



European Science Advice Forum (ESAF) Annual Meeting 2023

11.–12. September, 2023

West University of Timișoara, ROMANIA

Agenda

DAY 1, 11 September. Arrivals. Welcome Dinner.

18:00	Welcome cocktail (Hotel Atlas, Apollo Room, 5th floor, Piața Sf. Gheorghe no. 2-3, Timișoara)
19:00	Dinner (Hotel Atlas Restaurant, Ground floor)
	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• European University Alliances - a new bridge for European identity. Opportunities for science advice. Prof. Irina MACSINGA, Professor of psychology, Dean of the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, West University of Timișoara• Franklin A. CARRERO-MARTÍNEZ, Senior Director, Global Sustainability and Development & Science and Technology for Sustainability, The National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

DAY 2, 12 September. ESAF Annual Meeting 2023

Venue of the opening:

West University of Timișoara, Main Building, ground floor (bd. Vasile Pârvan no. 4, Timișoara)

09:00	<i>Registration, Welcome Coffee</i>
09:30	Opening and introductions Chair: Prof. Mădălin BUNOIU, West University of Timisoara <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Message from Prof. Marilen Gabriel PIRTEA, Rector of West University of Timisoara• Prof. Tudor PRISECARU, Secretary of State in the Ministry of Research• Prof. Tarmo SOOMERE, ESAF Chair, President of Estonian Academy of Sciences• Jaques VERRAES, Deputy Head of Science Policy, Advice, and Ethics Unit, European Commission
10:10	Bus transfer to the main Venue: West University of Timisoara Art Centre (Oituz street no. 4, Timișoara)



10:30	SESSION 1. MESSAGES FROM ROMANIA AND EUROPEAN COMMISSION Chair: Prof. Tarmo SOOMERE , Estonian Academy of Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research and Science Advice Systems in Romania Prof. Tudor PRISECARU, Secretary of State in the Ministry of Research• Research Environment in Timișoara Prof. Florin Alin SAVA, vice-rector for research, West University of Timisoara• The European Science for Policy ecosystem Alessandro ALLEGRA, Policy Assistant to the Deputy Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission• “Towards sustainable food consumption. Promoting healthy, affordable, and sustainable food consumption choices”. GCSA Scientific Opinion published in June 2023 Jacques VERRAES, Deputy Head of Science Policy, Advice, and Ethics Unit, European Commission
11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45	SESSION 2. ERA OF TRASH INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CHALLENGES OF SCIENCE ADVICE Chair: Prof. Maria Chiara CARROZZA , President of the National Research Council of Italy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key-note presentation: The emergence of the pseudo-scientific discourse: crisis of science or crisis of the public sphere? Professor Alina BÂRGĂOANU, PhD. The Dean of the College of Communication and Public Relations, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, ROMANIA. Member of the advisory board of the European Digital Media Observatory, affiliate member of the European Center of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats, Helsinki.• Challenges to science advice in the context of AI 'hallucinations' Franklin A. CARRERO-MARTÍNEZ, Senior Director, Global Sustainability and Development & Science and Technology for Sustainability, The National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine• Undermining Trust: The Impact of Scientific Fraud on EU Financing and Research Integrity. Robert MISTRİK, Slovak Research and Development Agency• Ongoing SAM work on Artificial intelligence for research and innovation. European Commission Jacques VERRAES, Deputy Head of Science Policy, Advice, and Ethics Unit, European Commission• DISCUSSION
13:20	<i>Lunch at the venue (Faculty of Arts and Design, Oituz street no. 4)</i>



14:20	SESSION 3. HOW TO MAKE NATIONAL SCIENCE ADVICE TRANSFERABLE TO OTHER COUNTRIES? Chair: Robert MISTRİK , Slovak Research and Development Agency <ul style="list-style-type: none">Warsaw Communiqué on Climate Change in Europe Prof. Gerald HAUG, President of the German Academy of Science Leopoldina (remotely, represented by Dr. Lucien Brujan)EU perspectives on evidence-informed policymaking in governance and public administrations Agnieszka GADZINA-KOLODZIEJSKA, deputy Head of Unit Science for Democracy and Evidence-Informed Policy Making, Joint Research CentreSpeaking truth to power: towards building resilient democratic citizenry in a challenged legally based world order Prof. Silviu ROGOBETE, PhD. Former Consul General of Romania in South Africa, Director of the Doctoral School of Philosophy, Sociology and Political Science at West University of TimișoaraInterventions by ESAF members – recent changes in Science Advice Systems ESAF membersDISCUSSION
16:00	<i>Convenience Break</i>
16:10	SESSION 4. ESAF MEMBERS CLOSED MEETING. DISCUSSIONS ON THE FOUNDING DOCUMENTS AND FUTURE OF ESAF. ELECTION OF THE ESAF NEW CHAIR. Chair: Prof. Tarmo SOOMERE <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overview of ESAF activities 2022-2023. Prof Tarmo SOOMERE, ESAF ChairEuropean Commission expectations on how to work together with ESAF. Alessandro ALLEGRA, Policy Assistant to the Deputy Director-General for Research and Innovation, European CommissionNew statute of ESAF. Changes in Terms of Reference and membership agreement. Members of the Working GroupElection of the new chair for the next 3 years. Plans for ESAF. Introduction by candidates:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prof. Maria Chiara CARROZZA, President of the National Research Council of ItalyAny other candidates?
18:15	Bus from the venue to the dinner location
19:00	Networking Dinner @ Recaș Winery

DAY 3, 13. September. Departures