

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

Some rationale (1)



• 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

Some rationale (2)



- 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

Link with InSOTEC (1)

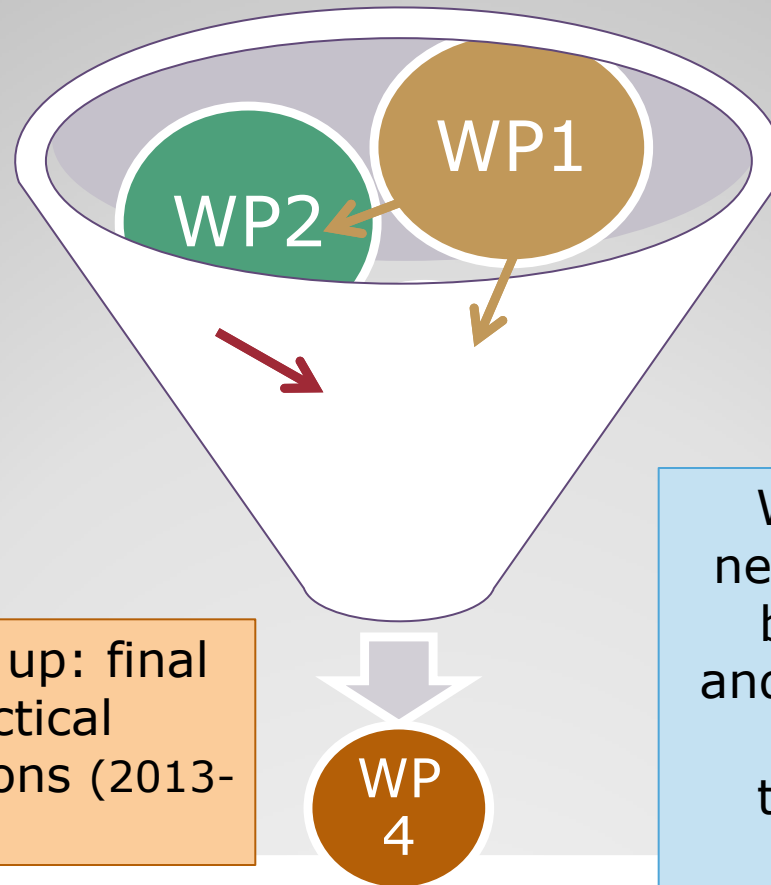


- **Socio-technical issues**
 - Social aspects of science and technology
 - Social acceptability of technology
 - Social shaping of technology
 - Technical translation of socio-political requirements
 - Technical feasibility of socio-political expectations and demands
 - How technology shapes its environment
 - How to define socio-technical issues? What do we really mean by this?

Link with InSOTEC (2)



WP2
Understanding
socio-technical
combinations:
further analysis
of specific topics
(2012 - 2013)



WP1 Drawing
boundaries: what
do we define as
socio-technical
challenges ?
(2011-2012)

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

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

- 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

Link with InSOTEC (3)



- More info
 - Website: 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)

Link with InSOTEC (4)



- 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?

IWG Objectives



- **Considering that most of the interactions with non technical stakeholders are carried out at domestic and/or local levels...**

IWG Objectives



- 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

IWG Up to now...

