

# Western Balkan Futures 2020

## Foresight project

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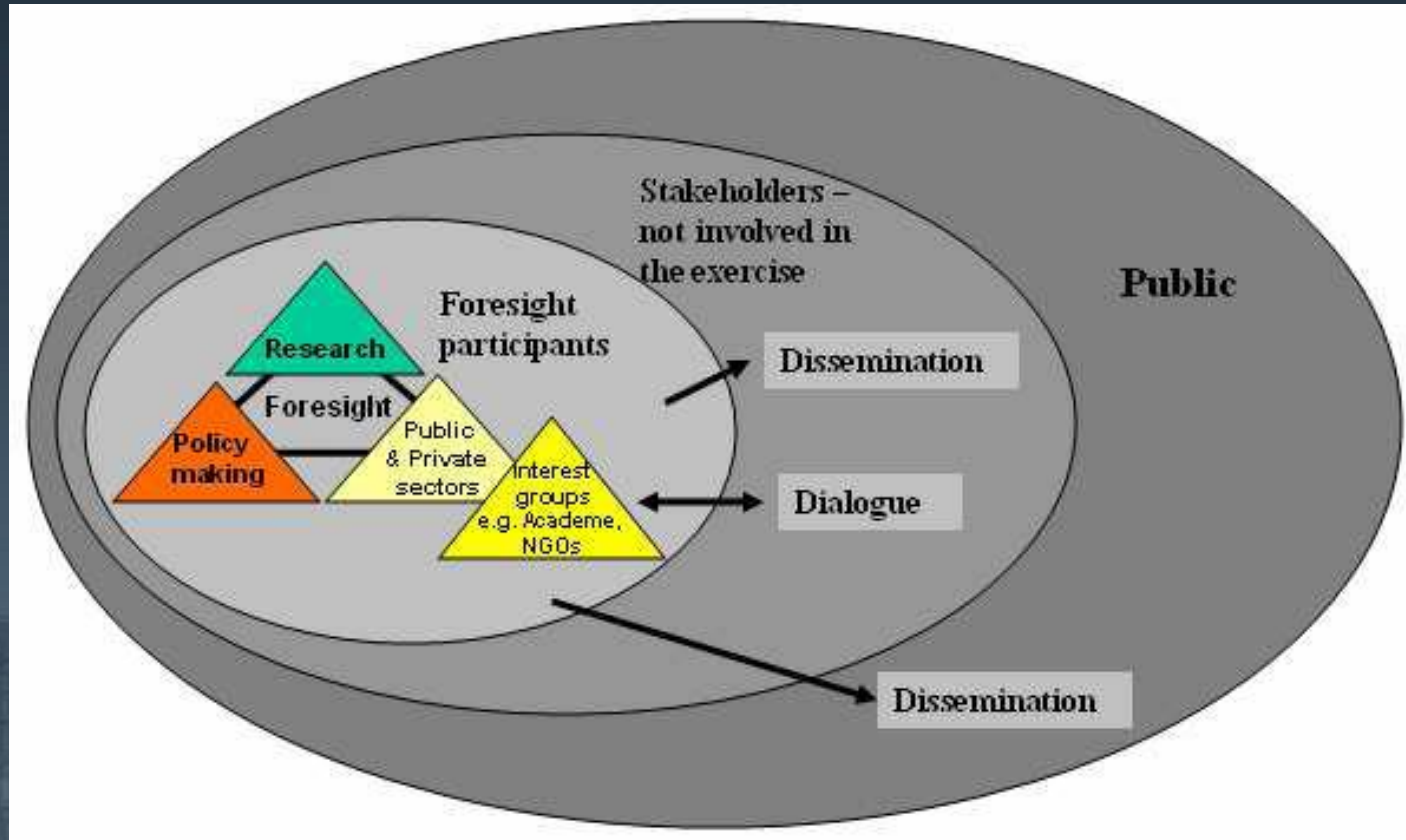
**Bled Forum on Europe (Millennium Project Node)**



# About Foresight

- A tool to support stakeholders to develop visions of the future and pathways towards these visions (*European Commission*)
- Foresights work makes a critical contribution to meeting important challenges of the 21st Century (*UK Gov*)

# Participation and communication in Foresight landscape



Source: Saritas *et al.* (2007)

# Knowledge Society

KS involves intersection of development of:

- Information Society based on new ICTs
- Innovation
- Service economies
- Knowledge management

In the context of Globalization, Demographic structures, Cultural practices & Environmental affairs

