



## ***Integrated EST framework (EST-Frame)***

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Invitation to workshop:

## **TranSTEP: Implementing the EST-Frame approach**

Oslo, October 29 – 30 2014

Location: Oslo and Akershus University College, Pilestredet 46, Oslo

The European EST-Frame project ([www.estframe.net](http://www.estframe.net)) has over the past two and a half years studied the need for integration in assessment of emerging science and technologies (EST), by analysing assessment practices and engaging with assessment practitioners, policy makers and stakeholders. Our main lesson is that increased integration in assessment - in the current methodological and institutional landscape - primarily should take the shape of transdisciplinary dialogue on situation analysis and method choices in assessments. This insight has now been translated into a conceptual framework, which we refer to as the TranSTEP approach, with guidance for operationalising this in practice.

In this last phase of the project we wish to present TranSTEP to potential users and discuss how the approach might be implemented in different institutional settings. The main objective of this workshop is to gain a better understanding of the different contexts in which TranSTEP can be implemented so that we can make the approach more user-relevant and user-friendly. As an assessment practitioner, assessment commissioner, or stakeholder, we kindly invite you to join us at this final EST-Frame end user workshop.

The intended outcomes of the event are threefold: a) to clarify how the TranSTEP approach can be implemented and adapted to different institutional contexts; b) to identify current gaps in the approach or any additional resources TranSTEP could offer, and; c) to further understand the barriers and enablers for more systematic transdisciplinary assessment dialogues. We also envisage that this event will be an opportunity for professional learning and knowledge exchange amongst the participants.

After the workshop the TranSTEP approach will be published in its final form. The workshop will be crucial for finalising the work and we therefore hope you have the possibility to attend. Participation in the workshop is fully supported, including accommodation and travel costs. Please find below a draft agenda.

If you are able to attend please register for the workshop by 30 September with Erik Thorstensen, [erik.thorstensen@hioa.no](mailto:erik.thorstensen@hioa.no). For further information please contact the EST-Frame project coordinator Ellen-Marie Forsberg, [ellenmarie.forsberg@hioa.no](mailto:ellenmarie.forsberg@hioa.no).

Thank you for considering this invitation and we hope to see you in Oslo on 29 October 2014!

Warm regards,

Ellen-Marie Forsberg (coordinator) and the EST-Frame team



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### **Draft agenda:**

#### **October 29**

11.30 – 12.30: Registration and standing lunch

12.30 – 13.30: Introductions

- Welcome and presentation of the participants
- Presentation of TranSTEP and of how TranSTEP may be applied in the cases of nanotechnology in food, synthetic biology, biofuels and cloud computing.

13.30 – 14.30: First group work session

- How can this approach be used in your institutional settings? Which aspects of TranSTEP would be of most relevance, interest or feasibility to you?

14.30 – 15.00: Plenary presentations

15.00 – 15.30: Coffee/tea and fruit

15.30 – 16.30: Second group work session

- In order for you to implement TranSTEP in your institutional settings, is there a need for additional material or practical resources on the TranSTEP website?

16.30 – 17.00: Plenary presentations

17.00 - 17.30: General discussion of the implementation of such an approach.

19.00 Dinner

#### **October 30**

09.00 – 09.10: Introduction day 2

09.10 – 10.30: Third group work session

- What are barriers to and enablers for implementing a 'soft institutional reform' such as TranSTEP in today's public and private institutions and networks?

10.30 – 11.00: Coffee/tea

11.00 – 11.45: Presentation + discussion

11.45 – 12.15: How to continue the work on integration in assessments of emerging science and technology in the future? Plenary discussion.

12.15 – 12.30: Evaluation of the meeting