



The globalTA Network

The globalTA Network is an association of non-profit organizations working in the wider field of technology assessment (TA), which refers to the timely identification, assessment and discussion of the impacts (e.g. societal, environmental, ethical, legal) of science, technology and innovation, as a service to policy making and decision making more generally. This draws on fields of research such as systems analysis, risk research, environmental impact assessment, applied ethics, sustainable development, responsible innovation, and further scientific disciplines, such as in the natural, technical, economic, social sciences and political science, as well as law and philosophy.

The Network consists of and supports organizations active in the realm of science and technology policy-oriented work, focusing on deliberation, research-based advice and the stimulation of global debates.

We understand TA as:

- dealing with technology and socio-technical developments
- interdisciplinary and multi-perspective
- policy-oriented (targeting political and societal addressees) and problem-oriented (addressing real-world issues)
- neutral and independent (non-partisan, not funded by interest groups)

We understand ourselves as global in two respects:

- We are globally networked and seek scientific exchange with colleagues from around the world.
- We formulate problem-oriented global research questions and work on them together and interdisciplinary.

Based on this, the globalTA Network aims to:

- develop a global framework and code of conduct for the assessment of impacts of (new) technologies.
- facilitate global cooperation for the assessment of emerging technologies in order to maximize their benefits and minimize the risks.
- support adequate anticipatory governance of new technologies that may have significant impacts on reaching the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The globalTA Network's goal is to transcend the existing, mainly national, tools and approaches towards opportunities for collaborations and networked solutions. It aims to facilitate the exchange of know-how and codification of principles of good practice, but also to serve as an incubator of future global cooperation through an array of networked organizations that can exchange information and collaborate on issues of joint interest. The network aims to redesign TA towards an interlinked and flexible transnational system.



Obligations for members of the globalTA Network are:

- Active participation in the Network's activities and projects
- Participation in the Network's annual meeting (in person or virtually)
- Provide a contact person from the organization

So far, the Network has a very light organizational structure. The core group of funding members decides upon granting membership in the globalTA Network.