

ESPAS Horizon Scanning - Planned for 2025

(Updated with autumn dates July 2025)

### **Horizon Scanning Issues**

HS Issue 7: February 2025

HS Issue 8: July 2025

HS Issue 9: November 2025

### **Sense-making workshops**

Monthly Sense-making workshops, which are organised online (Teams) to observe the identified 'signs of new' collected over the month and find links and interconnections among them across policies and sectors.

**January** Monday 20 (14-17) and Wednesday 22 (9-12)

**February** Monday 17 (14-17) and Wednesday 19 (9-12)

**March** Monday 17 (14-17) and Wednesday 19 (9-12)

**April** Monday 14 (14-17) and Wednesday 16 (9-12)

**May** Monday 19 (14-17) and Wednesday 21 (9-12)

**June** Monday 16 (14-17) and Wednesday 18 (9-12)

**July** break

**August** break

**September** Monday 15 (14-17) and Wednesday 17 (9-12)

**October** Monday 13 (14-17) and Wednesday 15 (9-12)

**November** Monday 17 (14-17) and Wednesday 19 (9-12)

**December** break

### **Futures Insights Webinars**

Futures Insights February 6<sup>th</sup> (11.30-12.30)

Futures Insights webinars are held quarterly to discuss signals on change raised from the ESPAS horizon scanning. The session ends with a short presentation by an expert who collects signals of change and has their own ways of translating these signals into relevant insights. This time our guest Rachel Wilkinson, Director of Programmes at the International Civil Society Centre. Register at [EU Learn](#)

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 11.30-12.30

With Amy Daroukakis from Culture Connectors will present her work on annual collection of over 100 trends reports.

September 11<sup>th</sup> 11.30-12.30

With Lilli Poussa and Terhi Ylijoki from Sitra presenting their work with weak signals.

November 6<sup>th</sup> 11.30-12.30

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### **Role of Scanners Webinars**

Onboarding for new Scanners March 3<sup>rd</sup> (14-15)

Are you a new scanner in ESPAS Horizon Scanning project? Do you want to learn more about horizon scanning and share ideas with fellow scanners? Please join our webinar for scanners where we will give an overview of the process, practical information about Futurium platform and workshops and discuss what it means to be a scanner. Register by sending email to ([JRC-HORIZONSCAN@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-HORIZONSCAN@ec.europa.eu)) and you will receive the link to the Teams meeting. You can also invite colleagues who might be interested in joining the process.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 14-15

October 6<sup>th</sup> 14.30-15.30

December 8<sup>th</sup> 14.30-15.30

### **Future Impacts Workshop**

The Future Impacts Workshops of the ESPAS horizon scanning prioritise which emerging issues and trends are most policy relevant, and collectively imagine what potential consequences may be for the EU and EU policies.

ESPAS horizon scanning regularly provides a series of emerging trends and issues that are marginal now but potentially may become important for the EU in the future (we call these weak signals). The weak signals are collected and analysed during six consecutive sense-making workshops organised on a monthly basis with the community of scanners across different EU institutions and bodies. The results of the previous Future Impacts workshop are presented in Horizon Scanning publications available here: <https://www.espas.eu/horizon.html>).

March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9.30-12.30

In-person at EU Policy Lab premises in the CDMA in Brussels.

September 8<sup>th</sup> 14-17

In-person at EU Policy Lab premises in the CDMA in Brussels.

November 24<sup>th</sup> 14-17 tbc