



Press release

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CAPS2015: Brussels, July 7-8, 2015 - The 2nd international event on Collective Awareness Platforms for Sustainability and Social Innovation (CAPS)

From July 7th to July 8th, Brussels will be hosting CAPS2015, the international annual event on Collective Awareness Platforms for Sustainability and Social Innovation.

The event (1) will start with a **Conference** in the morning of July 7 at the European Commission, and continue in the afternoon with the **OFF Programme** until the whole day of July 8 at La Tricoterie, Brussels.

The **Conference Programme** will enhance dialogue between the European Commission and bottom-up organisations and practitioners. The **OFF Programme** offers a dynamic schedule of talks, unconferences, workshops, hands-on sessions, and networking moments. It is partly crowd-sourced from the community through an Open Call (2) open until April 30 and reflecting the participatory and inclusive ambition of the event.

The CAPS2015 theme is "Networked Social Responsibility": the CAPS acronym covers a wide range of approaches, activities and paradigms, all having in common a social responsibility dimension, definable as caring for the common good and fostering societal changes as immediate objective or direct consequence of one's work or engagement. CAPS2015 part in this big picture is facilitating the encounter, creative clash and collaboration of the widest number of individuals, initiatives, projects and organisations sharing this commitment. The event thus bridges EC-funded projects and initiatives with any interested stakeholders - civil society organisations, NGOs, local communities, students and hackers, academic and industrial institutions, policy makers, national agencies, new Members of the European Parliament, etc. - providing an opportunity to discuss and develop synergies.

The event is free, but pre-registration is compulsory. (3)

This year's event builds on the success of CAPS2014 – the first international event of its kind – and the "1st Dialogue on platforms for collective awareness and action" held at the European Commission in September 2011.

What people said about CAPS2014:

"A room full of energy" - **Mario Campolargo, DG Connect Director**

"The whole event had a disruptive design" - **Filippo Addarii, Director of International Strategy, The Young Foundation**

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Notes

(1) <http://caps-conference.eu/>

(2) Application form: <http://bit.ly/1yrfwHs>

(3) Registration form: <http://caps-conference.eu/register>

Related information:

- The CAPS2015 event is organised with the support of the CAPS2020 project (<http://caps2020.eu/>) coordinated by Sigma Orionis (<http://sigma-orionis.com>), and benefits from the support of the European Commission
- CAPS2015 will take place in Brussels at the European Commission – Centre Albert Borschette and La Tricoterie (<http://www.tricoterie.be/?lang=en>). Directions are available at <http://caps-conference.eu/>
- A first round of CAPS pilots have been launched with the support of the European Commission in 2013 (following FP7 Call 10) and a second Call is open within the Horizon 2020 EU research programme.
- Visibility opportunities are offered to all stakeholders whose activities are coherent with CAPS
- Pictures, presentations, and videos from CAPS2014 are available here: <http://caps2020.eu/caps-conferences/>
- The CAPS2014 website: <http://2014.caps-conference.eu/>

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