

About Evidence-Informed Policymaking

We aim to support researchers and policymakers who believe public policy is better when informed by scientific evidence and knowledge by:

- sharing **research** on the challenges;
- providing **tools** and materials to train scientists and policymakers;
- offering **strategies** to build robust science-for-policy ecosystems;
- nurturing an EU and global **community**.



Browse our Smart4Policy Tool - Check your competences!

A graphic for the Smart4Policy tool. It features a network of nodes and lines. Two central nodes are highlighted: one orange with a person and a lightbulb, and one teal with a person and a document. A blue speech bubble contains the text: "Discover our self-reflection tool **Smart4Policy!**". The European Commission logo is in the bottom right corner.

How can researchers and policymakers better understand each other?

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We are pleased to announce that our [Smart4Policy Self-reflection tool](#) is now online. Its purpose is to **help policymakers** and **researchers working**

in science-for-policy reflect on their **level of competence** in various fields. **Smart4Policy** is open to all and is free of charge.

The questions and statements in **Smart4Policy** are based on the competence frameworks 'Innovative Policymaking' and 'Science for Policy'. These frameworks were developed over the course of two years in an iterative process with policymakers, researchers, learning and development experts, governance scholars and topical experts. They describe overarching competences, which policymakers and researchers in the science for policy field need in their work.

The Smart4Policy online self-reflection tool helps you **understand where your strengths** are and which **areas of improvement you have**.

Completing a self-reflection in one session takes around 30 - 60 minutes, but you can save your self-reflection and return later. You can also decide to answer only some competence clusters. Then it takes less time.

Upon completing the questionnaire, you will automatically receive a report on your competence level in each cluster with **suggestions on next steps and resources helping you improve**. Based on the results, you can make an informed decision about your **personal learning and development plan**. For example, you could aim to be a generalist, who is somewhat good at everything. Or you could be a specialist, who aims to be excellent at one or a few connected areas of competence. Importantly, the **competences are a collective set of activities**, which organisations should be able to perform. But **no individual policymaker or researcher can be expected to excel in all or even many of them**.

The tool has been created and is maintained and managed by the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission.

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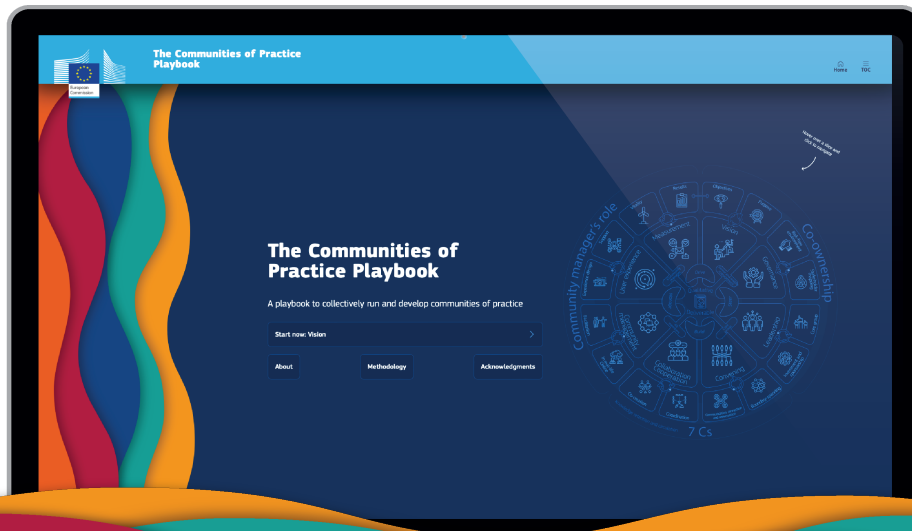
Acting as **collaborative** hubs, **communities** drive innovative problem-solving,



ensuring **integrated** policies that are co-created, co-implemented, and co-evaluated,



leading to more inclusive, creative, and **sustainable** policy outcomes.



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