



Public Participation in Developing a Common Framework for Assessment and Management of Sustainable Innovation (CASI)



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Abstract

Tackling climate change and the numerous issues pertinent to it is among the most pressing challenges of today and requires sustainable solutions which consider the environmental, economic and social impacts of their implementation. The effort of fostering sustainable innovations (SI), both technological and social, is in the focus of the CASI project.

CASI aims to support SI through developing a coherent methodology for the assessment and management of sustainable innovation practices. The main objective of CASI's approach is to mobilise multi-actor and multi-disciplinary cross-national intelligence in formulating strategic tools and guidelines on three levels: i) *operational* – CASI partners developed a database of SI practices from all 28 EU countries, which aims to support innovators through providing rich qualitative perspective on critical factors for the success of SI practices, such as barriers, drivers, opportunities, and threats. An online survey with more than 1700 respondents from across Europe helped improve the conceptual framework of SI, as well as attain better understanding of the SI assessment and management mechanisms applied by stakeholders in different fields; ii) *programming* – 230 citizens from 12 EU countries were involved in developing visions on sustainable future on the basis of which research priorities for EU and national level research agendas were elaborated by experts and prioritised by citizens; iii) *strategic* – based on the results of monitoring national and EU level policy developments and following numerous stakeholder consultations, policy recommendations will be elaborated with the ambition to improve the integration of sustainability and innovation support actions into addressing issues related to climate change, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials.

CASI is supported by the 7th Framework Programme and mobilises 19 partners (incl. research organisations, policy makers, businesses and CSOs) from 12 EU countries. The duration of CASI is 42 months, from January 2014 until June 2017. More information about the project can be found at: www.casi2020.eu.

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