

Invitation: OPEN EU Workshop – Scenarios and Policy Analysis

September, Wednesday 8th – Thursday 9th 2010, Brussels, Belgium
Scotland House Conference Centre, Scotland House, Rond-Point Schuman 6, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

Workshop details

The purpose of the workshop is to ensure the scenarios developed as part of the OPEN:EU project and policy analysis of scenarios and indicators are relevant to potential users by seeking views from participants on:

1. Setting the boundaries for scenarios – have we selected the most relevant scope for the scenarios?
2. Developing the scenario framework - what do we need to consider in terms of drivers, uncertainties and impact when developing the scenario narratives?
3. What are the most relevant policy interventions you would want to see tested in the scenarios?

The interactive workshop with roughly 20 participants will cover:

1. An introduction to the **nature and scope of the scenarios** to set the boundary for discussion.
2. An explanation and discussion of the **themes and targets** that will be used in the scenarios as well as the role of scenarios in OPEN: EU. This will provide more detail of the aims and aspirations of the OPEN: EU project.
3. Development of a **scenario framework** based on commonly identified drivers and the impact and uncertainty associated with these drivers.
4. A discussion of the **policy environment and policy interventions** that could be used in scenario development. The findings of the policy review will be discussed and stakeholders will have an opportunity to discuss findings and suggest additional interventions that could be tested in scenarios. This will be used to test which policy interventions should be included in the EUREAPA model.

Outline of the draft programme

Wednesday, 8th September 2010	
09.00 – 09.30	Welcome presentation and introduction to the project and the workshop
09.30 –10.30	Presentation and discussion of aims and targets of scenarios in OPEN:EU
10:30 –11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 –12.30	Identification and discussion of drivers - part 1
12.30 –14.00	Lunch Break
14.00–15.00	Presentation and discussion of drivers - part 2
15.00–16.00	Selecting critical uncertainties
16.00–16.30	Coffee Break
16.30–17.30	Developing the scenario framework
19.00	Joint Dinner (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
Thursday, 9 th September 2010	
9.00 – 11.00	Finalising the scenario framework
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.00	Policy review and discussion
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch Break
14.30–16.00	Footprint indicators and policy relevance
16.00–16.30	Closing of the workshop
16.30	End of workshop

What is the OPEN EU Project?

The One Planet Economy Network OPEN: EU project aims at exploring the question “How can the EU become a One Planet Economy by 2050?” It will do so by contributing to this question in 3 ways:

1. **Evidence:** developing an academically robust “footprint family” of sustainable development indicators,
2. **Application:** placing these in a scenario modelling tool for evidence-based policy (EUREAPA), and
3. **Capacity:** creating a network for decision-makers, civil society organisations and business leaders to share and agree on solutions to the challenges of transforming to a One Planet Economy.

What is the EUREAPA Tool?

The EUREAPA Tool will be developed to help policy-makers make more informed decisions when addressing the complex issue of achieving a one planet economy. The tool will provide a database of the footprints that occur as a result of the consumption of goods and services by residents of countries in the European Union. The tool can break this footprint down into consumption of goods and services from 123 different economic sectors giving a lot of information about the cause of the footprint.

This will help policy-makers understand the main causes of the consumption footprint in their country and across Europe. It could also be used to find countries with a lower consumption impact and identify the best practice that resulted in that lower impact.

The tool will also contain a policy analysis function to allow users to investigate how policy interventions could reduce this impact and move towards a one planet economy.

Why Scenarios?

Scenarios will be a very important part of the OPEN: EU project and help us to understand what life might be like in 2050. They will be developed during the course of the project to explore how consumption patterns and production efficiency might change into the future if we did not intervene. The EUREAPA tool will be used to calculate the impact of these future consumption patterns over time. The scenarios will also provide the basis for policy recommendations; they will help us to identify where we might intervene with policy in the future and what kind of policy might be most effective.

Policy Analysis

Potential policy approaches to encourage a one planet economy will be identified during the course of the project. The effect of the policy approaches will be estimated by quantifying the change in consumption patterns or production efficiency that they cause then inputting this to the model to calculate the resulting change in environmental impact. The impact of the policy approaches can also be tested in the future scenarios to see how robust they are to future changes in consumption.



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