SCANNING THE HORIZON
Making megatrends more manageable since 2015!

Horizon scanning and foresight approaches give organisations the edge when it comes to anticipating change and making strategic decisions.

Scanning the Horizon exists to:
- Identify and analyse key megatrends
- Share and learn from peers on strategies and responses
- Think through, debate and shape the future of the civil society sector

Our members benefit from collaborative trend analysis and peer exchange on strategic positioning and organisational adaptiveness in the following formats:

Annual meeting
Collaboratively explore one particularly ‘hot’ futures topic in depth.

Sector guide publications
Annual guide that shares key insights and summarises practical entry points from the platform’s thematic discussions

Podcasts & webinars
Various futures topics such as youth strategy processes and urbanisation with sector experts, e.g. Amnesty, Save & World Vision.

Networking & news updates
Monthly newsletters on trends, opportunities and tools, plus peer engagement with experienced colleagues on trends or strategic processes.

A dynamic cross-sector scanning community – join today!

Scanning the Horizon is a multi-stakeholder platform for horizon scanning and strategic thinking. It helps civil society organisations (CSOs) to prepare for disruption and benefit from innovation and change.

We are a diverse and welcoming community, hailing from leading international CSOs, national CSO umbrella organisations, academia, multilateral organisations and business. Our roles span a wide range of exciting areas, including global strategists, organisational development specialists and knowledge and innovation managers.

What unites us is our work on foresight, thinking through futures and our common interest in finding tomorrow’s solutions today.

Join today!
Scanning the Horizon in 2020: Scanning the Interconnectedness of Global Trends

Our annual meeting (18-20 May, European capital) focuses on how global trends influencing the work of ICSOs are interconnected. We will explore them, share tools for intersectional approaches and integrate potential futures into organisational strategic planning. We will invite experts from beyond the civil society sector, to gain private, public and academic sector insights. A special emphasis will be on climate change + (one or several trends) and our findings will be documented in a Sector Guide.

What we did in 2019: Scanning China

Throughout 2019, we explored the implications of China’s growing global influence on the future work of ICSOs. Following a well-attended cross-sector meeting in Hong Kong in June, we published our first Sector Guide. This provides strategic guidance to support organisations to be better prepared for this major trend.

Members praise for Scanning the Horizon community

“The community acts as a centre of excellence for strategists and trend spotters for the not-for-profit sector, equipping us to help each other out effectively and efficiently.”

“The choice of participants in the meeting was extraordinary. The facilitation and the size of it made everyone very honest and open.”

Find out more

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Active and open membership

Started in 2015 with The Rockefeller Foundation seed funding, the community is self-sustained by our members, currently including:


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