Supporting policy with scientific evidence
Competences, training opportunities, projects

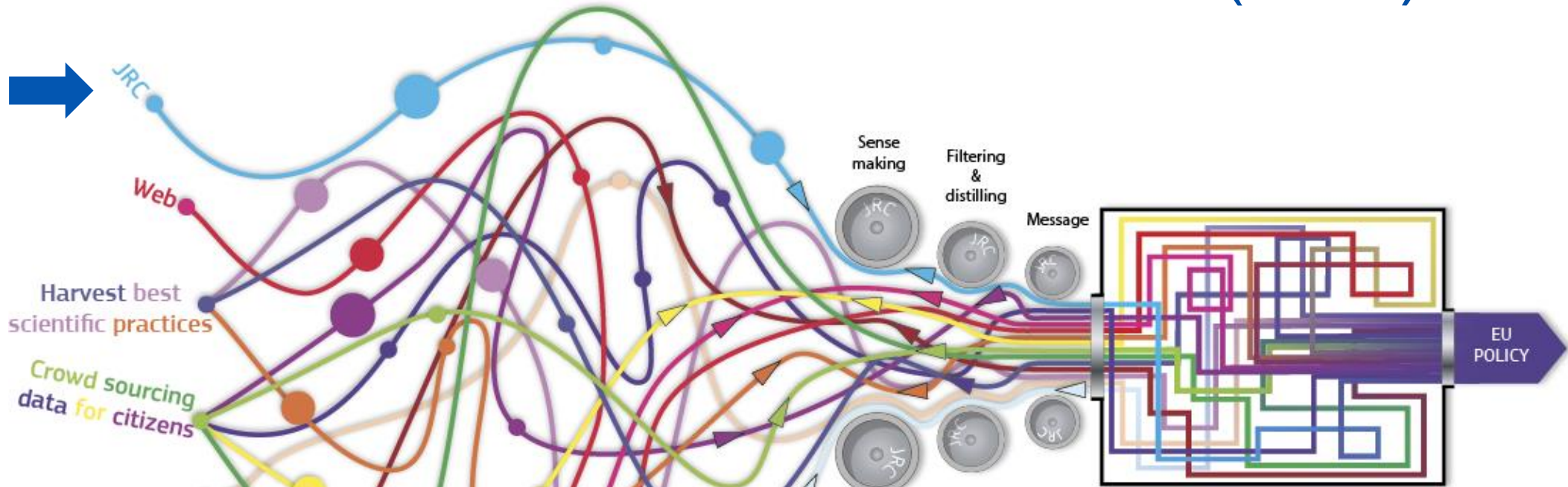*Presentation at the Online Info Day and NCPs in Greece*

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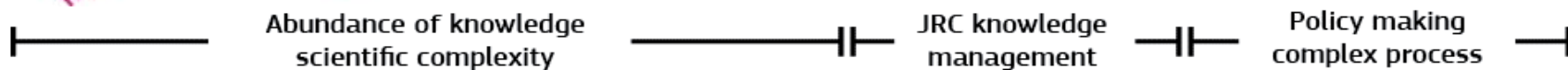Anastasia Deligkiaouri (PhD)- Policy Analyst-S2 Unit

