

STOA

Panel for the Future of Science and Technology

STOA Panel Meeting
Thursday, 29 February 2024, 9:00 – 11:00
Room WEISS R5.1, Strasbourg, and remotely via Interactio

Minutes

- The meeting started at 9:06 chaired by Ivars IJABS (Renew, LV).

1. Adoption of the draft agenda (PE 749.698)

- The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of draft minutes – STOA Panel meeting of 8 February 2024

- The draft minutes of the Panel meeting of 8 February 2024 were approved.

3. STOA projects and workshops

- Forthcoming event:
 - ‘STOA meets experts’ on Strategic autonomy and the future of nuclear energy in the EU: use and availability of High-Assay Enriched Uranium (HALEU), Thursday, 21 March 2024, 16:00-17:30 CET, room SPAAK 7C50.
- Update on the European Science-Media Hub (ESMH):
 - The latest ESMH publications include an article about lab-grown meat and an interview about responsible open science in the framework of the STOA academic freedom roundtable.
 - The ESMH will continue to use the media monitoring tool of the JRC to produce regular media reviews and media briefings on science and tech topics with a new annual administrative agreement with the JRC. The STOA Panel approved the use of the ESMH budget for the monitoring tools according to the new Annual Agreement with the JRC.
 - The Panel took note of the activities above and endorsed their continuation.
- SOLÉ (Greens/EFA, ES) asked the Secretariat for an update on his requested project on water technology in the context of water scarcity. The Secretariat will provide an update when following up on this matter with his office.

4. Presentation of the studies:

4.1 ‘Horizon Europe protecting Academic Freedom’

- IJABS introduced the study author, Dr Brigida BLASI, who presented the study.
- The Panel asked the Secretariat to finalise the study for publication after sending the author the written questions submitted by the members.

4.2 ‘The Horizon Europe programme: a strategic assessment of selected items’

- IJABS introduced the study authors, Haya AL-AJLANI and Michele DELERA, who presented the preliminary findings of the study.
- The Panel asked the Secretariat to finalise the study for publication.

5. Any other business

- None.

6. Date and place of the next meeting:

- The next Panel meeting will take place on **Thursday, 14 March 2024, 09:00-11:00**, in Strasbourg, room WEISS R5.1 and remotely via Interactio.
- The meeting ended at 10:31.

List of participants

STOA Panel members

Hristov, Ijabs, Paulus, Sole, Rope.

Scientific Foresight Unit (STOA)

Scheuren (HoU), Lekaviciute, Hubar, Valjamae.

Other participants

dr. Blasi (speaker), dr. Al-Ajlani (speaker), dr. Delera (speaker), Basova (APA to Hlavacek), Tvrz (APA to Hlavacek)