



# European Futures – Strategic Foresight

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# Strategic foresight in the Commission

- **VP Šefčovič** in charge of inter-institutional relations **and foresight**.
- Embed SF into **policy making** as part of **better regulation**. Build collective intelligence to anticipate and future proof our policies for new opportunities and challenges. Undertake SF **exercises on major policy initiatives**.
  - Example in environment policy: foresight approaches to be integrated in impact assessment for projects under the **EGD: Zero Pollution Action Plan**
- **Annual Strategic Foresight report**: First Report adopted in September. Aim to assess upcoming disruptive factors, to provide foundations for developing and aligning strategic priorities, for discussions with Council, EP, stakeholders and external partners. To drive green and digital transitions.

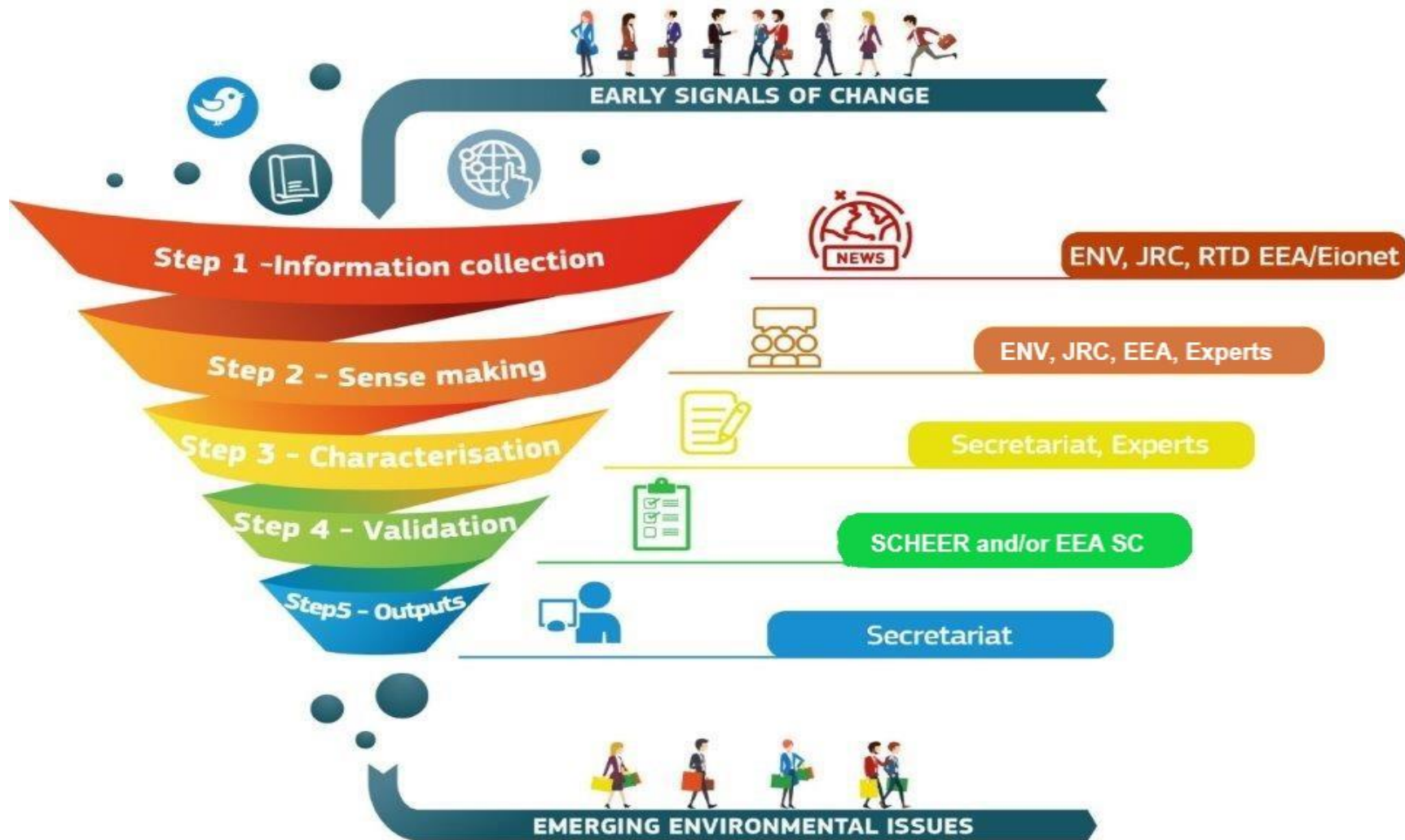
# Strategic Foresight Report 2020

- 2020 report focuses on **subject of resilience**. Various dimensions: social and economic, geopolitical, green, digital
- Analysing what needs to be done to enhance resilience and how foresight can contribute by identifying risks, opportunities, pathways, e.g. on jobs and skills or technologies
- Prototype resilience **dashboards** of indicators as basis for further discussion with MS and stakeholders. Basis to develop foresight-informed policies.
- **Scenario-building** exercises as reference for debates and to inform policy-making
- **Strategic Foresight agenda: Policy-specific** exercises and **cross-cutting** ones, e.g. open strategic autonomy, future of green jobs and skills, link between green and digital transition.

# FORENV - general approach

- **FORENV** is a foresight exercise for detecting, characterising and prioritising emerging **environmental issues**
- 5-step process, based on horizon scanning, for **distilling expertise** on emerging environmental issues (from **scientific and lay knowledge** both **EU and non-EU sources**) into analytical report.
- To **enable EU policy makers** and other stakeholders to exploit emerging opportunities and to manage emerging risks
- Various **partners**: Commission services (ENV, JRC, RTD), EEA/Eionet, Contractor, external experts, SCHEER Cttee/EEA SC.

# FORENV - EU FORESIGHT SYSTEM FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



**FORENV: A  
5-step  
process**



# FORENV projects

- Pilot 2017-8: **New technologies in the urban environment.** Successful test of the methodology.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> full cycle 2018-9: **Emerging issues at the environment-social interface.** Finalised Nov. 2019.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> full cycle 2019-20: **Emerging – economic, business, technological and social – innovations in the green economy of the future.** To be finalised end Nov. 2020.
- Reports **published** on EU Bookshop as well as in printed format:  
<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/4a9b705f-55d0-11e9-a8ed-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-122610994>