

VivAGORA

Mettre en culture
l'innovation

Who we are

Vivagora is an NGO involved in organizing debates on societal issues raised by scientific and technological innovations. By promoting the expression and inclusion of all stakeholders, and exploring the diversity of their views and goals, we seek to build trust and promote a new culture of innovation. In a world where risks and uncertainties are increasing, we want to make sure that scientific and technological developments benefits the community at large.

Our goals

- Help citizens understand issues raised by technological developments
- Create opportunities for stakeholders with conflicting interests to discuss their perspectives
- Support dialogue between stakeholders in order to explore responsible innovation practices
- Facilitate the inclusion of all stakeholders in scientific and technical decision-making bodies



Who can participate ?

Created by scientific journalists and researchers, the organization is open to any citizen who thinks that directions of scientific and technological innovation should be openly debated and collectively decided.

Think Tank on Public Engagement

Through its experience in mediation and public debates, and its involvement in nano and biotechnology issues as well as in many committees, Vivagora has developed an extensive expertise on the analysis and elaboration of engagement processes.



Vivagora's website

www.vivagora.org

VivAgora's website presents current debates and news (quarterly Vivagoville), as well as public engagement processes in France and worldwide. Accessible to anyone, it offers a wide variety of in-depth articles, alerts on emerging issues, a calendar of public events, and VivAgora activities.

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VivAgora's Club

VivAgora's Club is open to both public and private professionals involved in scientific and technological innovation, and willing to support VivAgora's activities. Through its "Opinions sur rue" breakfasts, the Club offers unique opportunities for discussion and brainstorming.

Its members include OREE, GENOPOLE, LVMH, associations ASEPSERA...

Board of Directors

President : Bernadette Bensaude-Vincent, Philosopher and Historian of science, Université Paris Ouest.

Vice-Presidents : Pierre-Henri Gouyon Geneticist, Professor at MNHN, département de Systématique & Evolution / Yorghos Remvikos. Expert in Environmental Health

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Among its scientific advisors

Jean-Claude Ameisen, chairman of Inserm's ethics committee / *Marie-Christine Blandin*, senator and member of the Parliamentary Office for the Evaluation of Scientific and Technological Choices (OPECST) / *Loïc Blondiaux*, Professor of Political Science (Paris 1 Sorbonne, IEP Lille) / *Jean-Claude Guillebaud*, writer and publisher (Seuil) / *Alain Grimfeld*, chairman of the National Consultative Ethics Committee (CCNE) / *Emmanuel Hirsch*, director of Espace Éthique AP-HP and of the Department of research in Ethics, Paris XI / *Corinne Lepage*, former Minister of the Environment, chair of Cap21 / *Claude Saunier*, senator and vice president of the OPECST / *Didier Sicard*, former chairman of CCNE / *Gérard Toulouse*, member of the permanent committee Sciences & Ethics of the European Academies Alliance.



Created in 2003, VivAgora is a non governmental organization working to promote a participatory governance and enhanced culture of scientific and technological innovation.

We have developed an expertise on the societal issues raised by technological innovations, through public debates and meaningful interactions between stakeholders, in the technical; economic, health, environmental, societal or philosophical fields.

We advocate and act for citizen engagement in the governance of technology and consider that building capacity and increasing influence of civil society can contribute to making sustainable, humane, and fair choices.