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**RECON**  
**Reconstituting Democracy in Europe**

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Priority 7 - Citizens and Governance in a Knowledge-Based Society

**Deliverable No. 1**  
**Opening conference**

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## 1. Introduction

RECON Deliverable No. 1 – *Opening conference* is part of work package 10 – Dissemination. The overall objective of WP 10 is to raise public awareness and ensure the visibility of RECON.

During the first stage of the project, the main aim of WP 10 was to attract general attention to RECON. The kick-off conference had the dual purpose of achieving this, in addition to integrating the participants of the project and ensuring the coordination of research activities between the partners and the 11 work packages, as this event was the first opportunity for all researchers in the consortium to meet as a whole. This was ensured by staging the first day of the conference as a public event, while restricting the second day to project participants.

## 2. RECON's kick-off conference

The kick-off conference was hosted by ARENA at the Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel in Oslo on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 January 2007.

At the first day, key note speakers and commentaries addressed the main problems regarding supranational governance and democracy in Europe. In addition, the RECON coordinator and the work package leaders presented the main themes of the project. This session attracted some 160 researchers from Norwegian and European institutions, coordinators of other projects within the Sixth Framework Programme, as well as policy makers, practitioners, and representatives of civil society. Norwegian State Secretary Liv Monica Stubholt from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs held the opening speech on 'Democracy in the Age of Globalisation'. This was followed by an introductory speech by RECON's scientific coordinator Erik O. Eriksen.



Picture 1: Some 160 participants attended the first day of the conference

Keynote speeches were held by John Dryzek, one of the leading political scientists on democracy beyond the nation state, and James Bohman, prominent theorist in the field of normative political theory and cosmopolitanism. Hauke Brunkhorst and Rainer Forst commented on their speeches. After lunch, John Erik Fossum, RECON substitute coordinator

chaired the sessions where the RECON work package leaders presented the project's research fields. The sessions included comments by Tanja Hitzel-Cassagnes and Philippe C. Schmitter, and were followed by a final discussion.



Picture 2: From left: Erik O. Eriksen, Rainer Forst, James Bohman, Hauke Brunkhorst and John Dryzek.

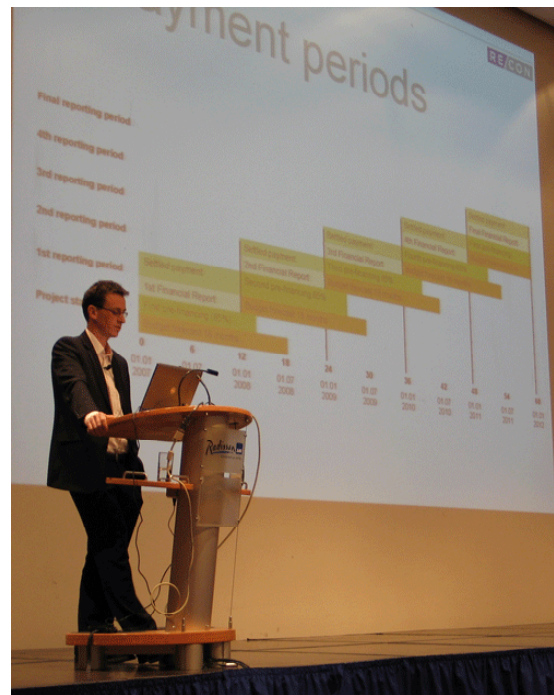


Picture 3: From left: John Erik Fossum, Agustín José Menéndez, Ulrike Liebert, Zdzislaw Mach, Hans-Jörg Trenz, Helene Sjursen, Christian Joerges and Philippe C. Schmitter.

The second day of the conference started with a plenary session devoted to the overall cooperation, integration, management and dissemination of the project. Angela Liberatore from the European Commission gave a presentation on RECON in a Framework Programme perspective. Coordinator Erik O. Eriksen gave a presentation of the scientific coordination and integration of RECON, while Geir Kværk and Marit Eldholm from the coordinating partner ARENA presented the overall management and dissemination procedures and strategies of the project. Parallel work package sessions chaired by the work package leaders followed the plenary session. These sessions allowed for detailed planning of the activities within each working group. Finally, an open discussion forum allowed for project participants to meet and discuss across work packages. The first meetings of the RECON Scientific Advisory Committee and the RECON General Assembly were held in the afternoon.



