FP 7 research projects &
their link to ESDN

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CORPUS + 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
RESINUER

- 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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