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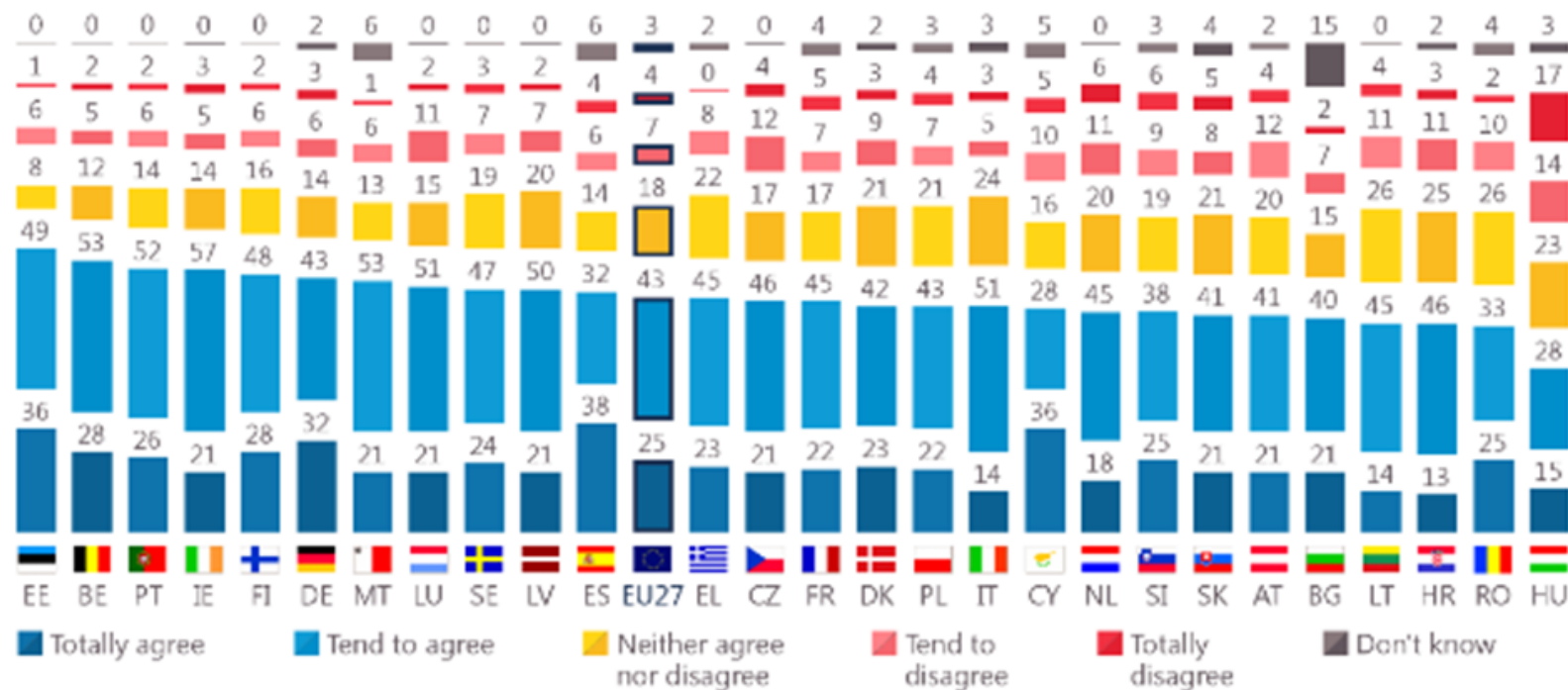# What the Joint Research Centre (JRC) is

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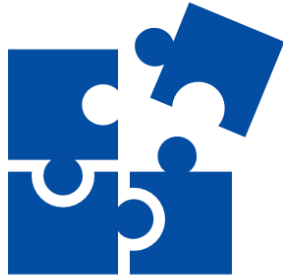
Citizens demand evidence-informed policymaking!

68% of EU citizens agree with the sentence:

"Scientists should <u>intervene</u> in political debate to ensure that decisions <u>take into account</u> scientific evidence"

