

German Node Report 2023-2024

News, Activities, Plans

For the Millennium Project Planning Committee Meeting, 9/24
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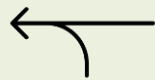
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News and Recent Activities

Brief Update on Future Impacts' News

Update on the German Node

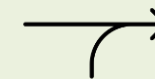
Recent Node Activity Highlights , esp.
Article on the History of the MP



Plans and Perspectives

Communication Focus

Interest in Cooperation with other Nodes



Brief Update on Future Impacts' News (since Sept. 23)

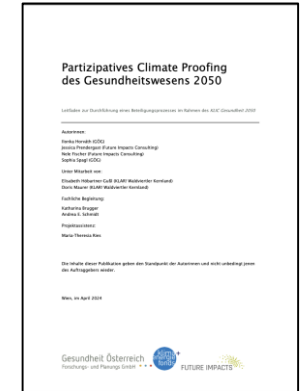
Ongoing Projects on e.g., Sustainability, Circular Economy, EU-Enlargement, for and with foundations and EU agencies etc.

Project with Austrian public sector on participatory climate proofing of the health sector to 2050, (Gesundheit Österreich: Partizipatives Climate Proofing des Gesundheitswesens 2050. Leitfaden)

Book on Triple Transformation (Digitalisierung, Nachhaltigkeit, New Work) – forthcoming, with Node Member Ole Wintermann

4Growth Project Digitalisation in Agriculture and Forestry, EU-funded Horizon Europe research project, Future Impacts consortium member, lead for foresight module, Horizon Scanning and Trends Report forthcoming

Links: https://jasmin.goeg.at/id/eprint/3729/1/PCP%20Leitfaden_bf.pdf / <https://esv.info/978-3-503-23932-0> / <https://4growth-project.eu>



About the Node and General Node News

Christian Schoon moved from role of Node Vice Chair to Node Member (regards from Christian – and many thanks to him for all his work in the Node!)

Chair Cornelia Daheim now supported by Future Impacts team: Jess Prendergast, Clara Jöster-Morrisse, Dr. Eckhard Störmer (new Future Impacts team member!)



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Chair Cornelia Daheim, supported by J. Prendergast, E. Störmer, C. Jöster-Morrisse

Recent Node Activities Since the Last Meeting 2023-24



Regular Activities / “Node Basics”

Support MP and other Nodes
Input to surveys and expert interaction
Support on communication of MP publications and activities



Projects / Other Activities

Article on the MP and its history in German
Contribution to FEN events – FEN Demo Hour presentation (e.g. FuturGov Game, by new FI team member Dr. Eckhard Störmer)
Node Meeting Sept. 2024
Current Focus: Communication

Node Activities: Article on the MP 'The incomplete history of an international futurists' think tank'

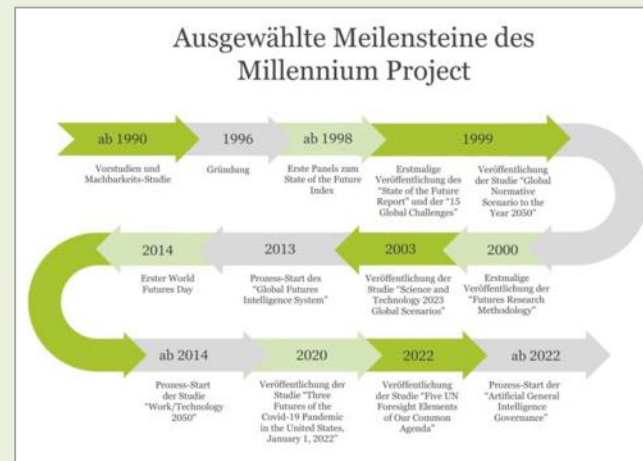
Written to mark the **20th anniversary of the German Node** (by Jörg Rampacher, Clara Jöster-Morisse, Cornelia Daheim)

Dedicated to the memory of **Ted Gordon**

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Motivation: Making an overview of what the project is and does available in Germany – making the project more known (and better understood)

<https://www.zeitschrift-zukunftsforschung.de/zukunftsforschung/article/view/10>



Das Millennium Project: Die unvollständige Geschichte eines internationalen Think Tanks der Zukunftsforschung

Akteure, Themen und Meilensteine von 1996 bis heute

Cornelia Daheim, Jörg Rampacher
(mit Beiträgen von Clara Jöster-Morisse)

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Zusammenfassung (deutsch)

Das Millennium Project ist ein weltweiter Think Tank in Form einer non-profit NGO, die sich der Erkundung globaler Zukünfte verschrieben hat. Gegründet 1996, operiert es seither via so genannter Nodes, heute über 70 weltweit, die jeweils Zukunftsexpert:innen aus Wissenschaft, Politik, Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft zusammenbringen; bekannt ist es zudem besonders für die regelmäßigen „State of the Future“ Reports. Der Artikel stellt das Projekt und seine Geschichte in Grundzügen entlang zentraler Meilensteine vor – anhand von Projekten und Themen, Akteuren und Grundprinzipien.

