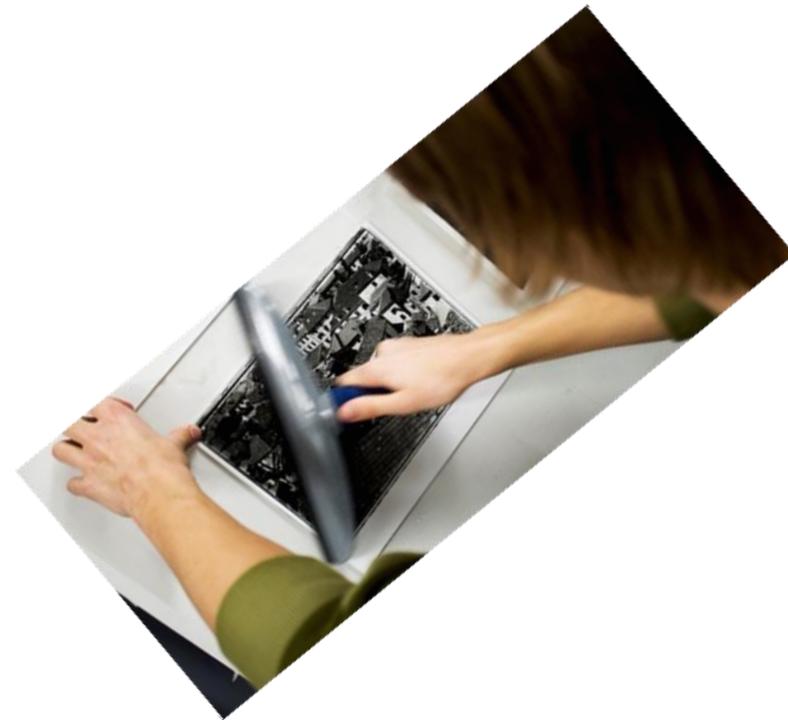




The policy impact of PE tools

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Tasks for PE2020 pilot initiatives

To test and refine innovative public engagement tools (living lab, on-line platform etc.) and processes in the context of research programmes closely linked to the Horizon 2020 challenges



To evaluate the feasibility of using the tools, tested in the pilot initiatives, for other countries and for other societal challenges



To gain understanding of relevance of contextual factors in designing PE processes, and to provide input for the toolkit (developed in WP4)





Pilot initiatives as feasibility studies



WP3 identified and carried out seven pilot initiatives:

- related to societal challenges
- having a transnational dimension and taking into account
 - contextual requirements
 - creation of a comparative research perspective
 - documentation of the pilot initiatives experiences for further evaluation purposes



Pilot initiatives in PE2020

Located in Finland

- Promoting science-society dialogue among the Baltic Sea early-career scientists
- Global change living lab
- Societal interaction plans in Strategic Research Council
- Societal interaction and stakeholder involvement

Located in Italy:

- Involving researchers in education on public engagement
- Public forum on mobility and transportation
- Empowering young researchers on PE in energy efficiency

Taking into account

- Cutting edge PE activity and feasibility
- Limited time and resources
- Collaboration with partners
- Learning curve



Objectives

- The working environment and programme context of the pilot initiatives play a crucial role in the way researchers have reacted to PE methods
- To promote active and continuous involvement with actors outside the scholarly community
- The pilot initiatives have encouraged research projects to enhance public engagement tools and to promote platforms to collaborate with external stakeholders
- The keys to giant steps is in the rules of funding agencies, societal impacts and stakeholder involvement → first steps already taken

→ There was intensive co-operation between researchers and science policy actors.





What we have found out

- A vision of co-design as a working method is the key defining element in how reflexivity is manifested.
- Reflexivity and multi-disciplinarity are strongly connected
- The capacities of interaction include foresight, reflexivity and trans-disciplinarity
- The interaction practices include first of all public communication, public activism, public consultation, public deliberation and public participation - with special attention to the categories of public consultation and public deliberation with hybrid links to other methods
- The context of the methods allows new and innovative combinations of practices





Policy implications

- The context of the methods allows new and innovative combinations of practices
- Impact is built on the method of PE and the whole process
- Reflexivity and multi-disciplinarity are strongly connected
- On science communication rather than other methodologically novel interaction practices - the context of the methods allows new and innovative combinations of practices
- A vision of co-design as a working method is the key defining element in how reflexivity is manifested





Thank you!

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