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## RECIPES Precaution - Innovation - Science

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The precautionary principle: a hinder to technological innovation or a driver for cautious decision-making?

The RECIPES website (REconciling sScience, Innovation and Precaution through the Engagement of Stakeholders) provides an overview of the project objectives, structure and partners as well as

events and news related to relevant project results. Reports, policy briefs, factsheets, recommendations and newly developed tools for policy makers will be regularly promoted on the website. Ecologic Institute is responsible for the concept, design, programming and update of the website. User can directly subscribe for the mailing list.

The precautionary principle allows decision-makers to act despite uncertainty but ties them to the available scientific evidence and careful evaluations. Although the principle is at the core of EU environmental law, opinions on its application are divided. To some, the principle guides decision-makers faced with unacceptable risks, scientific uncertainty and public concerns; to others it has been criticised for hindering technological innovation and progress.

The RECIPES project takes up this challenge and aims to develop new tools and guidelines to ensure the precautionary principle is applied while still encouraging innovation. RECIPES will consider a number of concerns and broaden the basis of participation by engaging with citizens and stakeholders in the co-creation of new tools for innovation and precaution. The objective is to address and reduce societal controversy while helping policymakers and other stakeholders to assess risks and uncertainty and applying the precautionary principle taking into account innovation.

The consortium entails a unique combination of 11 experienced partner organisations with a multi-disciplinary background from seven different countries, including: Maastricht University (UM), Ecologic Institute, Universitetet i Bergen (UiB), Conoscenza e Innovazione (Knowledge & Innovation, K&I), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (UBER), Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen (Rathenau Institute, KNAW), Dialogik Gemeinnützige Gesellschaft für Kommunikations- und Kooperationsforschung mbH, Danish Board of Technology Foundation (DBT), Applied Research and Communications Fund (ARC), Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies Potsdam (IASS) and the Oesterreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften (OEAW)

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