

Foresight in SUSFANS: combining explorative and intervention scenarios

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- Understanding FNS in Europe - integrating multiple perspectives on **scope** of the system, and the **driving factors** that influence its development.
- **High uncertainty** makes predictions difficult, and potentially dangerous.
- Policy makers in all sectors need to **plan with potential futures** while acknowledging their uncertainty.
- Consider impacts of **contextual** driving factors and the impacts of their **own interventions**, and interactions

Types of scenarios

- **Future scenarios** offer a way to conduct experimentation with the future – originating from private sector, policy, military
- **Explorative scenarios** allow for an investigation of different contextual driving factors, and how they could lead to diverse, challenging and relevant futures
- **Intervention/normative/policy scenarios** allow for an investigation of the potential impacts of different interventions
- A **combination** of the two types of scenarios is considered to be the most powerful, since both interventions and contexts have to be considered.



SUSFANS: focusing on intervention scenarios

- When scenario processes include a focus on **specific policy actions**, they can be very impactful.
- Many **relevant, credible and legitimate scenario sets** exist on the future of food and nutrition security in Europe - it is not necessary to reinvent the wheel.
- After explorative scenarios are finished, their use for policy guidance has still to be initiated, and **this takes time**.
- In SUSFANS, we intend to draw on **existing** explorative scenarios, and focus our **main efforts** on the development of different intervention and policy scenarios.



SUSFANS: Existing scenario sets

- Example: **FOOD SECURE** – EU FP7 program focusing on quantitative scenarios – lifestyles, inequality
- Example: **TRANSMANGO** – EU FP7 program with an overall food systems focus – emphasis on participatory explorations of a number of drivers and their interactions. Linked to FOOD SECURE
- Next steps for SUSFANS: review of **existing** explorative scenario exercises; building intervention scenarios
- Supplemented with insights from a TRANSMANGO analysis of links and gaps between **foresight and policy**.

SUSFANS: Driver review

- To examine whether existing scenarios have the right **scope** to be useful for SUSFANS, we have to outline the most important driving factors of the European food system
- Use the **conceptual framework**: which **direct** drivers? Which **indirect** drivers? (which feedbacks?)
- From your perspective:
 - Which drivers are **missing**?
 - Which are most **important**?
 - What **directions** could they develop into?
 - What are the key **policy questions**?



Thank you!

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