Prof. Matejić Key policies: Support of Knowledge Based competitiveness

# Millennium Project Global Challenges Assessment

1996-97

182 Developments

15 Issues  
with  
131 Actions

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1998-99

Distilled Into

15 Challenges  
with  
213 Actions

1999-2007

Global Challenges

- General description
- Regional views
- Actions
- Indicators

1997-98

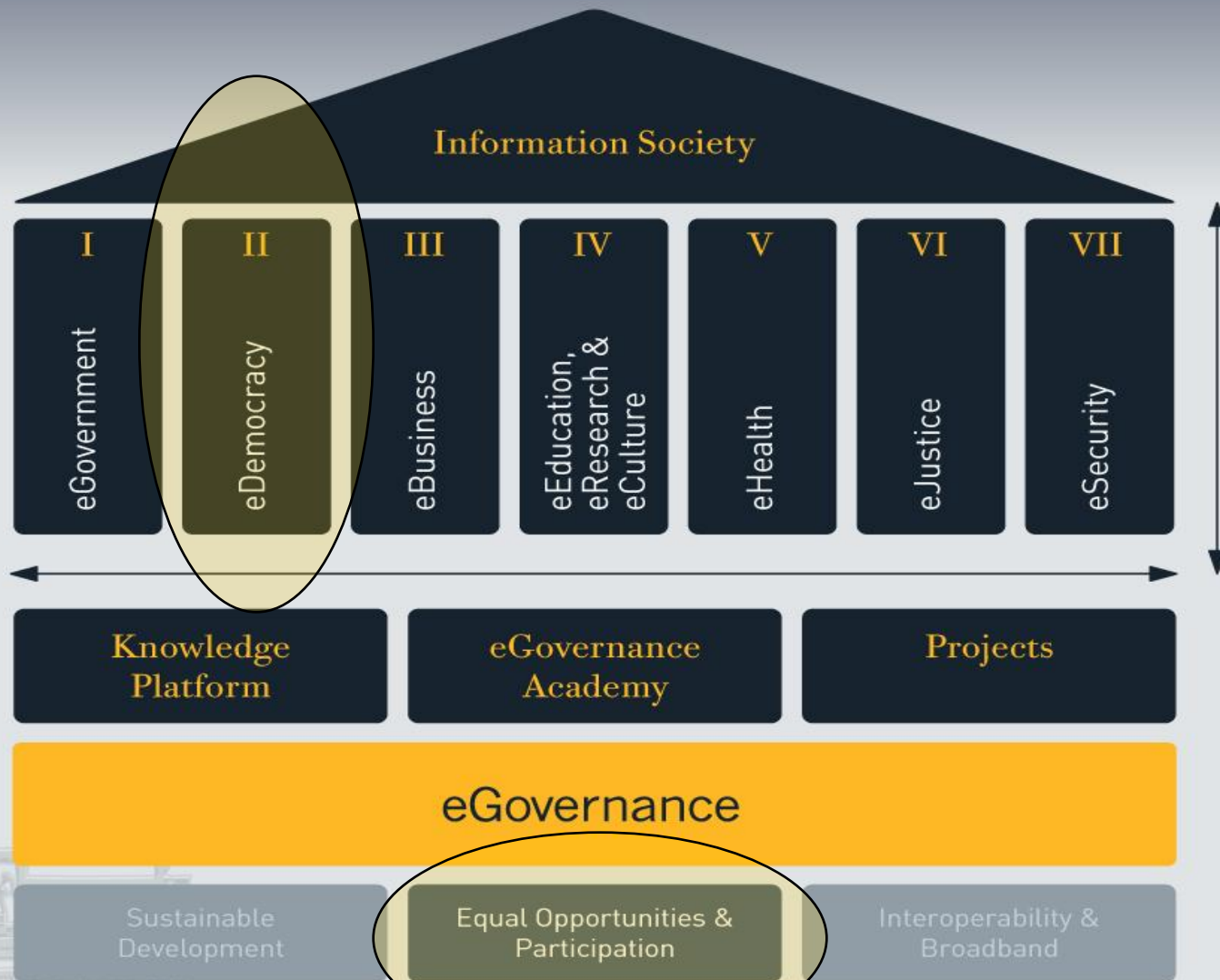
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2000-2007

State of the Future Index (SOFI)  
National SOFIs  
SOFI Real Time Delphi

# CeGD 7 ePillars Model of Single Information Space and Inclusive Information Society



# CeGD 7ePillars development

- I. Policy environment
- II. Legal framework
- III. ICT business solutions (good practice cases)

