



Welcome to our Seminar on New Ways of Doing Research!

Dear Seminar Participant,

The Commission is delighted that you will be participating in the above-mentioned Seminar which will take place from **Thursday 18 November, 10:00** to **Friday 19 November, 15:00**. The Seminar will explore:

***How the ways of doing research are evolving
in order to address societal challenges***

The researchers and social actors involved are from various fields (energy, marine resources, health, food production & processing, converging technologies, sustainable development, social sciences ...).

The purpose of our Seminar is to learn about new ways of doing research, to explore their potential contribution to addressing effectively societal challenges and to discuss how to promote promising practices for the future. The results will inform various developments of our activities in the context of the European Research Area and the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

Your preparation for the Seminar:

You are invited to this Seminar because of the valuable contribution that your activities can bring to our discussion. In preparation for our time together, we invite you to reflect on the questions above in the light of your own experience. In particular, we would like you to bring **a concrete example** of a new way of doing research which that you can share during the seminar with a view of collating practical features and key learning.



The Seminar process:

The questions which will be discussed are by definition multi-disciplinary and involve multiple actors. We will therefore be working in a highly participative format with professional facilitators from inside the Commission. Unlike usual conferences, this Seminar will not involve presentations but it will focus on strategic questions. This will allow us to engage in creative dialogue. A range of participatory methodologies will be used, offering just enough structure without prescribing the outcome.

We would like to stress that every session builds on the previous ones and it is highly recommended to be involved for the whole duration of the seminar. English will be the working language and no translation will be provided.

Draft Programme:

Day 1: Thursday 18 November:

9:30 *Arrival & Welcome coffee*

10:00 *Opening the seminar by Jean-Michel Baer, Director of " Science, Economy and Society" DG Research*

10:20 *Introducing our program and getting to know each other*

10:45 *Creating together the big picture of changing ways of doing research*

12:30 *Lunch*

14:00 *Sharing our practices of new ways of doing research*

17:15 *Concluding session – Key learning from Day 1*

17:45 *End Day 1*

19:00 *Dinner at the restaurant Science 29, rue de la Science 29*

Day 2: Friday 19 November:

09:00 *Opening Day 2*

09:30 *Identifying what needs to be amplified / promoted*

10:30 *Moving Our Potential Action Areas Forward in Working Groups*

13:00 *Lunch*

14:15 *Summing up the key points of the Seminar*

14:30 *Closing our time together – feedback and key learning*

15:00 *End of the Seminar*



Logistics:

Our seminar will take place at the following address:

**COVENT GARDEN
Place Rogier 16
1210 BRUSSELS**

Please note that in order to enter the Commission's buildings you need your identity card or passport as well as this letter.

We will be grateful if you send us as soon as possible **a short biography** which we would like to circulate to all participants. Your name and e-mail address will also be included in a list which will be distributed during the event. Please let us know if you have any objection to this.

We will welcome you on Thursday 18 November from 09:30 with a view to starting our work at 10:00.

Refreshments and light lunches will be provided on both days. On Thursday evening at 19h00, we are organising a dinner for all participants. Please inform us of any dietary restrictions.

Contact:

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Looking forward to meeting you,

Your hosting team

Luisa Prista, Viviane Willis-Mazzichi, Gilles Laroche, Celina Ramjoué, Dionysia Lagiou, Paraskevas Caracostas, Matthieu Kleinschmager, Paolo Giusta



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