



Regional node FEN's update for the Millennium Project planning meeting 2025

November 2025, delivered virtually

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Thays Prado, (Next) FEN President 2027-2028

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1. Renewal of leadership team:
 - a. Thays joins, Nick stays as VP Past, Lena is President
2. 2025 Activities
 - a. Vienna in-person meeting.
 - b. Welcome Meeting for New FEN Members
 - c. Launch of FEN Exchange: Topic, Foresight and geopolitical situation, security, war, and peace.
3. Forthcoming Activities
 - a. FEN Leadership to meet with the European Commission
 - b. More FEN Exchanges: Next topic is Foresight & AI
 - c. Another in-person planning meeting, either at
 - i. Anticipation 2026, Milan, Italy
 - ii. Futures 20206, Turku, Finland
 - iii. ???



Our goal

To advance foresight in Europe and foster a European foresight community.

How we do it

Connect foresight practitioners, users, researchers, and students via in-person and virtual meetings, and an email group.

Encourage cooperation among members toward projects of mutual interest.

Self-organizational Leadership approach
(Striving for 'Teal', cf. *Reinventing Organizations*)



We are...

... born from the European Millennium Project Nodes Initiative (EuMPI) and the European Regional Foresight College.

... a Regional Node of MP.

... a mix of European MP Nodes and others who are doing, using, researching, studying, teaching and using foresight.

... low/no bureaucracy and extremely open.

We have...

An estimated 380 members across Europe.



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Thays joined the leadership team in January 2025 and will serve as Next FEN President.

Past Presidents of FEN:

Nicolas Balcom Raleigh, 2023-2024 ← VP for 2025-2026.

Epaminondas Christofilopoulos, 2021-2022

Anna Sacio-Szymańska, 2019-2020

Cornelia Daheim, 2017-2018

Blaž Golob, 2015-2016

Ibon Zugasti, until 2013

2025 Activities

- **FEN Demo Hours** will no longer be offered due to a lack of demand.
- Vienna **in-person meeting** in May.
- **Online workshop**: Around the World in 15 Global Challenges in June.
- **Welcome Meeting** for New FEN Members in September.
- Launch of **FEN Exchange** in November: Topic, Foresight and geopolitical situation, security, war, and peace.
- **Second FEN Exchange** in December on AI - potentially facilitated & hosted by an AI.

FEN Member Meeting - 2025

The yearly FEN Meeting took place during the Futures4Europe conference in Vienna in May exploring the question: How do diverse approaches to Foresight and Futures relate and are with each other?

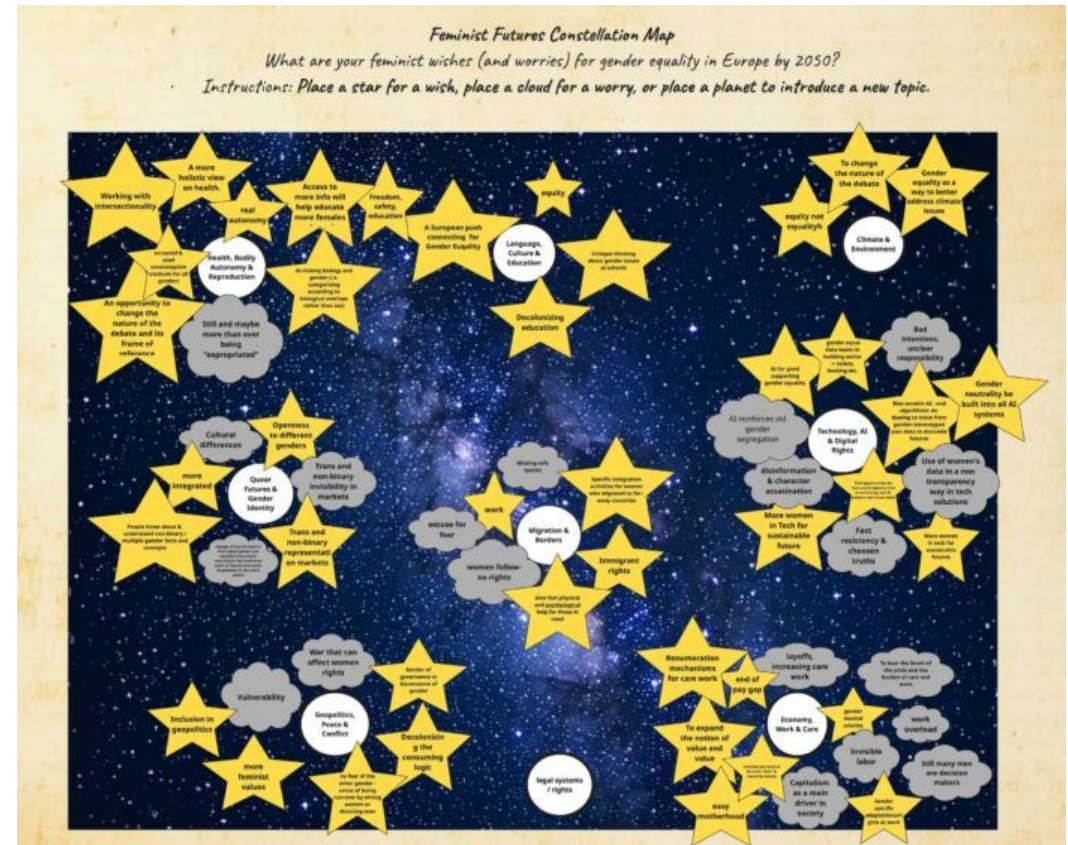
https://millennium-project.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/FEN_Report_May2025.pdf



Around the World in 15 Global Challenges: Exploring the Future of Gender Equality in Europe.

