



Megatrends Hub

Competence Centre on Foresight



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14 Megatrends



Diversifying Inequalities



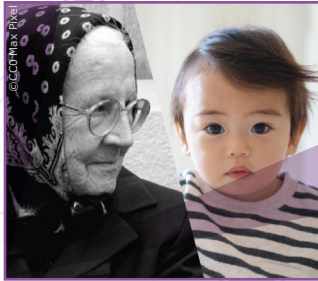
Increasing significance of migration



Increasing influence of new governing systems



Aggravating resource scarcity



Increasing demographic imbalances



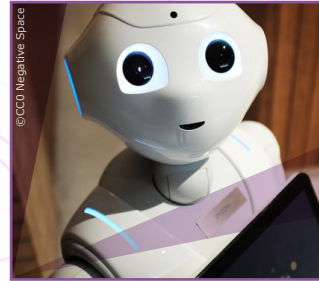
Continuing urbanisation



Diversification of education and learning



Climate change and environmental degradation



Accelerating technological change and hyperconnectivity



Changing nature of work



Expanding influence of east and south



Growing consumerism



Shifting health challenges



Changing security paradigm

Competence Centre on Foresight – Megatrends Hub

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Topics

Diversifying inequalities

Absolute number of people living in extreme poverty has been declining. The gaps between the wealthiest and poorest of the population are widening.

Increasing demographic imbalances

World population may reach 8.5 billion by 2030, with rapid growth in many developing economies, while shrinking in many developed countries.

Accelerating technological change and hyperconnectivity

Technologies are changing the nature and speed of new scientific discoveries and are transforming systems of production, management, and governance.

Changing nature of work

New generations entering the workforce and older generations working longer are changing employment, career models, and organisational structures.

Climate change and environmental degradation

Continued unabated, anthropogenic pollution and greenhouse gas emissions will further increase changing climate patterns.

Growing consumerism

By 2030, the consumer class is expected to reach 5 billion people. This means 2 billion more people with increased purchasing power than today.

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dynamic
 global megatrends

collective intelligence

unique repository

systemic structure

The **Megatrends Hub** is a systemic knowledge-management platform and an engagement tool for policy-makers to help understand potential future developments and support forward looking thinking.

The development of the Megatrends Hub began in 2016. After numerous workshops, literature reviews and interactions with foresight practitioners, the **14 megatrends** have been agreed upon and an online platform has been built. In 2018, the **Megatrends Hub** website has been opened to the public, as part of the newly launched Competence Centre on Foresight.

The **14 Megatrends** are continuously updated through literature review, events and forecasts identified through horizon scanning by European Commission officials and external experts.

The content is managed by the **EU Policy Lab** of the European Commission, Joint Research Centre.

What's in it for you?

Developments

Forecasts

Potential Implications

Indicators

100% sourced data

open to everybody

one-stop shop for Megatrends

short and easy to read

strategic foresight

The **Megatrends Hub** brings together qualitative and quantitative information, for each megatrend offering a concise description, developments and forecasts, potential implications, indicators to monitor change, as well as resources for further information.

The **Megatrends Hub** is a unique tool to help you understanding potential factors of change and prospects, while offering an overview of the main megatrends that are relevant for the future of Europe.

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Organise your own Megatrends session

engagement

Based on the [Megatrends Hub](#), we developed an engagement tool that helps policymakers and stakeholders to understand the potential implications of the megatrends on a specific policy domain.

The process is designed as an attractive dialogue based on 3-hour interactive workshop in which the **14 megatrends** presented as 'cards' are used to offer a systemic overview of their implications, and explore possible actions and actors of change, understand priorities and design long-term strategies.

prioritise

long-term strategies

interactive



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Call for contributions

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The **Megatrends Hub** is a living system, constantly fed by contributors. Therefore, large participation is essential to continue its development.

Readers are invited to contribute their views, suggest new developments and forecasts, as well as relevant sources of information to continuously improve the website.



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Competence Centre on Foresight

The **Megatrends Hub** represents one of the activities of the Competence Centre on Foresight, available to the public.

The Competence Centre on Foresight was launched in June 2018 during FTA2018 – *Future in the Making* conference organised by the EU Policy Lab in Brussels.

The mission of the Competence Centre on Foresight is to:

- provide direct strategic and future-oriented input into EU policy making;
- increase the uptake of foresight and forward looking approaches into policymaking;
- develop methods and tools to make foresight more practically useful.

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Accelerating hypercycles

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