Call for contributions (WG3)

Outline of EETAP report WG3: *Visions and hopes for the future with regard to energy and the environment*

This report will review the visions and hopes of people, communities, governments and other institutions in discussing the future with regard to the environment. Submissions of case studies from different communities will be amalgamated into the relevant sections, with examples of how these visions and hopes for the future can lead to different policy options.

1. Introduction
1.1. The importance of visions and hopes
1.2. Word analysis of the concept of the future
1.3. Word analysis of the concept of hope
1.4. Concerns about the future?

2. Perspectives on the future among living organisms
How do our worldviews allocate value and meaning to people, plants, animals and the biosphere? Visions and hopes of the future - What is the most appropriate timescale to consider problems of environmental ethics – years, decades, centuries, or generations?
Lifespan measures for future in living organisms
Views of the future and generation time.
Visions for the Future
Is there a common vision of where we would like society to go beyond MDGs? How to balance economic growth, quality of life, and other future aspirations in a holistic vision?
Time is limited by space – changing visions
Forestry policy analysis

3. Review of time frames in planning cycles in policy
   1. Government policy
   2. International organizations
   3. Commercial sector
Compare sectors, forestry, transport, urban development, media, etc.

4. Review of goals in vision statements
Goals, objectives, strategies,

5. Analysis of views of the future
Mathematical models
Studies interview
Simulation models

6. Policy Options
What are the relationships between such worldviews and actual decisions made by policymakers or the daily lives of the people they represent? What changes would be expected in policy if different visions of future were taken.
Balancing short term strategies with long term hopes

7. Case Studies (Some will be integrated into the relevant sections)

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