Picture 4:  
RECON Scientific Officer, Angela Liberatore



Picture 5:  
RECON Project Manager Geir Kværk

## 2.1. Participation

See attached list of participants.

## 2.2. Programme

See attached programme.

## 2.3. Publicity

Publicity of the conference – and correspondingly the launch of the project – was ensured by addressing journalists, by advertisement in Norwegian newspaper *Morgenbladet* and not least through the first edition of the RECON Newsletter which is distributed to a list of around 500 e-mail addresses (personal and institutional). Several Norwegian newspapers (*Morgenbladet*, *Nationen*, *Aftenposten*) covered the project launch and the conference.

## **RECON Kick-off Conference Reconstituting Democracy in Europe**

Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo  
26-27 January 2007

### List of Participants

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WIENER, Antje	Queen's University Belfast



## Programme

### Day I

#### Friday 26 January

- 09:00 Welcome by Morten Egeberg, Director, ARENA  
Opening: **Democracy in the Age of Globalisation. Managing the Unmanageable**  
State Secretary Liv Monica Stubholt
- 09:30 **Reconstituting Democracy in Europe – Three Options**  
Erik O. Eriksen (ARENA)
- 10:00 Keynote: **Transnational Democracy: The Formal and the Discursive**  
John Dryzek (Australian National University)
- 10:30 Comment: Hauke Brunkhorst (University of Flensburg)  
Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee
- 11:30 Keynote: **Decentering Democracy: Democratization Beyond the State**  
James Bohman (Saint Louis University)
- 12:00 Comment: Rainer Forst (Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt)  
Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 **RECON outlined**  
Introduction and chair: John Erik Fossum (ARENA)  
**Constitutionalising Multilevel Democracy: Dynamics, Formalities and Ideals**  
Ben Crum (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), WP 2  
**The Status of Institutional Democracy in Europe**  
Chris Lord (University of Reading), WP 3  
**Gender Equality and Justice in the EU**  
Yvonne Galligan (Queen's University Belfast), WP 4
- 15:00 Comment: Tanja Hitzel-Cassagnes (Leibniz University Hannover)  
Discussion
- 15:30 Coffee
- 16:00 **Democratisation From Below**  
Ulrike Liebert (University of Bremen) and Hans-Jörg Trenz (ARENA), WP 5  
**A Collective Foreign and Security Policy?**  
Helene Sjørnsen (ARENA), WP 6  
**A Supranational Regime of Social Protection?**  
Agustín José Menéndez (Universidad de León), WP 7  
**Shifting Borders in Europe - What Kind of Identity?**  
Zdzisław Mach (Jagiellonian University Krakow), WP 8  
**Global Transnationalisation, Juridification and Democratisation Compared**  
Christian Joerges (European University Institute), WP 9
- 17:15 Comment: Philippe C. Schmitter (European University Institute)  
Discussion
- 19:30 Dinner, Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel

## Programme

### Day II Saturday 27 January

#### 09:00 **Plenary session**

Introduction and chair: **Erik O. Eriksen (ARENA)**

RECON in a Framework Programme perspective  
**Angela Liberatore (European Commission)**

Project management (WP 0)  
**Geir Kværk (ARENA)**

Project communication and dissemination (WP 10)  
**Marit Eldholm (ARENA)**

10:30 Coffee

#### 11:00 **Parallel WP sessions**

WP 0: Administration and Consortium Management (*Eidsvoll*)

WP 2: Constitutional Politics + WP 9 Global Transnationalisation and Democratisation (*Scandinavia Ballroom*)

WP 4: Gender, Democracy and Justice (*Christiania*)

WP 5: Civil Society and Public Sphere (*Bergen*)

WP 6: Foreign and Security Policy (*Lofoten*)

13:00 Lunch

#### 14:00 **Parallel WP sessions**

WP 0: Administration and Consortium Management (*Eidsvoll*)

WP 1: Theoretical Framework (*Scandinavia Ballroom*)

WP 3: Representation and Institutional Make-Up (*Christiania*)

WP 7: Political Economy (*Lofoten*)

WP 8: Collective Identity and Enlargement (*Bergen*)

#### 16:00 **Discussion forum and coffee**

Plenary open from 16:00 to 18:00

Summing up and discussion

16:00 **RECON Scientific Advisory Committee meeting**

Participation: work package leaders (*Lofoten*)

17:45 **RECON General Assembly meeting**

Participation: one representative from each partner institution (*Lofoten*)

19:30 Departure for dinner, Lofoten Fiskerestaurant