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Globalisation and internationalisation:
challenges for European Partnerships



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FUTURES OF EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS

Global Context Scenarios and Policy Implications



Why context scenarios matter?

Growing attention to matters of resilience and to external developments, shocks, and crises

There is not just a single context: the context is composed of various layers and domains; major developments at different layers, in different domains interact

Two major contexts, each with possible multiple future paths

- Global context: willingness to co-operate
- European context: how the EU evolves (and ,fares')

Key considerations

Time horizon: 2035–2040, but not a forecast

Global context

- *Three different world orders:* genuine collaboration, limited cooperation, open hostility

EU context

- Different stances of the EU (and European R&I policies) with regard to these global contexts
- ... but the possibilities for the EU to take different stances depends on its ability and capacity to act and exert influence at the global level
- *Two different EU pathways:* dynamic and resilient EU vs declining and destabilised EU

<https://www.futures4europe.org/post/developing-context-scenarios-for-future-eu-r-i-policies-by-attila-havas>

Six futures: contexts for European Partnerships

EU \ Global			
	Genuine collaboration	Limited co-operation	Open hostility
Dynamic, resilient EU	Thriving in collaboration	Respected partner	Detering fortress
Declining, destabilised, vulnerable EU	Decline, despite collaboration	Negligible partner	Frail fiefdom

Illustration: energy

Global EU	Genuine collaboration	Limited co-operation	Open hostility
Dynamic, resilient EU	<p>Access to energy resources globally</p> <p><i>Shape and pursue a global, broadly understood energy STI agenda as a strong partner</i></p>	<p><i>Geographically limited</i> access to energy resources</p> <p><i>Shape and pursue an energy STI agenda on a limited set of issues with some partners as a strong actor</i></p>	<p>Access to allies' energy resources</p> <p><i>Strong</i> actor in energy RTDI projects – shaped by the features of hostility – with allies</p>
Declining, destabilised, vulnerable EU	<p>Access to energy resources globally</p> <p><i>Weak</i> partner in global energy RTDI projects</p>	<p><i>Geographically limited</i> access to energy resources</p> <p><i>Weak</i> partner in energy RTDI projects (a <i>limited set of issues; some partners</i>)</p>	<p>Access to allies' energy resources</p> <p><i>Weak</i> partner in energy RTDI projects – shaped by the features of hostility – with allies</p>

Some policy implications

Global context shapes the agenda for European partnerships

Larger funds for, but significantly stronger pressure on, RTDI actors in cases of open hostility

EU partners' gain less, when the EU is a weak partner globally

Critical issues are strongly interrelated

- energy, climate change, quality of soil and air, biodiversity, food security, health, migration, security, political tensions (willingness to collaborate), ...

Systematic and transparent discussion on the possible future contexts

'Future-proof' STI policy strategies for the EU

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