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VISION RD4SD is a network of more than 30 partners and observers from 20 European countries (January 2012). It focuses on a dialogue among European science policy-makers, funders and administrators who demand and need solutions from VISION RD4SD.

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VISION RD4SD DEVELOPING A VISION ON RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



VISION RD4SD (VISION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT) IS A COORDINATION AND SUPPORT ACTION (2011–2013) FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION 7TH FRAMEWORK PROGRAM, COORDINATED BY THE SWEDISH RESEARCH COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND SPATIAL PLANNING (FORMAS).

AIM

VISION RD4SD aims to ensure that Europe is able to contribute to a sustainable development of the world, by formulating policies and decisions based on robust, up-to-date knowledge. This will be done by developing a **shared vision** between science funding bodies and national science policy institutions in the European Member States on how best to harness research and development for sustainable development (RD4SD).

VISION RD4SD WILL DELIVER DIALOGUES

Running and facilitating a dialogue among European science policy makers and research funding agencies on how best to harness RD4SD in the future is the core of the project. The dialogue is structured in three steps, each taken twice to allow for reflection and adaptation:

- **Scoping:** developing a joint understanding of the scope of the topic and the related problems.
- **Envisioning:** developing a joint vision as a long-term orientation.
- **Pathways:** exploring possible solutions, options, and science policy instruments to solve the problems and to realise the vision.

In this flexible and open forum the participants exchange experiences and develop a joint understanding of the status quo of RD4SD in Europe. They identify challenges related to this kind of research, gaps in the current practices of RD4SD and its funding systems, as well as opportunities for the way ahead.

REGIONAL AND COUNTRY CASE STUDIES

This is supported by background studies that provide the participants of the dialogue with compiled information about the state of the art of RD4SD.

STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS

The dialogue results in developing strategies and solutions for the identified challenges and problems. Concrete outcomes planned are:

- The **joint vision** on how to harness RD4SD in Europe as a mid- and long-term orientation.
- Strategies and **road maps** for joint EU -wide action as well as initiatives on R&D reform processes to be implemented in the Member States.
- Recommendations for the further design and integration of RD4SD in **Horizon 2020** and for the realisation of the **2020 ERA Vision**.

VISION RD4SD Workshops and conferences

