

TRAINING - WORKSHOP

“Strategic Foresight & Futures Literacy: an introduction”

This interactive online workshop introduces MA and PhD students to the foundations of strategic foresight and futures literacy.


Participants will have the opportunity to be introduced to the concept of future literacy and explore it in practice with foresight methods and tools. Through guided horizon scanning and scenario-building exercises, students will develop alternative futures for different topics of their interest and reflect on their implications for governance, research, and policy.

Rather than predicting the future, the workshop equips participants with practical tools to critically examine assumptions, identify emerging trends, and use structured imagination to anticipate change. The session combines short conceptual inputs with collaborative group work, encouraging participants to connect foresight methods to their own research agendas.

Date: 17.04.2026

Duration: 3 hours with 15 min break in between

Format: Interactive online (Google meet - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/gvb-xnyp-xqq> + Miro/Mentimeter)

10:00 – 10:30: Welcome & Futures Literacy Icebreaker		11:15 – 12:15: Scenario Building: 2x2 Matrix on Border Futures
Learning focus: Futures literacy as the ability to use the future differently (normative, exploratory, critical).	11:00 – 11:15:	Group Work (35 min – breakout rooms)
10:20 – 11:00: Horizon Scanning for Border Futures	11:15	Plenary Presentation (15 min)
Group Activity (25 min) Plenary Debrief (10 min)		12:15 – 12:45: From Scenarios to Research & Policy
		12:45 – 13:00: Closing Reflection: Futures Literacy Moment

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the session, participants will:

- Differentiate forecasting, foresight and futures literacy.
- Apply horizon scanning tools to border studies.
- Develop a 2x2 scenario matrix.
- Identify research gaps through scenario thinking.

- Reflect critically on anticipatory governance in Europe.