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Future opportunities for ERANET Initiatives

Presentation of A. Pauli has “paved the way” for future SSH activities, including for ERANET initiatives.

- « **T Shaped approach** » of SSH:
 - **horizontal action**: supporting the new ERA strategy and achieving Vision 2020 (Grand Challenges, Joint Programming)
 - **vertical action**: SSH Programme is implementing a « new approach » consistent with ERA strategy based on societal challenges
- **International cooperation** as an opportunity to address global issues; is already subject of an ERANET with China
- **Forward looking** and “common vision” should guide the whole process of research agendas elaboration



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Starting from a broad base: ERANET and SSH

- 2 “ERANET” and 2 “ERANET Plus” with disciplinary orientations:
 - NORFACE and HERA
- 12 ERANET aiming at important mobilization of SSH for policy support, sometimes together with other sciences e.g.
 - FOR SOCIETY (foresight)
 - URBAN-NET (urban issues)
 - VISION (innovation policy)
 - EU-SEC (security of major events)
- 5 projects across all sciences e.g.
 - CO-REACH (cooperation with China)



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An assessment of SSH experience so far

- Successful deepening of co-operation and launching of ERANET Plus for NORFACE & HERA
- Less success in broadening cooperation through ERANET
 - ✓ lack of new types of proposals and new actors
 - ✓ subsequent proposals with reduced partnerships
- New opportunities are offered





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The SSH programme second period 2010 – 2013

New evolution for the second period 2010-2013:

- « **New Approach** » focusing on a mix of societal challenges and topics to be addressed in the SSH activities
- Strengthening « **Forward Looking** » activities.
- Promoting « **stock taking** » and exploitation of results « **evidence based policy making** »
- « **Road Map** » 2010-2013 with indicative **Societal Challenges** and **Topics** for the future Work Programmes





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Why a new approach in SSH ?

- Supporting the **ERA Vision 2020 objectives** by:
 - « Grand Societal Challenges » oriented
 - better supporting policymaking
 - value added and critical mass of EU research
- Need to create a solid knowledge base on which Europe-wide, visionary, comparative, multidisciplinary research can be built
- Need to avoid fragmentation and to encourage integration of research





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SSH large scale research projects

- Address a **Societal Challenge**
- Take stock of **past related research** in this field
- Multi-annual research actions addressing the different dimensions of this challenge, **forward looking dimension** and **dissemination**
- Contribute to **support EU policies**, the European Research Area in SSH and its **international dimension**
- Funding scheme: large scale integrating research project





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Objectives for a strategic approach to ERANET / ERANET Plus in SSH

- ERANET and the “New Approach” in SSH
 - Use synergies between the funding schemes of the SSH programme and the ERANET possibilities to address important European societal challenges
- In this context aim to
 - Broaden and deepen existing ERANETs that aim to mobilise SSH for policy concerns
 - Support as appropriate the launch of new ERANET and ERANET Plus projects
 - Take advantage of the road map to identify well in advance the initiatives to launch



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“SSH in ERA - Opening to the world” (A.Pauli)

- International cooperation in research is above all a political and cultural matter. SSH disciplines can offer a lot in building meaningful international links.
- A partnership between the MS and the EC:
 - ☞ Cross national boundaries
 - ☞ Strengthen common approaches
- A partnership between the MS/EC and third countries:
 - ☞ Tackle Challenges affecting specific regions
 - ☞ Need for cooperation inside specific regions / countries



