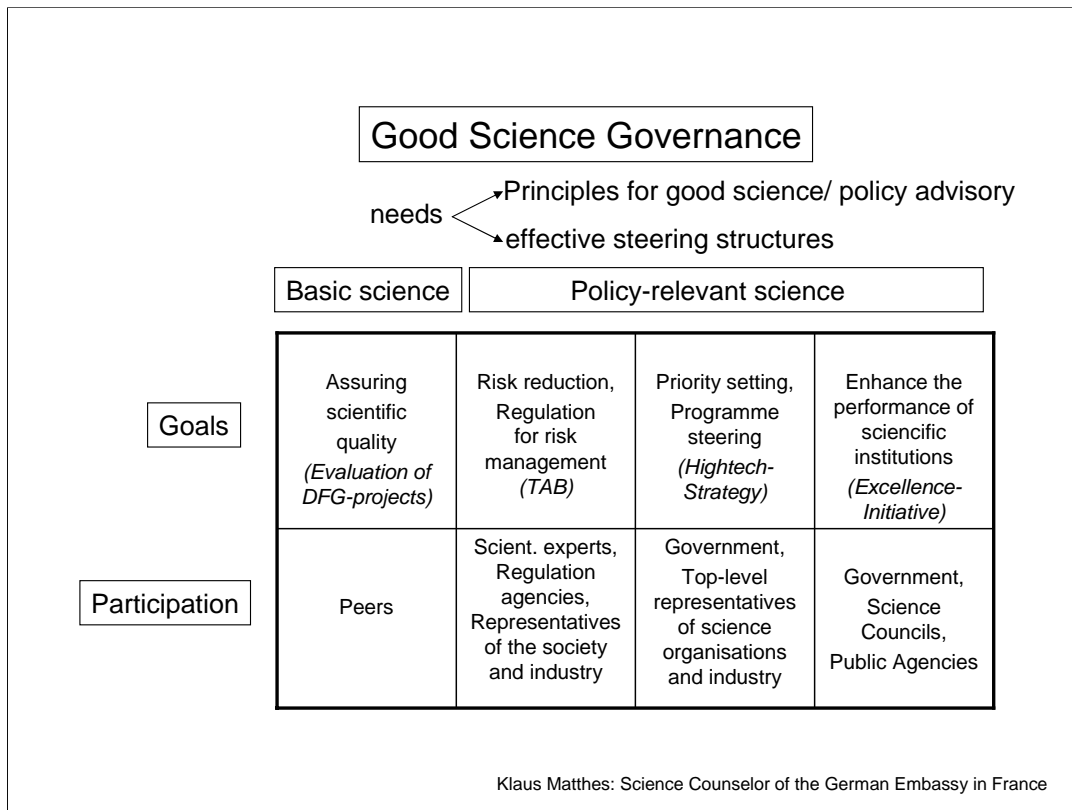




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I would like to show you, which considerations have led us to the structure of our today's colloquium. The basic question is, what are the characteristics of a good science governance system. First of all it needs principles for good science, for example for scientific expertise and policy advisory (our first presentation today will concentrate on this item). For the question, which are the most effective steering structures, we have to differentiate between different science sectors. As the best steering procedure for basic science is the scientific self-evaluation by peer groups, things become more complicated if we consider policy-relevant science fields. If we talk about risk evaluation and management – we need not only scientific experts, we need also regulation agencies, including parliament in case of new legal procedures and as we know that the treatment of risks is always a delicate balance between social and economic factors, we have to involve industry and representatives of the relevant social groups. This sector we will deal in the presentation of the treatment of TA in Germany. Another challenge for good governance is the strategic priority setting and programme steering. Here the main players are beside the government normally top-level representatives of science and industry. Here we have chosen the example of the German Hightech-Strategy. We wanted to present also a third sector, which is different from the others, namely the measures to enhance the performance of S Institutions. Unfortunately, the planned presentation from the German Wissenschaftsrat, had to be canceled as the whole stuff is actually in the evaluation procedure of the present 2. phase of the German Excellence Initiative. But I hope we will have next year other opportunities to discuss the benefits of the German and French Excellence Initiative.

And then I am happy that we have the possibility to learn more about the new role of the German Academy of Science Leopoldina in the science advisory procedures.