How We Work

CONNECTING EXCELLENCE
Jointly with our members, we bring together experts from across Europe to gather and review evidence in interdisciplinary working groups and committees. Deliberations result in positions on fundamental issues related to science policy and scientific topics relevant for society. This work is steered by the ALLEA Board and supported by the Secretariat.

DELIVERING INDEPENDENT ADVICE
Advice is delivered to the relevant stakeholders in the European scientific and policy communities. This is presented in various output formats, including scientific symposia, expert workshops, public consultations, policy briefs, scientific reports, statements, position and discussion papers, and best practice guidelines.

ENGAGING WITH SOCIETY AND POLICY
ALLEA aims to share this expertise with decision-makers and the public. It continuously engages with European and international stakeholders in the science policy arena and provides an open platform for robust learning and dialogue among stakeholders in the science-society-policy interface.

Who We Are

ALLEA is the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, representing more than 50 academies from over 40 EU and non-EU countries. Since its foundation in 1994, ALLEA speaks out on behalf of its members to the European and international stages, promotes science as a global public good, and facilitates scientific collaboration across borders and disciplines, jointly with its Member Academies. ALLEA addresses emerging challenges and opportunities, promoting the best independent and interdisciplinary science advice, and strengthening the role of science in society. In doing so, it channels the intellectual excellence and experience of European academies for the benefit of the research community, decision-makers and the public.

Member Academies
Member Academies are self-governing bodies of distinguished scholars drawn from all fields of natural sciences, social sciences and humanities. They contain a unique human resource of intellectual excellence, experience and multidisciplinary knowledge dedicated to the advancement of science and scholarship in Europe and the world.

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Research Policy

Shaping the framework conditions for science and research in Europe

Research requires sound framework conditions to excel. European academies play a fundamental role in ensuring them by incentivising and promoting high scientific standards and proper research practice. ALLEA capitalises on its members’ expertise to advise European institutions on the priorities and needs of the European Research Area and the EU research framework programmes. Our dedicated working groups include Science & Ethics, Intellectual Property Rights, Horizon Europe and E Humanities.

Science & Society

Strengthening the role of science in society

To stimulate the dialogue between science and society, we work towards fostering trust in science, science communications and science education. Public events are organised to reach wider audiences and open up scientific debates. ALLEA also honours the work of intellectuals and scholars with the unique ability to tackle issues with the input of scholars and scientists from all academic disciplines. To harness this repository of knowledge, we work with our members to identify emerging challenges to which science and research can contribute at the European and international level. We also promote the work of intellectuals and scholars who contribute to an understanding of European integration and its values with the Madame de Staël Prize.

Science Advice

Providing a trusted source of knowledge for policy-makers and the general public

The uncertainty and complexity of today’s global world place scientific knowledge at the centre of public debates. Scientists and scholars are asked to address questions concerning pressing issues where sound interdisciplinary assessment is needed, such as the digital transformation or the transition towards sustainable food systems. Academies have broad and extensive experience in this realm in national and regional contexts and provide the unique ability to tackle issues with the input of scholars and scientists from all academic disciplines. To harness this repository of knowledge, we work with our members to identify emerging challenges to which science and research can contribute at the European and international level.

INFORMING THE EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC ADVICE MECHANISM

Allea works with other European academies on the EU-funded project SAFECR (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies). The project provides independent and excellent scientific advice to the European Commission’s Group of Chief Scientific Advisers (GCSA), which has the objective to support the European Commission’s Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM).