

INGSA-Europe Inaugural Conference brought together over 50 invited scientists, policymakers, diplomats, and others in a dialogue on science advice in Europe and globally at the **Queen's College in Oxford, England, between March 31 and April 1, 2025**. The aim was to address the complexity of the science advice landscape through topics ranging from the opportunities and challenges to engagement across generations, languages, and regions.

GYA was represented by [Jovana V. Milić](#), Co-Lead of the [Science Advice Working Group](#) and member of the Swiss Young Academy ([SYA](#)), co-leading the Swiss Young Network for Science Policy and Diplomacy ([SYNESPOD](#)), who attended as INGSA-Europe Advisory Board Member.

INGSA-Europe chapter strives to support science, policy, and society in Europe, aligning with institutions across the European science-for-policy ecosystem. It draws on the INGSA mechanisms of knowledge sharing, collaboration, and networking to support science advice and science diplomacy. This has involved the [INCLUSIVE project](#), which explored how language, culture, and context affect science advice in Europe, while the inaugural conference provided a platform to discuss areas of special interest for future engagement of INGSA-Europe.

Jovana moderated the session on "Connecting Across Generations" together with [Wim van Saarloos](#) (Chair of the European Academies Science Advisory Council, [EASAC](#)) and the panelists, including [Helen Eeenmaa](#) (President of the Young Academies Science Advice Structure, [YASAS](#)), [Gabriela Ivan](#) (Communications Officer, International Science Council, [ISC](#)), and [Jaakko Kuosmanen](#) (Academy Secretary, [Finnish Academy of Science and Letters](#)). The panel discussed challenges and opportunities for engaging early- to mid-career researchers in European science advice and the prospective role of INGSA-Europe.

The discussions throughout the meeting resonated with the GYA vision and activities, particularly considering the need to involve early- to mid-career researchers across disciplines worldwide, including science advice and science diplomacy, which stimulates future engagement and collaborations worldwide.



Impressions from the Inaugural INGSA-Europe Conference at the Queen's College in Oxford between March 31 and April 1, 2025. Photo by Jovana V. Milić.