



BUZZING FUTURES

A Discussion Game for
a Resilient Tomorrow

Recognising the vital role of bees and other pollinators in biodiversity, food security and beyond, the game challenges you to think creatively about alternative environments and step into the role of a future explorer.

This game is a result of a collaborative effort led by the Embassy of Slovenia in the Nordics with support from UN Global Pulse, the Secretary-General's Innovation Lab. The initiative explores key learning questions to strengthen ecosystem resilience. Through interactive engagement, the game fosters dialogue and inspires actionable solutions aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Slovenia actively promotes global awareness on the vital role of bees and pollinators through its leadership on **World Bee Day**, advocating for **pollinator-friendly policies** and sustainable practices worldwide.



Scan the QR code to learn more about this project and how to adapt this game xfor different audiences.

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REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
EMBASSY TO THE NORDICS





HOW TO PLAY

3+
Players



1. EXPLORE

20-25 MIN

1. Set up the decks: Organize the cards into three face-down stacks: WHAT, WHO and WHEN cards.

2. Choose the first Game Lead: This player runs the round and rotates each time. The lead draws one card from each stack and place them face-up for all to see.

3. Imagine the Future: The Game Lead invites all players to envision a world where these three elements are connected. Players take a few minutes to imagine and then share their ideas.

4. Reflect and Build: Players discuss the imagined futures, reflect on each other's ideas and expand on them.

5. Rotate Roles & Repeat: The next player becomes the Game Lead, and a new round begins.

EXTRA

Stuck? No worries! If the card combo doesn't spark ideas, the Game Lead can just draw new ones.



2. REFLECT

5-10 MIN

After playing a few rounds, it is time to reflect on what you have discovered.

Draw a WHO card — Or choose a perspective (from a policymaker, farmer, researcher, food company CEO, etc.) and use it to guide your discussion. From this viewpoint, explore:

- What was most exciting to you?
- What was the most concerning to you?



3. TAKE ACTION

5-10 MIN

What can you start doing today to create a better future for bees and pollinators?

Reflect on the ideas you have explored and identify actions, big or small, that can make a difference.

IDEA

If you would like to add a competitive element, the Game Lead can choose the most compelling story as the round's winner.





Cut out all the cards, follow the instructions on how to play,
and your discussion about the future can begin.



**In an exciting
future, 5 years
from now**

WHEN



**In a bright
future, 40 years
from now**

WHEN



**In a hopeful
future, 15 years
from now**

WHEN



**In an automated
future, 100
years from
now**

WHEN



**In an
unpredictable
future, 25 years
from now**

WHEN



**In a collapsed
future, 30 years
from now**

WHEN



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**In a chaotic
future, 50 years
from now**

WHEN



**In a harmonious
future, 30 years
from now**

WHEN



**In a neutral
future, 25 years
from now**

WHEN



**In a dystopian
future, 20 years
from now**

WHEN



**In an
abandoned
future, 75 years
from now**

WHEN



**In a polarized
future, 200
years from
now**

WHEN



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**In a
multiplanetary
future, 300
years from
now
WHEN**



**In a utopian
future, 100
years from
now
WHEN**



**In a resilient
future, 70 years
from now
WHEN**



**In a contested
future, 40 years
from now
WHEN**



**In a thriving
future, 10 years
from now
WHEN**



**In a divided
future, 20 years
from now
WHEN**



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**In a hyper-
connected
future, 80 years
from now**

WHEN



**In a post-human
future, 150
years from now**

WHEN



**In a virtual
reality-driven
future, 120
years from
now**

WHEN



**In a resource-
scarce future,
200 years from
now**

WHEN



**In an AI-
dominated
future, 65 years
from now**

WHEN



**In a future
ruled by
corporations,
20 years from
now**

WHEN



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**In a
decentralized
future, 100
years from
now
WHEN**



**In a biohacked
future, 60 years
from now
WHEN**



**In an
intergalactic
future, 500
years from
now
WHEN**



**In a future
ruled by
elderly, 70
years from
now
WHEN**



**In a beehive,
50 years
from now
WHEN**



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WHEN

Create your own!



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**Wild
Pollinators**

WHO

**Robotic
pollinators**

WHO

The planet

WHO

Robots

WHO

Farmers

WHO

Tech giants

WHO



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Children

WHO



**Future
generations**

WHO



**Urban
planners**

WHO



Scientists

WHO



Policymakers

WHO



Activists

WHO



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Citizens

WHO



Natural flora

WHO



Robotic flora

WHO



Country leaders

WHO



**A person on the
other side of
the world**

WHO



Beekeepers

WHO



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Forests

WHO



Climate

WHO



**Older
people**

WHO



**AI-driven
organisms**

WHO



**Decentralized
communities**

WHO

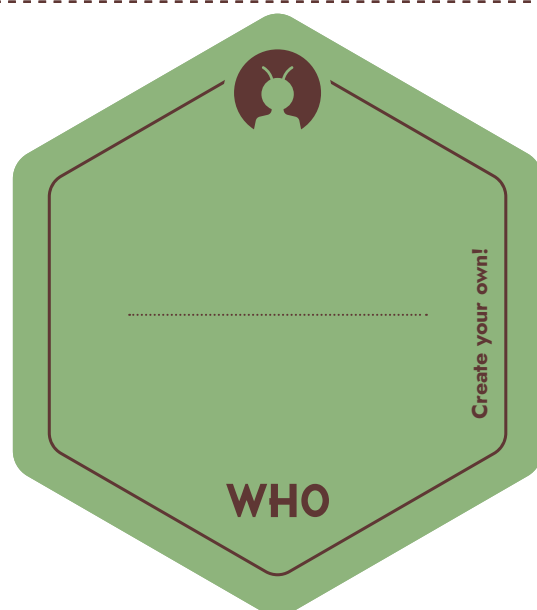


**Hyper-adaptive
species**

WHO



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A major disaster

WHAT



**A disruptive
technology**

WHAT



**A global
movement**

WHAT



A breakthrough

WHAT



**A climate
shift**

WHAT



A ban

WHAT



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**A universal
law**

WHAT



**A major
discovery**

WHAT



A new tax

WHAT



**A consumption
product**

WHAT



**An
ecosystem**

WHAT



A community

WHAT



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**An
innovation**

WHAT



A global project

WHAT



**An
infrastructure
project**

WHAT



**An
experiment**

WHAT



A virus

WHAT



An event

WHAT



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A material

WHAT



**An innovative
policy**

WHAT



**A societal
slowdown**

WHAT



**A new
governance
model**

WHAT



**A radical
energy
breakthrough**

WHAT



**A global
uprising**

WHAT



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**An
interplanetary
conflict**

WHAT



**A clash of
generations**

WHAT



**A cultural
renaissance**

WHAT



**A new space
economy**

WHAT



**A global
agreement**

WHAT



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Create your own!

WHAT