The Germany Node of The Millennium Project and the Foresight Europe Network organized a 1.5-hour online workshop on “**Exploring the Future of Gender Equality in Europe**” on June 5, 2025, 3pm – 4:30pm CEST.

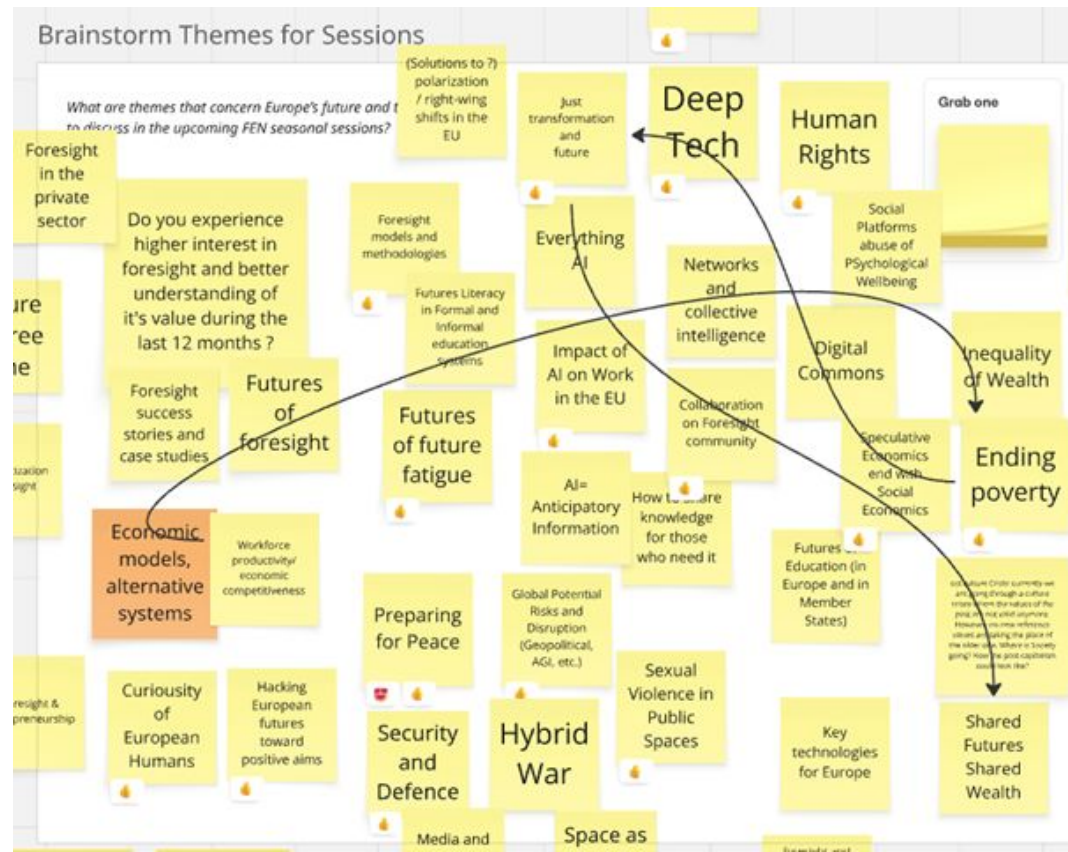
<https://futuresdigest.substack.com/p/exploring-the-future-of-gender-equality>



Welcome Meeting for New FEN Members

An informal online session on September 11th, 15:00–16:00 CEST followed: To say hello, meet the 40+ new members, and chat about foresight practices across Europe.

We gathered themes that members care about and wish to deepen. Also we talked about the core value of FEN to the members, which seemed to be connecting and exchange with each other.



Launch of FEN Exchanges – Monthly Thematic Meetings 2025/2026

Following the meeting in September and the many encouraging messages received about the value of network exchange and the desire to expand it, we launched a new monthly thematic meetings: **FEN Exchanges**.

These sessions will take place **every second Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. (CET)** and will last for one hour. These were the most mentioned themes by the members:

<https://feneu.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Topics-of-interest-for-further-discussion-Sheet1.pdf>

The first session took place on 13 November, at 4:00 p.m. CET, and addressed the topic: “**Security, War, & Geopolitics: Resilience and Peace Futures for Europe in an Era of Multiple Threats**.” This theme was the most frequently mentioned during the September brainstorming session.

Forthcoming Activities

- **Second FEN Exchange** in December on AI - potentially facilitated & hosted by an AI.
- FEN Leadership to meet with the European Commission next week.
- Planning of FEN in-person **meeting in 2026**.



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Thank You...

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