

# Scientific Advice Mechanism

to the European Commission



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30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Academia Europaea,  
The Royal Society 2018



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Academia Europaea (*The Academy of Europe*)

<https://aecardiffknowledgehub.wales/>

- Founded in 1988
- Now has more than 5000 members, including more than 80 Nobel laureates
- Members are leading scientists and scholars, elected by their peers
- Operates through a network of hubs across Europe, including Cardiff



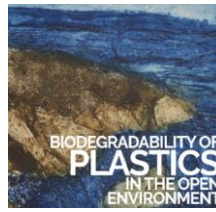


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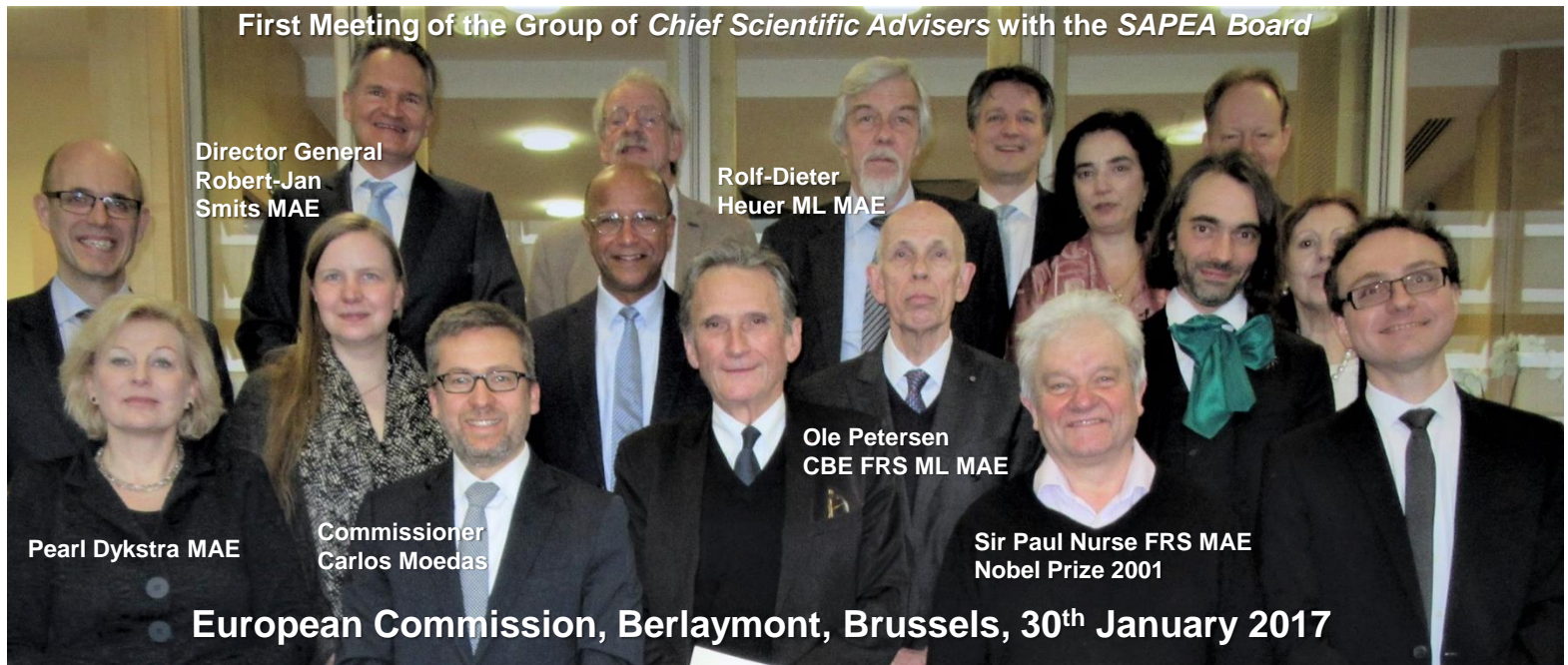
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Nobel Prize 2001

European Commission, Berlaymont, Brussels, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017



## The Commission's Chief Scientific Advisors

<https://scientificadvice.eu/about-us/group-of-chief-scientific-advisors/about-the-advisors/>



- **Seven highly qualified experts**
- Backgrounds in various disciplines, both social and natural sciences
- **Make policy recommendations** in response to requests for advice
- Recommendations based on publicly available scientific evidence

# Artificial Intelligence: the study and development of computer systems that can copy intelligent human behaviour



György Buzsáki MAE  
New York University  
(Brain Prize 2011)

‘The search for  
Neural Syntax’

“Our species is distinct and special in one major respect, the ability to externalize brain function. With language and its material versions, we managed to create a super large knowledge base. In the process, the individual share of the ever-increasing total knowledge of humankind is exponentially decreasing. **Every other primate acquires as much knowledge during his/her lifetime as the knowledge of all primates, give or take. But think of us.** Almost the entire knowledge of humankind is now available (somewhere) in electronic form, externalized from the individual brains. But the value of such a huge library is only as good as its searchability. Our personalized search engine, the hippocampus, is a good librarian for the brain and effectively assists us to navigate in the vast knowledge base stored in the neocortex, **separating the irrelevant from the important in a matter of a few search cycles.**”

# There are many challenges ahead of us

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In January and February 2024, Hungarian Research Network Institutes were evaluated by an international committee. Based on site visits, presentations, and extensive comments from panel members, AI was used to bring everything together and to formulate final reports and recommendations. It was an interesting experiment.

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•EDITORIAL

•06 March 2024

### Why scientists trust AI too much — and what to do about it

In a Perspective article<sup>2</sup> published in *Nature* this week, social scientists say that AI systems pose a further risk: that researchers envision such tools as possessed of superhuman abilities when it comes to objectivity, productivity and understanding complex concepts. The authors argue that this put researchers in danger of overlooking the tools' limitations, such as the potential to narrow the focus of science or to lure users into thinking they understand a concept better than they actually do.

# G7 Science Academies: Statement on AI for the 2024 G7 Summit



## Artificial Intelligence (extract of statement):

The advancements in the development of artificial intelligence offer numerous opportunities for the economy, science, and societies. **However, this phenomenon is also associated with risks, which must be monitored and controlled.** The science academies of the G7 states propose clear framework conditions for data protection and copyright issues. Users of AI systems should be transparently informed about the usage of their data as well as about the functional mechanisms and limits of artificial intelligence. **The traceability of the data used in AI models is of critical importance.** Education and public discourse can help societies better understand the chances, risks, and evaluation of AI systems.

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