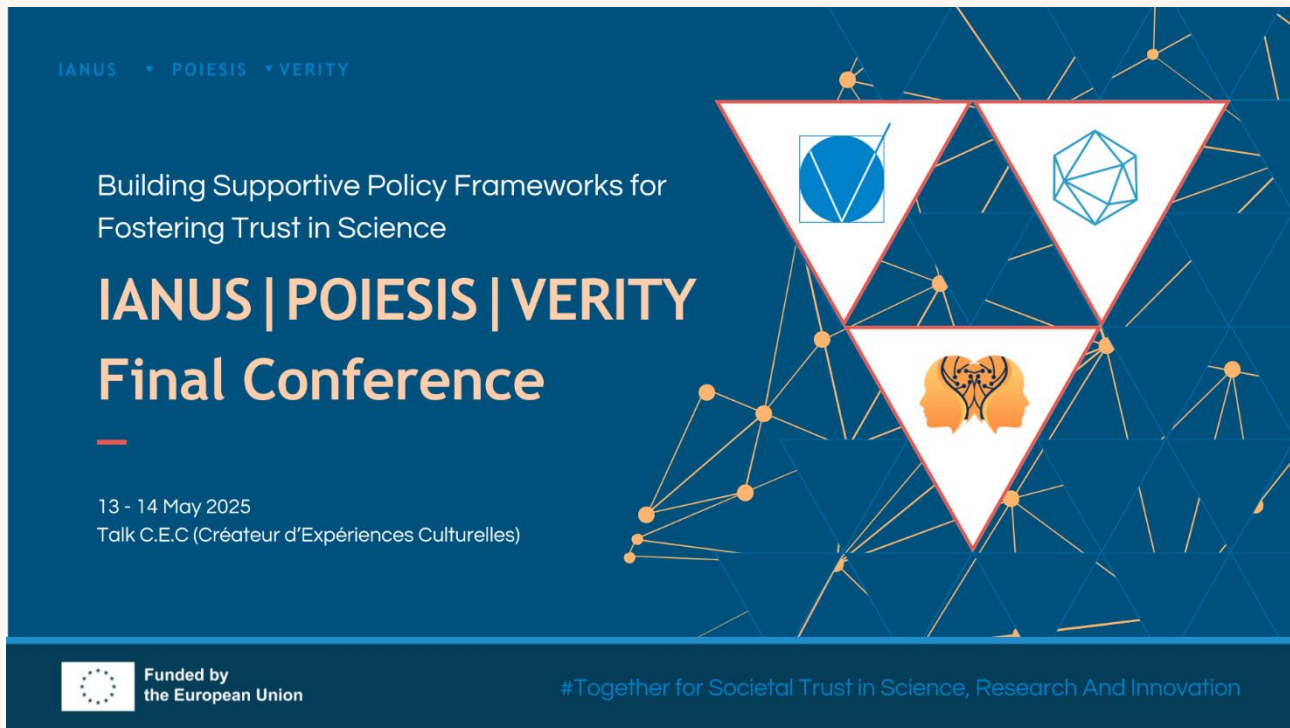


# Building Supportive Policy Frameworks for Fostering Trust in Science: IANUS | POIESIS | VERITY Final Conference

Type of event: Workshop & Discussion

Location: [Talk C.E.C.](#), Chaussee de Wavre 143, 1050 Ixelles (Brussels), Belgium

When: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (10:00 - 18:00 CEST) - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (9:00 - 11:00 CEST)



Public trust in science is a crucial yet complex issue, shaped by various social, institutional, and technological factors. Recognising the importance of fostering and maintaining trust, three EU-funded sister projects – **IANUS**, **POIESIS** and **VERITY** – have been working to understand the dynamics and drivers of trust in science and develop strategies and policy recommendations to strengthen it and foster a research culture that is conducive to societal trust in science.

- **IANUS** examines the impact of misinformation, polarisation, and emerging technologies on scientific credibility. (<https://trustinscience.eu>)
- **POIESIS** focuses on the relationship between research integrity, public engagement, and trust, as well as the role of institutions in fostering public trust in research. (<https://poiesis-project.eu/>)
- **VERITY** explores the ecosystem of trust in science and the roles and responsibilities of various actors as Stewards of Trust. ( <https://verityproject.eu/>)

Together, these projects provide a comprehensive perspective on the challenges and opportunities for building trust in science across different contexts.

