Participatory TA
Status and future from a practitioner perspective

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The TA toolbox

Citizen Consultation pTA
- Consensus Conference
- Citizen Summit / WWViews
- Citizen hearing
- Interview Meeting
- Voting conference
- Future Lab
- CIVISTI

Stakeholder involve sTA
- Future Search
- Scenario Workshop
- Perspective Workshop
- Ad hoc workshop designs

Expert Analysis eTA
- Single expert analysis
- Expert papers, TA-synthesis
- Trans-disc. work groups
- Conferences & Workshops

Politician assessment mpTA
- Parliamentary Hearings
- Single politician study
- Future Panel

Public Debate dTA
- Debate meetings
- Debate Products/ www

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TA toolbox evaluation

- ◆ Democratic legitimacy
- ◆ Political credibility
- ◆ Scientific credibility
- ◆ Process transparency, fairness, …
- ◆ Authenticity (vs. proxy representation)
- ◆ Adequacy wrt problem resolution
- ◆ Cost-effectiveness …

Democracy

House of Democracy 1849	**House of Democracy** *Under construction*
For entrance:	For entrance:
Please accept the rules and enter your vote	Please grab a tool and give us a hand

SciTech changes the conditions for democracy, forcing it to adapt. TA helps bringing adaptation along, thereby taking part in the construction of democracy.

Consensus Conference

When

Testing issues in a well-informed micro-democracy

How

12-16 pers mixed panel calls in experts and write an assessment report.

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Citizen Summit / WWViews

When

Policy decisions need input on informed public opinion

How

100-20.000 persons 1 day, get info, deliberate, vote on questions.

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Citizen Hearing

When

Citizen ideas for local/national strategies needed

How

2-300, brainstorming, specifying & prioritising policy ideas

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Interview Meeting

When
Informed ethical judgements needed

How
Qualitative and semi-quantitative informed 30 person poll and group interviews

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Voting Conference

When

Different actors claim to have the right action plan

How

Action plans presented by actors. Citizens, politicians and experts vote

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Future Lab

When

Actors need to define problems, visions and action opportunities

How

Actor group critisize, turn that to visions, make action on visions

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When

R&I agenda needs public relevance

How

Citizens make visions; Turned into research items by experts; Prioritised by citizens

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TA toolbox – When

Citizen Consultation pTA
- Lay knowledge relevant
- Beyond-the-poll insights
- End-user visions on futures
- Input to strategic processes
- Policy options filtering
- Empowerment necessary

Stakeholder involve sTA
- Conflict map needed
- Balancing interests
- Common action necessary
- Competition unconstructive

Expert Analysis eTA
- Facts on the table
- Overview of (un)certainty
- Knowledge negotiation
- Technocratic plans needed

Politician assessment mpTA
- Politicians' needs neglected
- Cross-political clarification
- Long-term policies needed

Public Debate dTA
- Public agenda setting
- Decentral assessor capacity

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Demand:
Specific demands for pTA

- ◆ Grand challenges
  - Problems linked to society structure and function
  - Solutions demand change/action on all levels
- ◆ Wicked problems
  - Navigation under uncertainty demands professional as well as normative judgements
- ◆ Re-establish trust – Sci/public + Pol/public
  - Dialogue makes "good populism" possible
  - Help filling out democratic gaps

Supply:
pTA tools pretty ready

◆ Covers many roles, supplements other approaches well

◆ pTA tools are flexible parts of the toolbox

◆ The tool-maker skills are therefore crucial

◆ Combination of methods and techniques is a major competence

→We seem able to make reasonably well-functioning processes for all problem situations calling for pTA

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Does it deliver?

"It is the aim of pTA/TA to contribute with
Knowledge, constructive debate and solutions to
Existing and future
Problems and opportunities
In the field between technology, society and the individual,
With a local, national, as well as international perspective."

◆ pTA clearly delivers to this mission

◆ Even more so if seen as one tool in TA, which can be combined with other tools

Trends PP

◆ More Public Participation in future
- Governance crisis – public/political mistrust
- Democratic + liberal drivers
- Methodology tested; Capacity expanding

◆ Embedded Public Participation
- Part of longer complex processes/projects

◆ Online methods – quality K2K ↔ F2F ??

◆ Internationalisation
- Fast proliferation world-wide
- Contribute to make new trans-national publics

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Trends pTA

◆ pTA usage depends heavily upon boundary conditions for TA institutions

◆ International cooperation seems an effective ice-breaker – so we will see more of that

◆ Which fits the possible role for TA of creating trans-national publics (MASIS)

→ A strong indication that we will meet again and again around this topic – increasingly as practitioners

Thanks for your attention

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