

Il nodo della velocità

Come la contrazione della dimensione temporale e il *frame* dell'urgenza nei discorsi europei sulla ricerca influenzano il lavoro del ricercatore

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...before it's too late

The situation is urgent. Without a co-ordinated impulse and a determined effort to increase and better organise the European research effort, Europe might compromise its chances of taking full advantage of the potential offered by the transition to a knowledge-based economy and society. This will not be without its negative impact on growth and employment.

Towards a European Research Area, 2000

Faster growth is paramount for the sustainability of the European model, which puts a high premium on cohesion. Sustainability is under threat from rapid developments in demography, technology and globalisation, all of which increase the demand for social protection. Failure to deliver on the commitments of the Lisbon Agenda would endanger the present European contract and could lead to its fundamental revision, thereby threatening the very process of European integration. Fortunately, however, technology and globalisation, like enlargement, also hold the potential for faster growth throughout Europe.

Sapir Report, 2003

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...before it's too late #2

The need for reform has to be explained especially to citizens who are not always aware of the urgency and scale of the situation. 'Competitiveness' is not just some dry economic indicator that is often unintelligible to the man in the street; rather, it provides a diagnosis of the state of economic health of a country or a region. In the present circumstances, the clear message must be: if we want to preserve and improve our social model we have to adapt: it is not too late to change. In any event the status quo is not an option.

Kok Report, 2004

The Lisbon strategy is even more urgent today as the growth gap with North America and Asia has widened, while Europe must meet the combined challenges of low population growth and ageing. Time is running out and there can be no room for complacency. Better implementation is needed now to make up for lost time. (...)

Improved economic growth and increased employment provide the means to sustain social cohesion and environmental sustainability. (...)

The view of the High Level Group is that Lisbon's direction is right and imperative, but much more urgency is needed in its implementation — and more awareness of the high cost of not doing so.

Kok Report, 2004

Europe and its citizens should realise that their way of life is under threat but also that the path to prosperity through research and innovation is open if large scale action is taken now by their leaders before it is too late.

Aho Report, 2006

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...before it's too late #3

(...) the rate of technological and economic change and the *urgency of global challenges continue to outpace* Europe's response and reforms.

It is imperative for Europe to act, to act now and to act decisively. (...)

The EU's substantial knowledge assets, based on science and research, need to be *faster* and more intensively turned into innovations, in the form of new products, processes, services and business models, which *generate value for economy and society*.

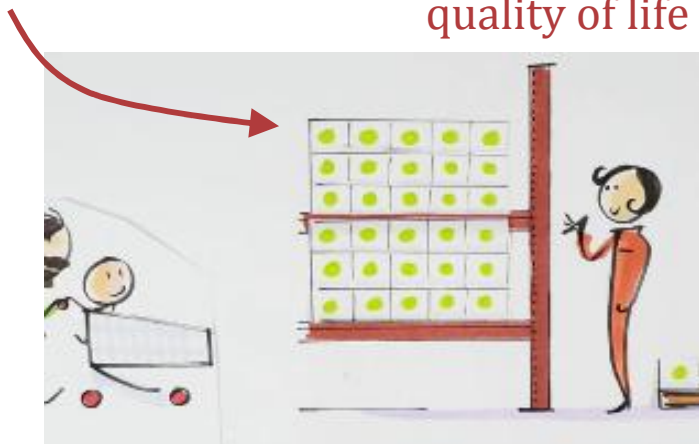
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“to boost the economy, create jobs and improve life”

Linear path from economic growth to quality of life



*“in today’s global economy knowledge is more like a **currency**: the trick is **to make it work for you**. That’s why we want to turn European Union in an Innovation Union, the plan **to get good ideas to market faster**”*

Acceleration, urgency

*“deliver innovation **from the lab to the market much faster** than anyone dreamed in Europe”*

(Strong) economic orientation

*“Horizon 2020 will also be more in tune with science’s role in society, so it focuses on challenges we **urgently** need to address, like clean energy, recycling, caring for the elderly, health care, food safety and our oceans: **real things!**”*

Challenge-based approach

Frame of urgency

Pragmatism/anti-intellectualism

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