Eurobarometer of Science and Technology, Sept 2021

EIPM faces major challenges

Institutional environment: connections & coordination

Individual capacities: competences and inter-sectoral understanding
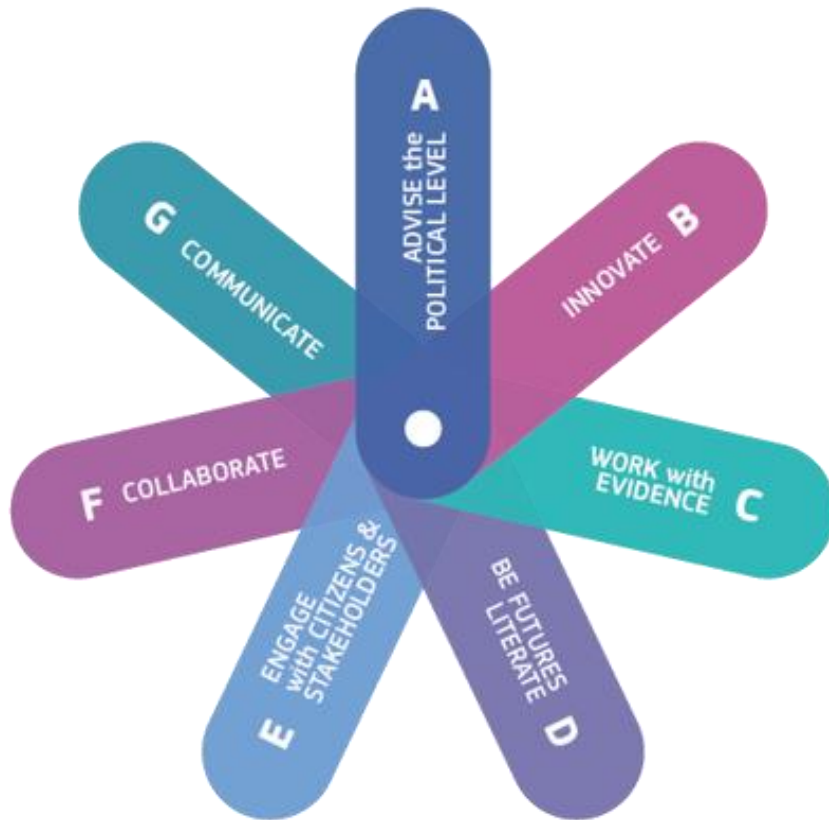
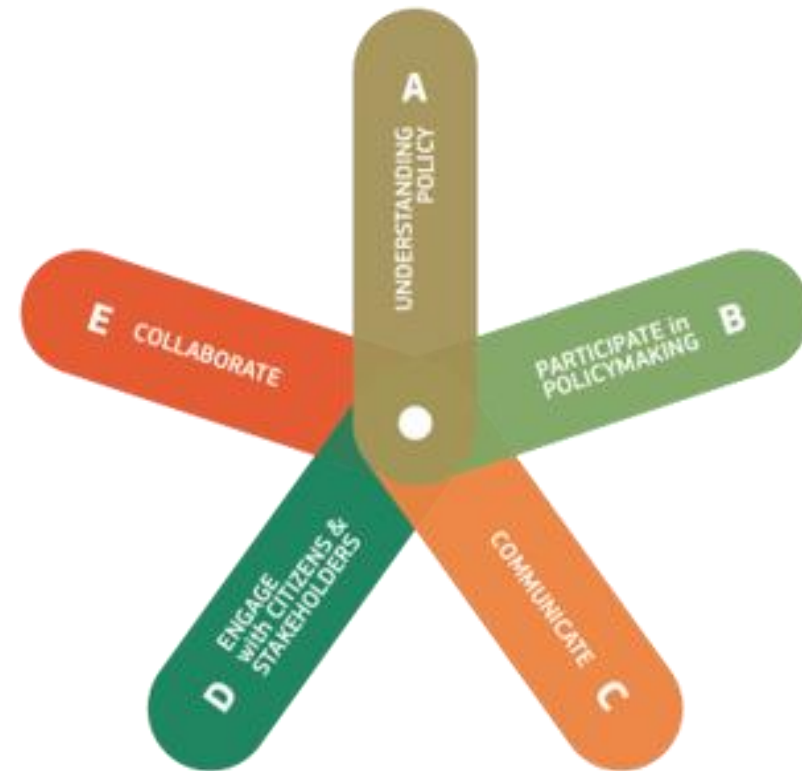**Good governance of evidence use:** Limits of science and policymaking

European Commission (2022), *COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT Supporting and connecting policymaking in the Member States with scientific Research,* SWD(2022) 346 final. Available at: https://europa.eu/!8DwdnF

