

Subject

Framing Cooperation Processes for Inclusive Governance of Nanosciences & Technologies

Rationale

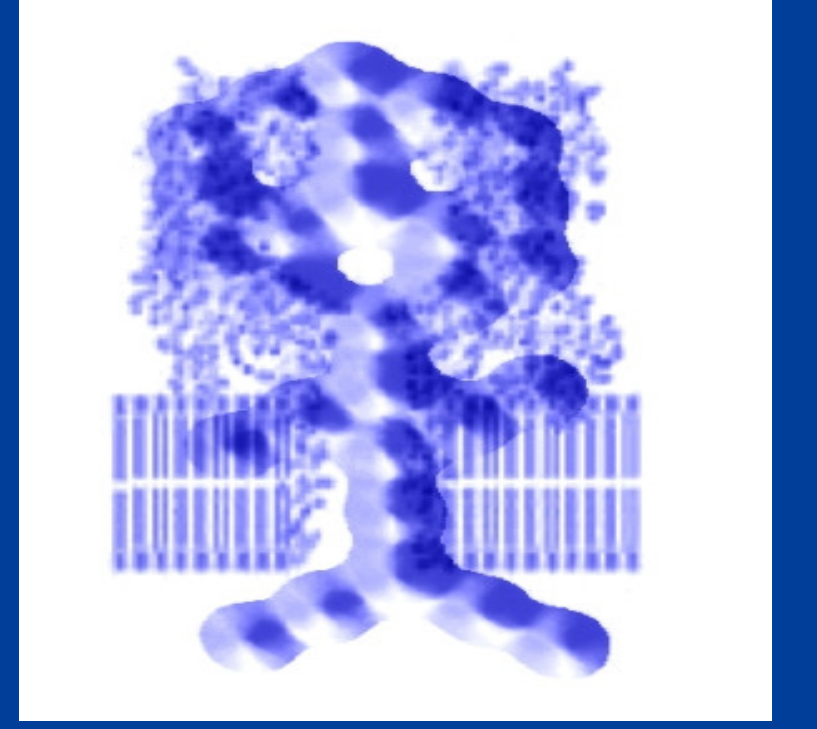
The objectives are to carry out together with concerned individuals an exploratory investigation of the conditions and means of actual inclusive (participatory) Governance of NS&T research and development

The project will both aim at producing reliable & practicable knowledge for informing public and private policies and contributing to empower CSOs and local actors and facilitate their long-term continuous and influential engagement

Main steps

- Establish a network of actors engaged in processes of stakeholder dialogue concerning NS&T
- Develop a framing deliberative process with a plural set of actors (CSO, managers, researchers, policy makers, experts...) in the form of seminars
- Issue a common diagnosis of researchers, experts and stakeholders on the governance of NS&T
- Propose an Action Programme for developing and implementing permanent processes of stakeholder influential engagement in the governance of NS&T
- Compare with others local european situations and disseminate the outcomes of the project

Background and tools



-- In 2005 **VivAgora** took the initiative of organizing public discussion on nanotechnologies. The goal was to break with downstream debates that have no impact on the development of technologies.

In 2006 **Vivagora** realized two series of public debate devoted to the issues raised by nanotechnologies: the series NANOMONDE in Paris, with the support of the Cité internationale universitaire de Paris (CIUP) from January to June; the series NANOIV (nano-biotechnologies) in Grenoble, from September to December.

Both series enabled academic, non-profit, industrial, and political stakeholders to interact, discuss their projects, express their priorities, and exchange views about the uses of nanotechnologies.

A list of requests and recommendations was established and geared towards the different groups of stakeholders (17 recommendations emanated from NanoMonde, 18 recommendations from NanoViv, on the basis of 4 « project roadmaps » answering local needs – available on VivAgora's website).



Public debate NANOIV in Grenoble, France, 3 October 2006

Stake of the project

The project aims to gather academic, industrial, political and citizen stakeholders in order for them to collectively engage in scrutinizing social priorities of technical projects. This approach can get out fruitless caricatural postures and oppositions, prevent social divides and strangulation of innovation. At stake is the empowerment of people on their future.

VivAgora is working with MUTADIS and University of Versailles St Quentin (department C3ED) to develop tools at an european level

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