# Enlargement Futures EC project (2001-2003)

- Origin

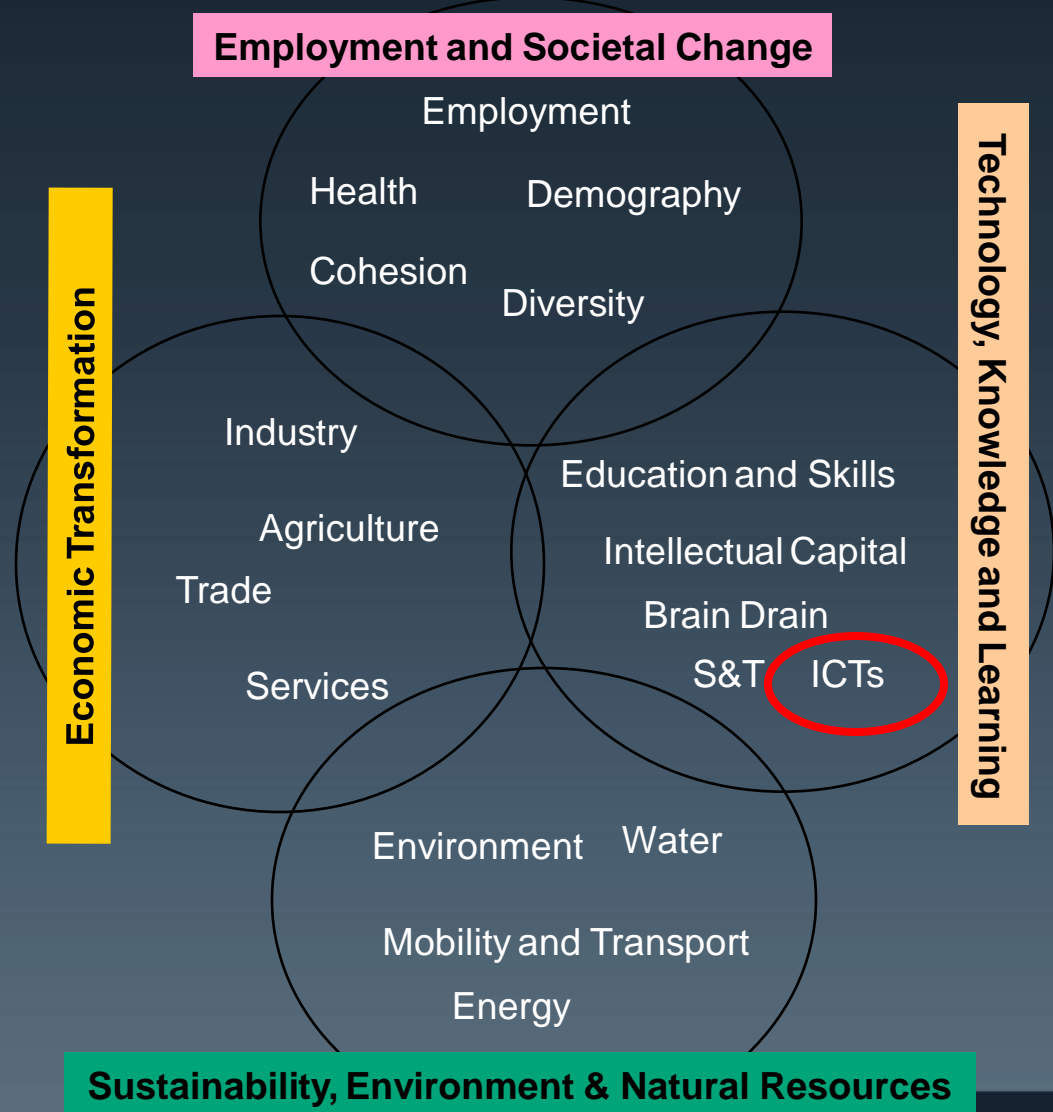
- The *Futures* Project
- The Thematic Network of Foresight (1999)
  - Workshops on: awareness building, best practices in foresight, regional Foresight

- Objective

- Identify the challenges of the transition
- Stimulate the debate
- Focus on S&T, Employment and Competitiveness policy

# The Enlargement Futures Project

## The Panels and issues



# Enlargement Futures EC project (2001-2003)

1. A Single Market of 28 countries inserted in a global economy
2. Regional disparities
3. Employment, skills and education
4. Challenge of reconverting the S&T base
5. The Societal challenge: the bill
6. The Challenges to a sustainable Europe

# Western Balkans Futures 2020

- Involvement of Stakeholders
- Complementarity with running and planned KBS activities in the region and in the EU 2020 Strategy (Ms. Savić BIH)
- RCC five priority areas (OECD Competitiveness study / WEB Research Strategy)
- 2010 preparatory phase
- Bled Forum on Europe WS (10-11 March)

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## OBJECTIVES

- Development of KBS in the region
- Identify priority areas for social & economic development
- Open opportunities for sectoral development (WEB and SEE in the World)

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## BENEFITS

- Bottom up identification of long term priorities
- Enforcement of good governance
- Contribution to the future development of the European Union during the WEB accession to the EU

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