

### Innovation Systems

## AIT and ÖAW are advising Parliament on how to assess and devise technological developments

**Austrian Parliament is seeking dialogue with the world of science.** Together with AIT and the Institute of Technology Assessment (ITA) at the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW), parliamentarians are developing a basis for closer collaboration in the fields of foresight and technology assessment. The first stage will involve evaluating international examples of scientific policy advice for parliaments. One key aspect in this context is the investigation of options to involve citizens in the consulting and decision-making processes. The development process involves all of the parliamentary groups and parliamentary administration. ■



Modern technology policy is social policy because big data, biotechnology and Industry 4.0 will fundamentally change society. Parliaments should therefore be the most important institutions when it comes to devising the framework conditions for future technologies in the long term. Drawing on our foresight methods and expertise about the various future expectations and development options, we can support Parliament and parliamentarians in decision making.

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