



# Active societal engagement in research and innovation

- Exploring what is happening today and inspiring tomorrow's practice

Are you active in the field of research and innovation? Do you engage citizens, users or stakeholders in your work? Would you like to get members of society involved in and contributing to your work in research and innovation? Are you interested in finding out how you could benefit from societal engagement in future scientific policy?

Then Engage2020 might be a project of interest to you!

## Engage2020 will

- Highlight what is possible for societal engagement in the coming years
- Map and explore existing policies and methods, tools and instruments for engagement.
- Arrange conferences and workshops to discuss how we can improve praxis.
- Inspire new actors to include societal engagement in research and innovation.
- Create an Action Catalogue - an online decision support tool on relevant engagement approaches.
- Inspire future developments aimed at policymakers and practitioners.



The European Commission has identified seven Grand Challenges – key issues such as demographic change, green transport and efficient energy. The European Commission is targeting these challenges in its largest research programme to date – the €80 billion Horizon 2020.

Many experts believe that these societal challenges can only be tackled effectively if a wider range of society's actors are fully engaged.

Engage2020 will map and explore existing praxis of societal engagement in research and innovation and highlight promising new or adapted approaches to be used in the future.

The first results will be available in summer 2014. Visit [engage2020.eu](http://engage2020.eu) to sign up for news and get the results as they come.

## Share your experiences!

Do you have experience in involving society in research and innovation? Please contribute to the Engage2020 project by sharing how you and your organization work with different parts of society in research and innovation.

You can find an online survey at [engage2020.eu](http://engage2020.eu).

“Horizon 2020 has been designed from the beginning to get more people, companies and organisations involved. So who stands to benefit? First and foremost, Horizon 2020 will be good for Europe's citizens.”

*Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science  
- 10 December 2013*

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- **Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, Germany**
- **The Involve Foundation, United Kingdom**
- **Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Netherlands**
- **Applied Research and Communications Fund, Bulgaria**
- **Dialogik Gemeinnützige Gesellschaft für Kommunikation- und Kooperationsforschung mbH, Germany**

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More information at [www.engage2020.eu](http://www.engage2020.eu)

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