Sustainable Society

The second newsletter of Sustainable Society is ready. Enjoy reading about upcoming events, new cooperation's and successful activities at Sustainable Society.

June 24th Seminar Brussels: 'Promoting successful energy transition: the human factor'

Sustainable Society hosts a seminar together with the partners Energy Valley, GESP and the Energy Academy Europe during the Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels. Stressing the importance of Social Sciences and Humanities Research, we focus on the human factor in energy transitions. It takes on an interdisciplinary approach with several research fields, together with the multi-governance cooperation of academics with businesses, private initiatives and government organisations. Registration is open now. Read more

Steering Committee: strong governance Sustainable Society

The Steering Group Sustainable Society has made a head start steering Sustainable Society into the next phase. The Steering Group Sustainable Society consists of the four deans Henk Kiers (Behavioural and Social Sciences), Gerry Wakker (Arts), Kocku von Stuckrad (Theology and Religious Studies) and Harry Garretsen (Economics and Business). All 10 deans are invited to the Steering Group. The main task is to further develop and embed Sustainable Society, together with Managing Director Sharon Smit. Sustainable Society started with the strong foundation laid down in the "Thinktank" report chaired by Rafael Wittek. Oscar Couwenberg has brought Sustainable Society a big step further by making a broad inventory of research. The next step is to narrow down the profile and focus area of Sustainable Society, together with the introduction of new instruments for supporting
researchers towards Horizon 2020.

**NIDI and Sustainable Society**

The Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute and the University of Groningen signed a long term affiliation agreement on March 19. In a follow up of this agreement NIDI and Sustainable Society have made a head start in exploring cooperation possibilities. Two specific cooperation agreements have been made. We cooperate in a joint effort to lobby for topics of common interest towards the working programmes 2016-2017 in The European Union Horizon 2020 programme. Second, we organize an exchange meeting after summer to strengthen the ties on the level of researchers in these fields of common interest. Organizing one or more policy briefs in The Hague is an expected output on short notice. Read more.

**Registrate now! Open information session on COST**

The Sustainable Society team has noticed that there is a lot of interest among researcher to expand their networks within Europe. But where to start. A good idea might be to join a COST network. COST does not cover research expenses, but does give you the opportunity to join a network around a certain research topic for which travel expenses are covered. We would like to share knowledge on COST with you! Sabrina Corbellini, Rosalind Franklin Fellow at the Faculty of Arts will share her successful experience with COST on **September 18th**. National COST Coordinator Trudy Millenaar (NL Agency) will also be one of the speakers. Register by sending an email to sustainablesociety@rug.nl.

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