

international conference announcement

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International Scientific STI Policy Evaluation Conference

evaluation of STI policies, instruments and organisations

14-15 November 2013

Techgate Vienna, Austria

As a result of the emergence of new policies, measures and instruments as well as voices raised by society for inclusive STI policies, STI evaluations theory are increasingly challenged to deliver discernible social, economic and ecological benefits in effective ways. This will not only require new thinking, methodological diversity and interaction between policy design and evaluation studies but also cooperation between STI governance, public management, evaluators and society in general.

This conference will bring together leading and upcoming researchers across a range of social science disciplines as well as STI policy-makers and evaluation practitioners to provide an open forum to promote and enhance the discussion about new emerging developments in STI policy and their effects on evaluation theory and practice at different levels.

Information and registration:

[sticon2013.fteval.at](http://sticon2013.fteval.at)

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# new horizons and new challenges

Evaluation of STI policies, instruments and organisations:

## CENTRAL QUESTIONS ADDRESSED

- What are adequate evaluations concepts, methodologies and practices vis-à-vis new political STI policy approaches?
- What kind of evaluations is needed to respond to new STI policy-delivery models?
- Whether and how to identify and assess transformative effects of new mission-oriented approaches?
- By which criteria should funding bodies evaluate research on grand societal challenges, and how 'political' become evaluations and criteria in such policy-driven framework?
- How to measure long-term effects of STI interventions and better appraise the social impact of R&D?
- What are the evaluation challenges of European Research Area (ERA) level policies and instruments? What new approaches and assessment criteria are needed to meet the requirements of new instruments and institutions with a truly European pretence? How do ERA developments interfere with national level evaluation?
- What new indicators are needed to support the evaluation of new national, European and international STI policies?
- How should research information systems be meaningfully designed to be useful for next-generation monitoring and evaluation?

The conference aims to attract papers that contribute to providing theoretical concepts and empirical approaches to forward the next generation of STI policy evaluation designs and approaches. It also invites contributions that critically discuss methodological issues, conceptual developments and novel normative challenges concerning innovation and STI policy evaluation in order to answer some of the above questions.

## ACCOMMODATION

A list of hotels close to the conference venue can be accessed at the conference homepage: [sticon2013.fteval.at](http://sticon2013.fteval.at)

## REGISTRATION FEE

1. Regular fee: € 200.
2. "Early Bird" registration until 30 April 2013: € 150.
3. Student (pre-doc): € 100.

Registration includes lunch, dinner and coffee breaks on 14 November and coffee break and lunch on 15 November 2013.

## SPONSORS



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The conference welcomes papers from a range of disciplinary backgrounds and traditions, including evaluation studies, science and technology studies, the economics of science and innovation, political science, sociology, public administration, research (funding) management, entrepreneurship, technology assessment and social impact research. The organizers encourage contributions that conceptually, methodologically and/or empirically advance the topic.

Information, registration and submission of abstracts:

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## CONFERENCE SESSIONS

1. Framework and approaches for evaluating new policies and instruments
2. The challenge of evaluating STI policy portfolios
3. Evaluation of mission-oriented R&D
4. Assessing the variety of impact of research
5. Challenges in assessing new European and international organisations, instruments and programmes
6. Information systems and STI indicators

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## SUBMISSIONS

**Deadline for extended abstracts (at least 750, maximum 1000 words): May 15th, 2013**

**Notification of accepted presentations will be sent out: July 15th, 2013**

**Revised extended abstracts for booklet of abstracts: October 15th, 2013**

Submission of abstracts has to be done via the conference homepage:  
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Academic sessions will consist of two-hour parallel sessions. The parallel sessions will allow for the presentation of four papers in each session. Presentations will be a maximum of 20 minutes, leaving 40 minutes in each session for discussion. To increase the involvement of young researchers, poster presentations will take place throughout the conference. In addition to academic parallel and poster sessions, the conference will include keynote speeches and roundtable debates where colleagues from different communities will focus on salient challenges ahead. Representatives from leading academic journals in the field will be present.

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