

Breakout Session : Civil society Restitution

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Purposes of the CS session

1) Opening altogether the “black boxes”

- What is meant by : Dissemination, civil society, engagement; .. ?
- What perspectives on these topics can be either fruitful or short-visionned ?

1) Building the next steps together in EURAD-2

- Taking into account the existing actors and methods, what innovation can be brought to CS interactions ?
- How Work Packages can be better embedded with the perspective of interactions with civil society ?



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Three questions in one !

→ Dissemination

→ Connections with R&D

→ Engagement



Method and questions of the world Café : Why, who, how ?

- 3 questions during 1 hour (10:50-11:50), 20 minutes per question.
- All the groups work on the same question at the same time.
- For each question, the groups have to move to another table.

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3 - How can we foster a sustainable engagement of the different kinds of publics in R&D activities and particularly for future EURAD activities ?



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- **Starting on existing initiatives**
 - **Keynote** : Cynthia Reaud, ASNR, on ambitious CS engagement processes in France
 - **Example 1**: Alena Mastantuono, EESC on EESC consultation on RWM
 - **Example 2**: Julien Dewoghelaere, NTW on ICS activities in EURAD-1 and EURAD-2
- **Break**
- **World Cafe session**
 - Addressing **three core questions**
 - Summaries and synthetic views



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1 - What does it mean to disseminate results to publics ? (WHY)

- Create a dialogue (two ways interactions) to build trust
- Building trust by raising interest in technical knowledge used in safety assessment.
- « Win-win situation »: build and maintain publics confidence and capture feedbacks on R&D results from publics.
- Mutual trust goes by answering all the questions
- Give a chance to the public to provide feedback will benefit the whole society by fostering trust.
- To build confidence and trust in order to allow public to contribute to the decision-making process

2 - What could be adequate networks in civil society and in scientific communities for fruitful interactions ? How to bridge these networks ? (WHO)

- Everyone
- All the interested parties if the capacity to question in depth is given
- Everyone has to be considered either for information or dialogue (specific, adapted channels)
- Trusted intermediate to connect different opinions.
- Professional, societal networks but also external experts (non institutional) and social media (wider publics): appropriate tools according to the targeted audience
- We are all part of the public, but the public is heterogenous (local vs national, scientist's vs non-scientists) and bridging these groups need different methods of engagement

3 - How can we foster a sustainable engagement of the different kinds of publics in R&D activities and particularly for future EURAD activities ? (HOW)

- Broader communication is key.
- Through iterative events and R&D WPs should produce fruitful inputs for such events
- Online and physically, innovative and simple, adapted to different generations
- Simple understandable language throughout various methods.
- Create interests in R&D, notably by engaging CS in the definition of the R&D questions and in technical R&D projects.
- Provide the resources to make the engagement possible and sustainable (interactions will continue because they have an impact) by considering not only technical but also societal sciences.