## Aim of the Event

This event brings together policymakers, experts, project representatives, and artists in a **Co-Creative World Café** setting to explore the complexities of trust and distrust in science, specifically focusing on climate change, health, and technology.

As the starting point of this discussion, we will present and debate the **findings and policy recommendations** from three EU-funded research projects (IANUS, POIESIS, and VERITY) that were launched in 2022 and are now finalising their results.

Our discussions will centre on **key questions and topics**, including:

- **Building supportive policy frameworks** that bridge science, society, and governance by prioritising benefit sharing, transparency, inclusivity, and accountability.
- **Ensuring public confidence in policies and innovation** grounded in validated expertise, especially in controversial debates such as pandemics, climate change and AI.
- **Bridging the gap between scientific communities and the broader public**, ensuring accessibility and comprehension of research findings.
- **Strengthening warranted trust in science**, research, and innovation while addressing societal concerns.
- **Facilitating the ecosystem of trust in science** in changing research environments, influenced by factors such as technological advancements, globalisation, and evolving societal needs.
- **Advancing interdisciplinary, international, and cross-sector collaboration** through knowledge-sharing, ethical partnerships, and inclusive citizen engagement.
- **Empowering and integrating diverse stakeholders** as Stewards of Trust to effectively thrive in their roles as trust gatekeepers across public, private and civil society sectors.

By facilitating this exchange, the event aims to inform policy actions that promote transparency, accountability, and inclusive engagement in scientific research and communication. An artist will accompany the meeting with graphical notes.

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Day 1 (Tuesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2025)		
10:00 – 11:00	Arrival & Registration with Coffee & Tea	
11:00 – 11:30	<b>“Building bridges, strengthening trust”</b> : Opening session - Welcome & Introduction - Welcome from European Commission	<i>Speakers: Hub Zwart (IANUS), Tine Ravn (POIESIS), Agata Gurzawska (VERITY) &amp; Georgios Papanagnou (EC Policy officer)</i>
11:30 – 12:00	<b>“Fostering Trust in Science?”</b> (TBC): Keynote	<i>Speaker: Michael Arentoft, Head of Unit DGRI</i>
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Setting the scene: Trust in Science in and beyond the sister projects</b> - Brief presentations by three sister projects; - Presentations and the main findings and results (incl. lessons learnt) by all sister projects; - Feedback & recommendations from external speakers.	<i>Moderator: Steffi Friedrichs</i> <i>Speakers: Tine Ravn (POIESIS), Hub Zwart (IANUS), Agata Gurzawska (VERITY)</i> <i>Commentator: Rene von Schomberg</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break	

<b>14:00 – 15:15</b>	<b>Advancing Policy, Implementing Recommendations: IANUS, POIESIS, and VERITY's three-year journey</b> - Panel session with policy-makers: exploring how policy frameworks can meaningfully support and strengthen trust in science	<i>Moderator: Steffi Friedrichs</i> <i>Speakers: Georgios Papanagnou (EC); Juliana Chaves Chaparro, UNESCO</i>
<b>15:15 – 15:30</b>	Introduction to the Concept & Format of the World Café Session	<i>Speaker: Eleni Spyraou (POIESIS), TBC (VERITY)</i>
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>	Coffee & Tea Break	
<b>16:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Co-creative World Café of 'Trust in Science'</b> - Policy discussions at six tables	<i>Moderator: TBC (VERITY)</i> <i>Rapporteurs: TBC</i>
<b>From 18:00 ...</b>	Walking Dinner (until 20:00)	

<b>Day 2 (Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025)</b>		
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>From the World-Café to policy-making: Outcomes, Discussions and Highlights</b> - One-slide-summaries by each bistro-table-rapporteur - Exploitation and sustainability / impact creation	<i>Moderator: Hendrik Berghäuser (IANUS), Declan Kirrane (Science Summit, UN)</i>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	Coffee & Tea Break – Departure of the non-project partners	
<b>11:00 – 13:00</b>	CLOSED Meetings (project partners only)	
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	Lunch Break	
<b>14:00 – 18:00</b>	CLOSED Meetings (project partners only)	

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Logistics:

<https://acumenist.com/joint-final-verity-ianus-poiesis-final-event/#information>

### Registration (Deadline 29 April 2025):

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