

The present

Alternative future

Litany

A simple explanation of a complex phenomenon. For example, newspaper headlines or comments made in water cooler conversations.

What happens or is said now?

"Technology saves" or "technology solves the problems of our time"

What happens or is said in this future?

Technology can help with many things, but it cannot solve all of our problems. In fact, it is partly to blame for some problems.

System

A description of the causes and consequences related to the phenomenon. For example, the social, financial and political structures that maintain the system.

What kind of structures maintain the status quo?

Investments and tax breaks for research and development or teaching in the technology sector.

What kind of structures are needed in this future?

Making financial incentives take ethical, social environmental questions into account in technological development. Competence development emphasises comprehensive Bildung.

Worldview

The values, interests and paradigms behind the worldview. For example, what kind of beliefs and attitudes are there?

What do people believe in and value?

People believe in and value technology. Technological development is seen as leading to the production of well-being for all. Speed and efficiency as values.

What do people believe in and value in this future?

Balance and the aim to gain an overview and understanding of the limitations of technology. The values of humanism and responsibility.

Myth

Metaphors related to the topic, cultural archetypes and stories that are more recognised on an emotional level rather than known to be true.

What myths or metaphors does this represent? Identify an existing one or make one up.

"Cornucopia". A story of technology constantly creating more well-being.

What kind of myth or metaphor describes this alternative future?

Technology is a good servant but a bad master.

