practice
(17 May 23)

ERAC Debate
(Jun' 23)

International Science for Policy conference in Brussels
(Oct' 23)

Council Conclusions
ES Presidency (Dec' 23)

Presidential event under
BE presidency
Q1/2024



S4P Agenda: political dimension

- Commission SWD (October 2022)

Supporting and connecting policymaking in the Member States with scientific research (SWD (2022) 346 final).

- CZ Council Presidency (December 2022)

Policy Debate ‘Science as an instrument to facilitate policy making in the Member States’

- SE Council Presidency (June 2023)

ERAC Policy Debate ‘Towards a European S4P ecosystem’

- ES Council Presidency (December 2023)

Council Conclusions on ‘Strengthening the role and impact of R&I in the policy-making process in the Union’

S4P Policy Agenda

- **Science for Policy in Europe – Building better S4P ecosystems Conference**

10-11 October 2023, Brussels and online

- **S4P Code of Practice**

Kick off end 2023 / early 2024

- **Next ERA Policy Agenda:**

ERA Action ‘Supporting the uptake of science into policymaking through the establishment of a European Science for Policy (S4P) ecosystem’

European S4P ecosystem

- Support the uptake of scientific knowledge by policymakers
- Improve the coherence and quality of policies across Europe
- Support the further development and interconnection of the national S4P ecosystems across Europe
- Promote coordinated actions to achieve common medium- and long-term policy objectives as well as to better respond in emergencies, when needed
- Support the design of better policies that benefit the society and strengthen citizens' trust in science
- Foster the trust among S4P actors and bridge the existing gaps between them.

Thank you



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