

# **From Research to Policy Support: The Challenge of Conveying the Few Messages that Can Make a Difference**

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From a policy support perspective, the energy and climate change realm often appear 'crowded'. It is not an easy task indeed to find the most up-to-date or relevant information amongst the wealth of resources available, or to find its way through the many models that occasionally give conflicting results. Research activities are hectic and have obvious scientific benefits at global, regional and national levels; however they are difficult to grasp for non-experts due to their inherent complexity and jargon. In this context, strategic thinking for communication and action seems critical to any scenario exercise, for fear of overlooking key results in the policy arena; designing proper avenues for conveying complex and uncertain results appears of prime importance, in particular with regard to potential crosscutting policy options. This presentation will build primarily upon the latest EEA climate change scenario exercise that assumes a drastic reduction of GHG emissions compatible with EU's long-term sustainable objectives.

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