
SHAPES – FORESIGHT EXERCISES



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Awareness Week – Monday

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- ? What is foresight?
- ? Why should it be conducted?
- ? How is it done?
- ? How far into the future do we look?
- ? How can the workshop participants support the process?



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? What is foresight and why should it be conducted?



- ! Foresight comprises the exploration of possible futures using specific scientific methodological approaches, e. g. scenarios, roadmaps.
- ! Foresight can be used to
 - identify emerging technologies, future impacts as well as new societal demands and challenges,
 - anticipate future developments, disruptive events, risks and opportunities,
 - evaluate the impact of (upcoming) decisions (in combination with other developments),
 - help to evaluate priorities and potential new directions in decision making.

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? How is it done and how far into the future do we look?



- ! SHAPES foresight starts by gathering information about future technologies and anticipating influencing factors.
- ! This information is gathered:
 - by evaluation of current research and foresight studies. This search for early signs of important changes in society, science and technology is also called Horizon Scanning.
 - And through the exchange with participants in foresight exercises, e. g. in workshops.
- ! An important factor for such foresight exercises is also how far in the future we do look. For the SHAPES project we decided to aim for the year 2030.

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? How can workshop participants support the process?



- ! Check our materials for the Awareness Week in order to:
 - Gain some more insight in the foresight we are doing in the context of SHAPES.
 - Get some inspiration for your own research in the area of future smart and healthy aging.
- ! Join the discussions during the workshop in order to
 - support us in gathering valuable insights in the entire breadth of SHAPES related foresight subjects,
 - provide us with valuable inputs for foresight within the SHAPES project,
 - and hence support future smart and healthy aging in Europe!