



Getting your research into the European Parliament



Why?



HELPS MEPS SCRUTINIZE PROPOSALS FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

INFORMS POLICIES AND LAWS

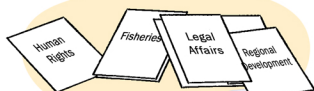


DEMONSTRATES THE SOCIETAL IMPACT OF RESEARCH...

...WHICH IS HIGH ON THE AGENDA FOR E.U. UNIVERSITIES AND FUNDERS



The routes in:



COMMITTEE HEARINGS



EUROPEAN COMMISSION PROPOSALS

MEP INITIATIVES AND EVENTS



CORRESPONDENCE WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS



THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH SERVICE (EPRS)



INTERGROUPS



A CHARITY, THINK TANK, OR EVIDENCE BROKER



TOP 10 TIPS:

Making connections

- 1. BE VISIBLE ONLINE OR AT EVENTS SO POLICY MAKERS CAN FIND YOU. MAKE SURE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS ARE EASY TO FIND.**

- 2. INVEST TIME TO FIND OUT WHO IS MAKING THE POLICY DECISIONS.**



- 3. TEAM UP WITH RESEARCHERS FROM OTHER FIELDS, NGOs AND LOBBY ORGANIZATIONS TO WIDEN YOUR CONNECTIONS.**

- 4. USE NETWORKS WITHIN YOUR INSTITUTION OR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION.**



Presenting research

- 5. SOMEONE IS REPRESENTING YOU IN PARLIAMENT. FIND OUT WHO YOUR MEP IS AND GET IN TOUCH WITH THEM.**



- 6. PUT YOURSELF IN THE MIND OF A POLICY MAKER. DON'T TELL POLICY MAKERS WHAT YOU WANT, ASK THEM WHAT THEY NEED.**

- 7. TIMING: FIND OUT WHERE YOUR TOPIC IS IN THE POLICY CYCLE – A USEFUL TOOL IS THE LEGISLATIVE TRAIN SCHEDULE.**

- 8. TRANSLATE: EXPLAIN YOUR RESEARCH IN A WAY THAT NON-SPECIALIST POLICY MAKERS WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND.**

IS YOUR TOPIC NOT ON THE POLICY AGENDA YET? AN MEP CAN ASK A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION.

- 9. BE BRIEF: USE SHORT KEY MESSAGES WITH LINKS TO EVIDENCE. CONSIDER VISUALS – A PICTURE CAN PAINT A THOUSAND WORDS.**

- 10. PROVIDE CONTEXT: HOW DOES YOUR RESEARCH FIT INTO THE BIGGER POLICY QUESTION? BE HONEST ABOUT LIMITATIONS AND CAVEATS.**