



## Node Highlights Report July 2006 of the German Node, AC/UNU The Millennium Project

### General Node work since August 2005:

- finished SPIDER project (Increasing regional competitiveness through futures research methods) with colleagues from EuMPI, see <http://www.spider-project.net>
- PR and networking, f.e. for SOF
- collected answers to Energy Delphi
- support for:
  - o developing gender / women's issues study
  - o anniversary chapter for SOF
  - o global challenges updates
- German Node national projects:
  - o Meeting in spring, several telephone / virtual meetings since
  - o Node has joined forces now to become more active as a group within and outside of Germany
  - o First project will deal with methodological issues of surveys and be usable for MP as a whole
  - o Website developed, texts written, design drafted – should be online in autumn

### Remarks on MP Phase II character, mission, objective, and the German Node's contribution:

- Use unique potential of the group: truly global character, diversity of competences
- Some problems caused by underfunding – more concentration on PR and marketing / “selling” projects?
- Key vision to concentrate on needed?
- Founding Task Forces (for PR, for sales, for networking or so, made up of several Nodes) could be a solution to some problems. Maybe temporary?
- German Node could best contribute in fields of methods, workflow, and PR



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## General Information on the Node

Z\_punkt GmbH the Foresight Company has formed the German Node in March 2003. The core working team consists of Cornelia Daheim, who is also the Node Chair, and Gereon Uerz at Z\_punkt GmbH The Foresight Company.

A Planning Committee supports the work of the Node, embracing main futures studies' institutions in Germany, whose members are:

- Dr. Günter Clar, Steinbeis Academy,
- Dr. Kerstin Cuhls, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research ISI in Karlsruhe
- Robert Gaßner, Institute for Future Studies and Technology Assessment in Berlin
- Prof. Dr. Gerhard de Haan, Free University of Berlin (educational studies)
- Prof. Dr. Peter H. Mettler, Professor for Societal Science and Sociology of Planning and Technology
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