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Go-Science Futures Framework

We reported last month on our success in winning a place on the Government's Futures Framework contract. If you are in a public sector organisation – of any kind – and think you could benefit from some support for your futures thinking, get in touch with us and we can help you take advantage of this new framework system.

Sustainable Innovation Pathways Framework

We continue our work on SIP, which now has a dedicated website at www.sip-labs.com. With analytical insights and tool sets that enable the development of actionable and implementable net zero and decarbonisation strategies, we're starting to develop some significant interest across industry. Contact Jonathan at jbs@samiconsulting.co.uk to discuss how our approaches to the future of sustainability could be applied in your organisation.

European Trade Union Institute (ETUI)

Aida Ponce del Castillo of ETUI and SAMI Principal Patricia Lustig wrote up a case study of the work they did together in 2020-2021 on developing ETUI strategy. This was a complete project starting with Horizon Scanning and finishing with detailed strategic plans for implementation after Roadmapping. It is now in the public domain: <https://www.etui.org/publications/strategic-foresight>.

Executive Education

We will be running our online course ***“Understanding the Future”*** again on 12th and 13th July 2023. The course fee is £490 + VAT - discounts may be available for self-funded individuals. We also organise bespoke courses to suit specific clients' needs.

We are developing new training modules in the areas of turning scenarios into

action, Adaptive Plans (contingency planning) and risk and uncertainty. If you interested in any of these, please do get in touch.

For more information, please email training@samiconsulting.co.uk.

Futures Issues

In Murcia a network of 100 treatment plants [process and disinfect water](#) from the sewage system so it can be reused on the fields. The treatment, which involves sand filters and ultraviolet rays, ensures that the water "is not contaminated" and doesn't transfer bacteria "such as E.coli" to the fruit and vegetables.

Incorporating [woodlice into a robot](#) can improve its capability to grip objects. Other creatures that might also be useful are marine molluscs, geckos, and even the Venus flytrap. Ethical issues are being addressed.

Generative AI can be used to [improve civic participation and governance](#) and enhance democracy. AI acts as a discussion moderator, summarising large volumes of comments, and as a consensus builder, grouping related views. This helps interconnected populations participate in democratic debate at scale.

An [AI system that can accurately read emotion](#)-related signals from brain and facial analysis could assist autistic and neuro-diverse people in the workplace.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved the sale of [cell-cultured chicken](#), only the second country, after Singapore, to do so.

Our Blogs

Our recent blogs have looked at:

- The [14 megatrends currently identified by the EU Joint Research Council](#)
- A recent report from the [ICO in their Tech Futures series which warns of the dangers of neurotechnology](#).

If you'd like to receive reminders when our blogs are published, then [check the link on our website](#) or if you would like to write a blog for us, then please [contact us here](#).
