



Report of the Activities of the German Node since February 2003

1. Activities since February

Node Foundation

- signature of the Memorandum of Understanding in March 2003
- MP-"Node team" at Z_punkt was established, consisting of
 - o Klaus Burmeister, Z_punkt CEO
 - o Cornelia Daheim, Node chair
 - o Greta Gesenberg, trainee
 - o Karlheinz Steinmüller, scientific director of Z_punkt

Surveys

- distribution and collection of answers to the following surveys:
 - o S&T year 3, Rd. 1
 - o S&T year 3, Rd. 2
 - o Middle East Peace

Planning Committee

- a Planning Committee was formed, consisting of the following members:
 - o Dr. Günter Clar, European Commission, Research DG, Science & Technology Foresight; links with the IPTS
 - o Dr. Kerstin Cuhls, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI in Karlsruhe
 - o Robert Gaßner, Institute for Future Studies and Technology Assessment in Berlin
 - o Prof. Dr. Gerhard de Haan, Free University of Berlin (educational studies)
 - o Prof. Dr. Peter H. Mettler, Professor for Societal Science and Sociology of Planning and Technology
 - o Dr. Axel Zweck, German Association of Engineers, Future Technologies Division, Duesseldorf,
- a constitutional meeting was held on 6th May 2003, which was concerned with:
 - o aims and activities of the German Node
 - o Providing common information basis to Planning Committee members (distribution of material related to MP: Memorandum of Understanding, SOFs, Node lists etc.; Futures Research Methodology etc.)
 - o action plan, was agreed upon (see objectives)



PR

- to make the German Node known, spread news about its formation:
 - o article in Z_punkt newsletter in April (went to 1500 people interested in future studies in German- speaking area)
 - o MP information and link on our website (only on the German one yet)
 - o article in German Futures studies research journal "Zukünfte" (meaning "futures"), published July 2003
 - o article in German language journal called "politische ökologie" (political ecology), to be published at the end of this month

Miscellaneous:

- commented on 15 Global Challenges Update
- participated in MP Peer Review
- text with information on German Node for MP-website

2. Objectives

- PR for / Distribution of new SOF
 - o In Z_punkt's newsletter (English and German edition) and on website (English and German one)
 - o article in German Futures studies research journal "Zukünfte" via press releases
- Take advantage of publication of new SOF to present new Node and its Planning Committee to public by publishing an article which is co-authored by the members of the planning committee (this in itself should raise some interest, as it would be a quite unusual combination of authors coming from all kinds of different institutions in the German futures studies field); to be published in several journals if possible
- Continue participation in and distribution of surveys
- Maybe set up a lecture series on futures studies by Node Planning Committee Members (contact already established to Design Center which is being established in Essen, to be realized in 2004)
- Print and distribute a German flyer on MP (currently working on translation of English-language flyer)
- Make contacts and look for sponsors

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