FP 7 research projects & their link to ESDN

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CORPORUS + RESPONDER

• Funded in 7th Framework Programme for Research and Development of European Commission

• Knowledge exchange between researchers & policy-makers on sustainable consumption issues ('knowledge brokerage')

• ESDN SG members as project partners & ESDN members invited for active involvement & participation in events
**RESPONDER**

- Coming in 2011! → possibly starting date January 1, 2011
  Runs until mid-2014 (3.5 years)

- Coordinated by RIMAS + 5 research partners + 2 policy-makers

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What is it all about?

- Promoting sustainable consumption by
- exploring novel ways of knowledge brokerage
- to improve the management of potential political, social and economic contradictions in the context of economic growth.
The challenge is **linking different communities**: 

(1) *linking science* and **policy** (follow different rules and rationalities);  

(2) improving the mutual understanding of the **‘pro-growth community’** and the **‘beyond-growth community’**.
System mapping as the primary tool of knowledge brokerage in RESPONDER will:

(a) support *mutual understanding*,
(b) constitute the basis for *systematizing empirical findings*,
(c) questioning *different model assumptions*,
(d) analysing the *effects of different policy options* and
(e) identifying *new research questions*. 
What tools will be used?

I. Web-based information platform

II. Interaction exercises:

- 3 EU Dialogues (back-to-back with ESDN Conferences) + European Conference on Sustainable Consumption and Economic Growth
- Regional KB events in 5 policy fields (bringing in regional contexts):
  
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What’s in it for you?

✓ Access to cutting edge research findings
✓ Involvement in innovative forms of knowledge exchange
✓ Networking with other policy-makers / researchers
✓ In-depth knowledge in 5 policy fields + regional contexts
✓ Exploring different policy options
✓ Improving evidence-based policy-making
Thanks for your attention!

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