Plans for other EG Working Group: Interfaces Working Group - IWG

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Some issues pointed out in the SRA Key Topic 7: Governance and stakeholder involvement

- Development of effective approaches to dialogue and review to build stakeholder support
- Development of improved methods for the integration of technical, social and economic information in an open and transparent decision-making framework
• Observations
  ◦ Mostly “insiders” stakeholders involved up to now
  ◦ Lack of knowledge to date on potential interest in IGD-TP from different “outsider groups”
  ◦ Not clear how to involve which stakeholders
  ◦ Current TP organisational structure not apt to engage different target groups in an appropriate and easy way
  ◦ No specific approach to date to interact with those that do not endorse the vision 2025
  ◦ No specific approach to date to interact with regulators
  ◦ “Social” added value of SRA priorities not emphasised
InSOTEC: international socio-technical challenges to implementing geological disposal

EC call (November 2009) for research to address remaining challenges for implementing geological disposal and advise the IGD-TP

- Address relationship between socio-political and technical challenges
- Identify SOCIO-TECHNICAL challenges
- Analyse processes that shape them
• Socio-technical issues
  ◦ Social aspects of science and technology
    • Social acceptability of technology
    • Social shaping of technology
  ◦ Technical translation of socio-political requirements
    • Technical feasibility of socio-political expectations and demands
    • How technology shapes its environment
  ◦ How to define socio-technical issues? What do we really mean by this?
WP2 Understanding socio-technical combinations: further analysis of specific topics (2012 - 2013)

WP3 Socio-technical networks: interaction between ‘producers’ and ‘users’ of different forms of socio-technical knowledge (2011 - 2013)

WP4 Rounding up: final report and practical recommendations (2013-2014)

WP1 Drawing boundaries: what do we define as socio-technical challenges? (2011-2012)
• Aims of WP3
  ◦ Do we see new types of networks arising around socio-technical issues?
    • In RWM (e.g. FSC?)
    • In other domains
  ◦ What characterises the interactions between members in such ST-networks?
  ◦ Can the IGD-TP be considered a socio-technical network? Does it have such ambitions?
  ◦ Regular contact with IGD-TP through IWG to support IGD-TP in interactions with stakeholders
More info

- Website: [www.insotec.eu](http://www.insotec.eu)
- First **open stakeholder seminar 21-22 March 2012** (Barcelona): reflecting and creating awareness on issues that are both social and technical in nature
- **Interaction with technical projects**: call for interest from technical research projects to participate in reflection on socio-technical issues (socio-political dimension and implications of their work)
  - Mini workshop (1/2 day)
• Propose an organisational framework for interfacing with / better involving various types of stakeholders
  • In particular, how to involve groups who do not wish to endorse the vision?
• Propose a way to interact with regulators (and TSO’s)
• Explore ways forward to
  ◦ Incorporate the concerns from different stakeholders
  ◦ Stimulate review of IGD-TP “products” (SRA, DP, projects...) by (non-technical) stakeholders?
  ◦ Stimulate the presence and interaction of stakeholders during the EF?
• Considering that most of the interactions with non technical stakeholders are carried out at domestic and/or local levels...
Membership
- ANDRA, COVRA, ONDRAF
- With the support of InSOTEC

Outcomes of the 1st meeting
- Agreement on work method to address IGD-TP’s engagement questions:
  - Set up explorative survey for “outsiders”
  - Set up survey for “non-founding” members
  - Interviews with outsiders who did participate in EF1
  - Discuss issue within InSOTEC
  - Explore how other ETP’s deal with stakeholder engagement
  - Feedback at EF2

- To soon to put forward concrete scenario’s:
  - Further exploration with IGD-TP needed
  - Brainstorming during this afternoon’s IWG session