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Building capacity – Competence Frameworks
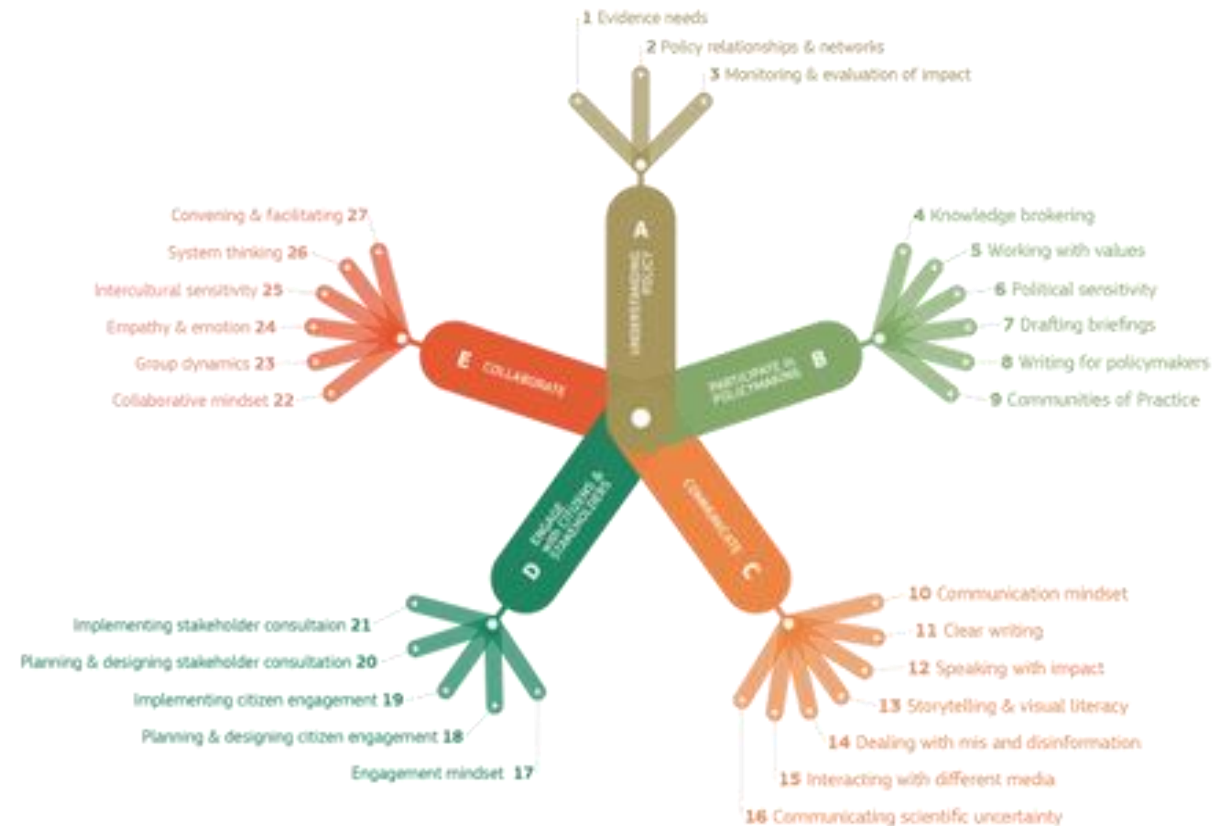
For policymakers:

For researchers:

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Sci4Pol competences for researchers

- **Collective** set of competences

- 5 Clusters of competences (A-E)

- A total of **27 competences**

- Competence: **knowledge, skills and attitudes**

- 4 progression levels

- **The publication on the Competence Frameworks has been translated to Greek by the EKT (National Documentation Centre)**

1 Evidence needs
2 Policy relationships & networks
3 Monitoring & evaluation of impact

4 Knowledge brokering
5 Working with values
6 Political sensitivity
7 Drafting briefings
8 Writing for policymakers
9 Communities of Practice

Convening & facilitating 27
System thinking 26
Intercultural sensitivity 25
Empathy & emotion 24
Group dynamics 23
Collaborative mindset 22

10 Communication mindset
11 Clear writing
12 Speaking with impact
13 Storytelling & visual literacy
14 Dealing with mis and disinformation
15 Interacting with different media
16 Communicating scientific uncertainty

Implementing stakeholder consultaion 21
Planning & designing stakeholder consultation 20
Implementing citizen engagement 19
Planning & designing citizen engagement 18
Engagement mindset 17

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Trainings for Scientists

Develop the relevant mentality and capacity on the main actors of the system

➢ **Training for Scientists on Science for Policy**
- **For JRC scientists (EU Learn)**
- **Developing a Science for policy ecosystem in MS (Training of Trainers- ToT)**

➢ **Main content**
  - ➢ **Understand policy making process**
  - ➢ **Be able to understand your audience**
  - ➢ **Be able to communicate your work**
  - ➢ **Be prepared for challenges**
  - ➢ **Speak with impact**