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Forward-looking activities

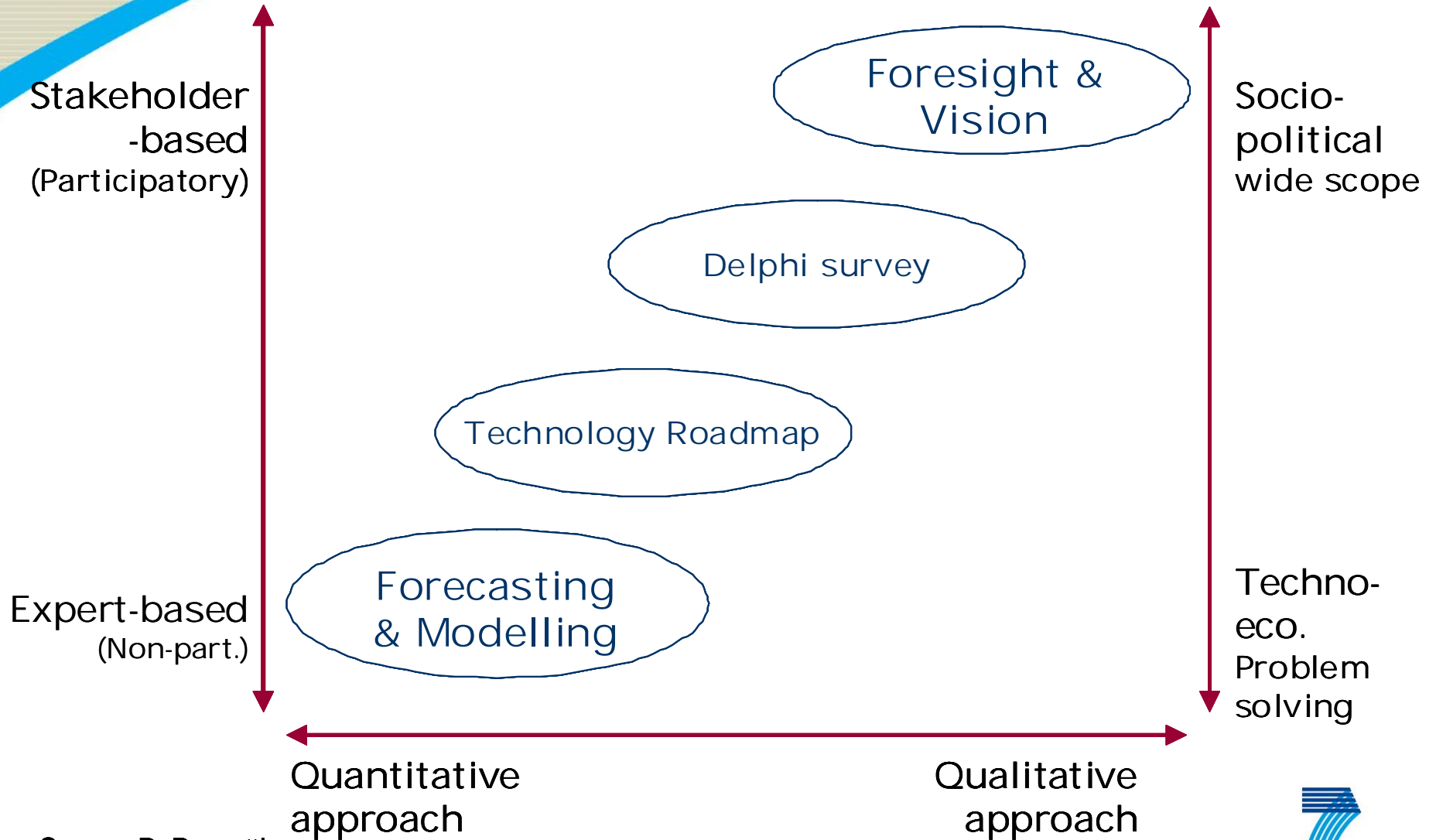
- **Foresight, forecast**, horizon scanning, Technology assessment, impact assessment (ex ante) are examples of methods of Forward-looking activities (FLA).
- **ERA Vision 2020** is giving emphasis on FLA for a better definition of “**Grand Challenges**” and Joint Programming.
- The “**Societal Challenges**” of the new approach, Activity 7 on Foresight , Activity 6 on Indicators and Impact assessment are addressing Forward-looking.
- The EU Framework Programme has a long tradition in this area; ERA and FP7 Themes, in particular SSH, are promoting FLA.



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Forward-looking activities



Source: D. Rossetti



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Questions (some)

- How to ensure “users involvement” and “support to policies” when addressing societal challenges?
- What subjects for ERANET and ERANET plus, what size?
- What links with the other specific programmes of FP7 (e.g. Infrastructures)?
- What about EU regions participation?
- How to take on board the major drivers/policies/knowledge: new EU Strategy (post-2010), new ERA strategy, WORLD 2025, METRIS,...?
- Commission is examining these questions and planning issue with the Programme Committee. NORFACE and HERA representatives have expressed their views.



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Important websites:

FP7 call info:

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?
fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7CallsPage)

SSH home page:

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-
sciences/index_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index_en.html)

Cordis home page:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html

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