

Standing up for Science EU: 9th June 2017

Below is a programme for the workshop, including approximate timings and more detail about panel sessions. It will take place at Neth-ER, Aarlenstraat 22,1050 BRUSSEL For more information contact Sofie: svanthournout@senseaboutscience.org

9:00 Registration, tea and coffee

9:30 - 11:00 Researchers communicating

Participants' discussion on the changing image and role of science and scientists in the public domain. Why should you care about how evidence is used and reported on in policy and in the media? What happens when research announcements go wrong, statistics are manipulated, risk factors are distorted, or the discussions become polarised?

11.00-11:40 Group work and coffee

11:40-12:50 What policy makers are looking for

A panel of EU policy makers will explain how evidence is used in policy, how they balance facts and values, and deal with lack of good evidence and trade-offs and with polarised debates and accusations of non-evidence based policy.

12:50-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 What journalists are looking for

A panel of journalists will explain how they approach stories, balance the need for news and entertainment with reporting science and evidence, and deal with accusations of polarising debates and misrepresenting the facts.

14:30-15:00 Group work and coffee

15:00-15:50 Standing up for science – the nuts and bolts

This session offers practical guidance for early career researchers to get their voices heard in debates about science and evidence, how to respond to bad science when you see it, and top tips on how to effectively inform EU policy.

15:50 Close and feedback

16.00 Finish – we head to a nearby pub to continue the discussion.