

Terms of reference for the EPS Advisory Board on Science Policies

The EPS Advisory Board on Science Policies (ABSP) provides timely, independent and high level scientific advice on specific policy issues, in particular related to physics and its role in addressing grand societal challenges. The Board is composed of maximum 10 members with outstanding level of scientific expertise and good understanding of the European Institutions in the field of science policy making. The main purpose of this Board is to favor the links between EPS and the European Commission by responding to requests from both sides. In particular they should be able to act as the first point of contact with EC officials and interact with the High Level Group of Scientific Advisors of the Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM) of the European Commission.

Role and tasks of the AGSP

- The Board has a consulting role and no decisional function within EPS. It provides information and advice to the EPS Executive Committee and the EPS President on European Science policy issues. It interacts closely with the EPS Divisions and Groups on actions related to their specific field of expertise.
- The Board's members will meet as needed and be invited to participate to discussions within the EPS Executive Committee and the Council. They will be essential in providing the introductions to establish personal contacts via their scientific and political network.
- Based on the concept of science for policies instead of policies for science, the Board helps in identifying the most important and relevant scientific evidence and studies that can be provided by the physics community to support decisions by the European Commission.
- The Board can advise EPS on its strategy for an efficient presence in Brussels and in defending the interests of EPS Member Societies. It contributes in reinforcing the federating role of EPS as an umbrella organization and as the recognised partner to the relevant EU political bodies.
- The Board can help also to enhance joint activities with collaborating societies and other organisations (unions, networks of science academia, universities etc.) present in the European landscape.