Abstract (english)

The Millennium Project is a non-profit global think tank dedicated to exploring global futures. Established in 1996, it is set up as a network of Nodes, today over 70 worldwide, which bring together futures experts from science, politics, business, and society. The Millennium Project's most prominent outputs are the regularly published "State of the Future" reports. This article presents key milestones – projects and issues, protagonists and fundamental principles – to provide an overview of the initiative and its history.



Node Activities: Table of Contents (Abbreviated)

‘The incomplete history of an international futurists’ think tank’

Introduction: the emergence of the MP in the context of the 1990s

Main actors and structures: how the MP works today (Nodes, MP-PC)

About **projects and programmes, lighthouses and milestones** – Insights into selected activities

Cross-Cutting Regular Activities:

- 15 Global Challenges
- SOF & SOFI
- GFIS
- Futures Research Methodology & Delphi Method adv.

Lighthouse projects:

- Global Normative Scenario to the Year 2050
- Science and Technology 2025 Global Scenarios
- Future Work/Tech 2050

Current and recent focus areas (examples)

- Scenarios in crises situations (Red Cross) and foresight in international collaboration (UN)
- AI / AGI study
- 10 years World Futures Day: Perspectives of children and youth

Outlook and future perspectives

Plans 2024 & 2025 Upcoming activities of the node

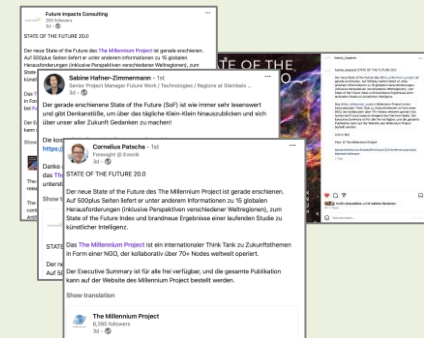
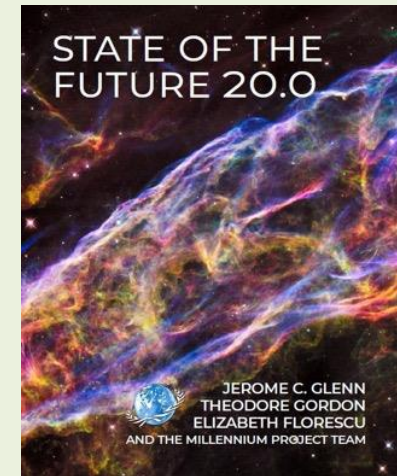
Focus now and upcoming months: **PR and communication on State of the Future 20.0 report in Germany**

Establishing a snowball system with node members and their networks, using their channels, presenting on SOF at member events etc., outreach into major German networks for other multipliers

Status 20.9: Posts on LinkedIn and Instagram via Future Impacts, text samples and ppt shared; follow-up posts by Node Members; Podcast scheduled, presentations on SOF e.g. in leadership groups in member organizations, plans developed for more in depth coverage on specific topics

Maybe Later / possible plans:

- Connecting with younger generation futurists in the Node, e.g., via events at FU Berlin / master studies programme in summer 2025
- Interest in cooperation with another Node on a paper published in cooperation, 2025 the earliest
- FEN Tour de Nodes



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Thank you!

Activities of the German Node (Overview & Selection)



2023/24: Publication „Geschichte des MP“ (D) / history of the MP

2020: Publication Node „COVID und die Zukunft der Arbeit“ (d)

2019: Publication Scenarios „Future of Work 2050“

2018: Coop. FEN / Node / FU „Gaming in Foresight“

2017: Workshop „Future of Work 2050“ at FU Berlin, Huddle Conf.

2016/2017: Future of Work 2050 Publ. (German, Engl, Korean)

2015/2016: Delphi-Project with Students at FU Berlin, Future of Work & Cities

2013/2014: Article Future of FS

2011/2012: MP Nodes Profiles (to all Nodes)

2009: MP Nodes Survey & Publ. (Underrated Future Topics)

2007: Impact of Technologies Survey 2007

2005: European Foresight Conference (support)

2004: Weak Signals Wiki (with all MP nodes)

2003: Foundation of the Node, coop. since 2001

(Underlined= Included publication to wider public); Green: Public workshops and events. Blue: MP internal projects