

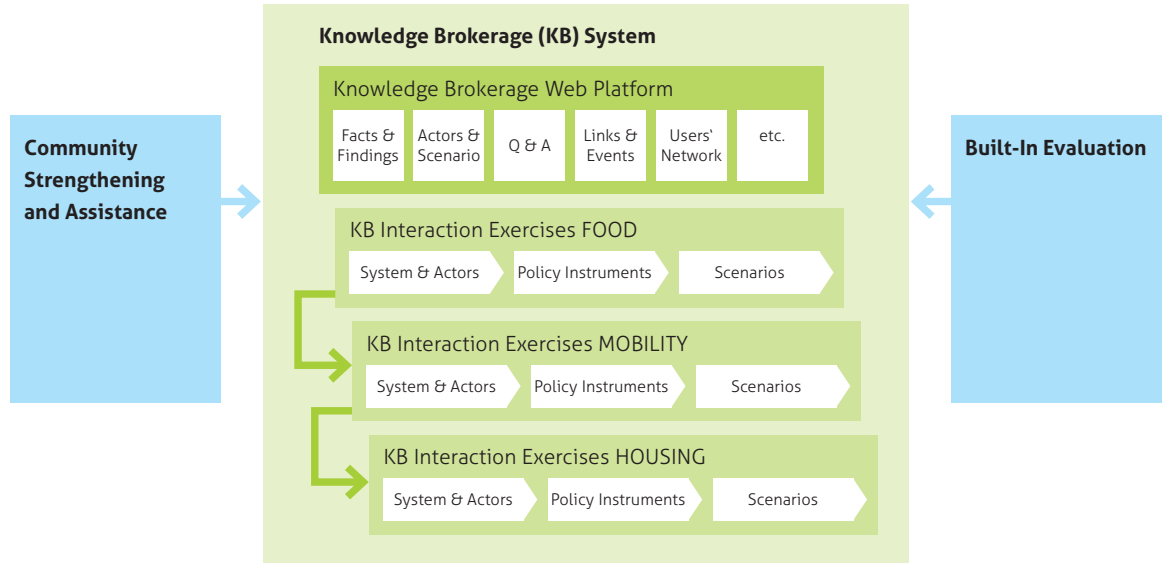
# CORPUS – Enhancing the Connectivity Between Research and Policy-Making in Sustainable Consumption



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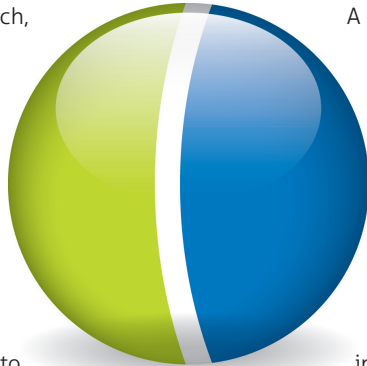
The SCP Knowledge Hub

# CORPUS – Project Design



# Background

In order to enhance the policy impact of research, the knowledge created in science needs to be properly brokered between the relevant communities. This is a challenge, particularly when it comes to research and policy-making geared towards **sustainable development**. The policy domain is complex, cross-cutting and sometimes contested. The available scientific evidence is inter-disciplinary, fragmented and not free from uncertainties. Often the perspectives of policy-makers and researchers diverge, e.g. due to conflicting agendas and timeframes.



A better and more effective utilisation of the existing research reservoir is important for the design and implementation of policies promoting **sustainable consumption and production (SCP)**. At present, strategies and action plans are developed at national and international policy levels generating an increasing demand for scientific evidence and its effective translation into policy processes.

Putting the principle of evidence-based policy-making into the practice of SCP requires exploring and testing new and effective ways of **knowledge brokerage**.

# The CORPUS Project



The overriding **objective** of the project “CORPUS – Enhancing the Connectivity Between Research and Policy-Making in Sustainable Consumption” is to experiment with and develop new integrative modalities of knowledge brokerage at the policy-science interface. The overarching goal is divided into the following **sub-goals**:

- » Improving the **understanding of the knowledge interface** between research and policy-making and developing appropriate and transferable methodologies and tools for knowledge brokerage in SCP policies.
- » Fostering **evidence-based policy-making in SCP policies** (on food, mobility, and housing) at European and national level, and strength-

ening the policy-orientation of relevant research communities through the development and implementation of online and offline knowledge brokerage mechanisms.

- » Stimulating **community-building** across the involved research and policy-making communities in order to trigger a self-sustaining process of effective knowledge management in SCP policies.

# The CORPUS Approach

The approach to knowledge brokering in CORPUS relies on two major components: a web platform and a series of offline interaction exercises with researchers and policy-makers.

The **web platform** ([www.scp-knowledge.eu](http://www.scp-knowledge.eu)) is to become a central reference point for high quality information and networking among European professionals working with sustainable consumption. It provides a space for incubating and nurturing knowledge to be shared among researchers and policy-makers through private domain, whereas general information and scientific results are disseminated in the public domain. In addition, the platform facilitates a transparent, mutually comprehensible, and effective interaction (dialogue) between scientists and policy-makers.

The **interaction exercises** explore novel modalities of knowledge brokering through different forms of face-to-face dialogues. They aim to

enhance the connectivity between different research and policy-making communities by providing specifically tailored arenas for personal exchange, information provision, and offline community-building. Another objective is to test and further develop selected methodologies and tools (e.g., system mapping, scenario development) that may improve the efficacy of knowledge brokerage between different audiences. The interaction exercises are conducted in the three policy domains food, mobility and housing. They are scheduled with a time-lag to allow for a double-loop learning.

## **CORPUS Output**

Besides its practical contribution to community-building, the CORPUS project will deliver a self-sustaining web platform for policy-relevant knowledge in sustainable consumption, several scientific papers on knowledge brokerage in sustainable consumption policies and a policy briefing paper summarising the overall findings of the project.

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