

Regional node FEN's update for the Millennium Project planning meeting 2024

September 2024, delivered virtually to the meeting in Monterrey, Mexico

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Our goal

To advance foresight in Europe and foster a European foresight community.

How we do it

Connect foresight practitioners, users, researchers, and students via in-person and virtual meetings, and an email group.

Encourage cooperation among members toward projects of mutual interest.

Self-organizational Leadership approach (Striving for 'Teal', cf. *Reinventing Organizations*)



We are...

... born from the European Millennium Project Nodes Initiative (EuMPI) and the European Regional Foresight College.

... a Regional Node of MP.

... a mix of European MP Nodes and others who are doing, using, researching, studying, teaching and using foresight.

... low/no bureaucracy and extremely open.

We have...

an estimated **345 members** across Europe.

2024 Activities

- **FEN Demo Hours continues** Hosted <u>13</u> members presenting their specific approaches to futures work.
- Hosted a Panel on 'Human Curiosity as Natural Resource' at Futures Conference 2024 in Turku.
- European MP Node Tour Concept of our MP nodes hosting virtual sessions for discussing topics of their own interests with FEN members and other nodes was further developed and is nearly ready for launch.
- In-Person FEN Membership Meeting held at Futures Conference 2024 in Turku, attended by 18, many were new to MP.
- Participated in virtual meetings of Global Futures Society hosted by Dubai Futures Forum.
- FEN VP Lena Tuenkers was featured in the 'Women who Future' virtual event and will present at Dubai Future Forum 2024.



FEN Demo Hours

Program Design: Any FEN Member can volunteer to demonstrate their approach, method, or tool. Anyone who is interested in the topic is welcome to attend. Demo Hour meets at a similar day & time monthly (when their are volunteers).

December 2023: Experience FutureGov Game. Eckhard Störmer, Lucia Vesnic-Alujevic, Jennifer Rudking

January 2024: Speculative Design x Design Thinking, Jacob Langvad

March 2024: Processes of Spatial Justice and Political Urbanism, Ana Povoas, Univesité libre de Bruxelles

April 2024: Dreams and Disruptions Game, Shermon Cruz, Engaged Foresight (Philippines)

September 2024: Teaching Futures. Thomas D'hooge, Howest U. of Applied Sciences; and Maggie Greyson, Futures Present.

October 2024: Online tools for horizon scanning. Tarian Jenkins and Marianna Mäki-Teeri.

TBD. Family-scaled Futures Literacy Labs. Jill Alpes, Belal Shukair

FEN Member Meeting - 2025

We aim to have an in-person meeting in relation to a futures or foresight conference, e.g., Anticipation 2025, WFSF 2025, or Futures 2025



Photo: FEN Member Meeting, June 2024, Turku.



Nondas Christophilopoulos

We celebrate **6 years** of FEN leadership from Nondas, 2018-2024.

He served as:

- VP (Next President) 2018-2020
- President 2021-2022
- VP (Past President) 2023-2024



Nondas will always be a Past President of FEN:

Epaminondas Christofilopoulos, 2021-2022

Anna Sacio-Szymańska, 2019-2020

Cornelia Daheim, 2017-2018

Blaž Golob, 2015-2016

Ibon Zugasti, until 2013



And Nick will be too... Past Presidents of FEN starting January 2025:

Nicolas Balcom Raleigh, 2023-2024 ← But also VP for 2024-2025.

Epaminondas Christofilopoulos, 2021-2022

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Lena Tuenkers, FEN President 2024-2025

Lena begins her two-year term as FEN President in January 2025 after serving as VP 2023 & 2024.





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We are in the process of selecting our next FEN VP (Future President).

We welcome suggestions!





Thank You...

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