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Work with Evidence – Training for Policymakers
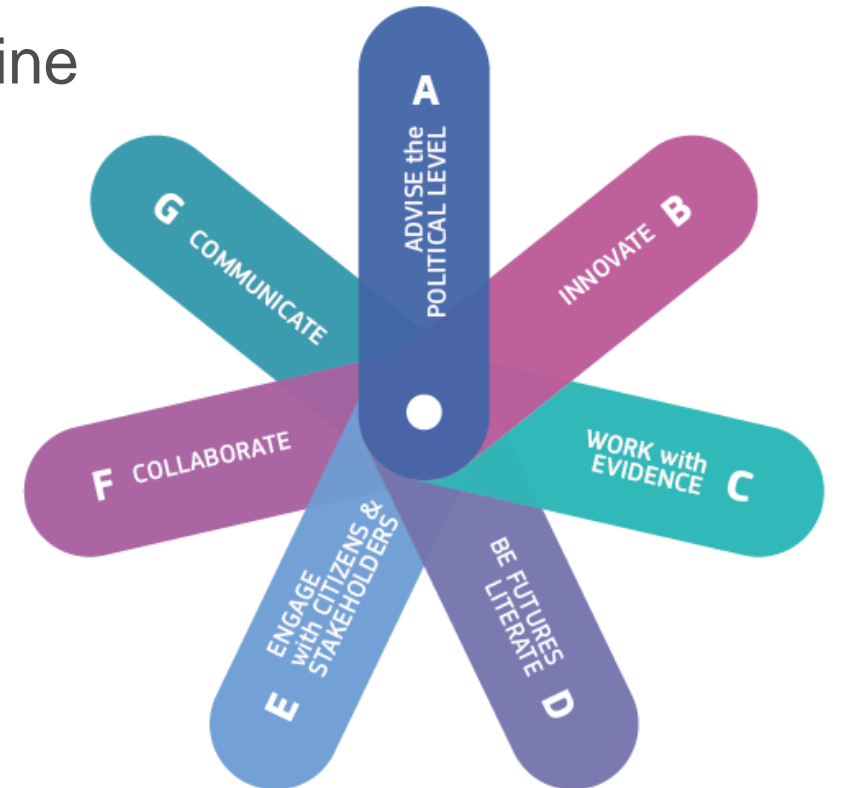
3 half days x 3 hours course + in classroom or online
Goal: increase evidence use in policymaking

Content:
- EIPM throughout the policy cycle
- Identifying evidence needs,
- Gathering evidence,
- Assessing evidence,
- Scientific/Systems thinking.

Methods:
- Models of policy impact,
- Participatory exercises with policy examples
- In classroom and self-paced online learning.

TSI on Evidence Informed Policymaking

- The largest multi-country public administration reform project by Technical Support Instrument

- A 2-year project funded by DG Reform , European Commission and implemented jointly by the JRC and the OECD

- Seven Member States

- Beneficiaries: Centres of Government, Budget ministries and Fiscal councils, Strategic decision -making centres, science, research and academic institutions
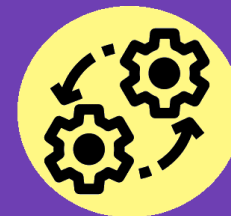
Beneficiary organisations in Greece

➢ **General Secretariat of Coordination of the Presidency of the Government of the Hellenic Republic**

➢ **General Secretariat of Fiscal Policy**

➢ **Council of Economic Experts (SOE)**

➢ **Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE)**

➢ **National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)**

➢ **National Centre for Scientific Research Demokritos**

✓ **The Unit of Experts in Employment, Social Insurance, Welfare and Social Affairs (MEKY), Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs participates as well in the project**

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Project objectives and actions

- Country-level analysis and recommendations on science for policy –the ecosystem

- Mutual learning exercises with all participating member states

Improved use of evidence, science, and evaluation in policymaking

Improved capacity for evidence-informed policymaking for civil servants

Project overview

Outcome A. Improved capacity for EIPM

Diagnostic reports

Needs assessment

Capacity-building workshops

Country roadmaps

Outcome B. Increased awareness, recognition, and understanding

Thematic symposia

Policy recommendations for reform of policy making and science systems

Better analytical and strategic competences

International mutual learning and exchange

Integrated Country Reports

Thank you!
Questions?

You can find all our resources here:

https://knowledge4policy.ec.europa.eu/evidence-informed-policy-making_en

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