

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)



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What is a SIG?

SIGs are clusters of ASTP members with similar interests in a specific area or topic surrounding knowledge transfer who work together to expand, create and share their findings. SIGs foster collaboration, knowledge sharing, and networking among ASTP members.

How do SIGs operate?

- Coordinated by dedicated volunteers, SIGs are a dynamic platform for professional growth and community engagement.
- Self-organised and supported by ASTP HQ team, SIGs typically meet online with each SIG members determining its own meeting frequency.

Benefits of Joining a SIG:



Collaborate

Work with colleagues who share your interests.



Network

Build connections with professionals in your field.



Learn

Gain insights and knowledge from others' experiences.



Share

Discuss challenges and develop solutions collectively.



Visibility

Enhance your professional profile within the ASTP community.

Activities	Description
Webinars	Featuring guest speakers on topics selected by SIG members.
Workshops and Meetings	In-person meetings, often held during the ASTP Annual Conference or as standalone events.
Resources	Access to guidelines, templates, and reference materials beneficial for SIG members and the wider ASTP community.
Direct chat	A Microsoft Teams channel for open discussions and document sharing.

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- SIGs are a highly valued part of the ASTP ecosystem and are often invited to contribute to international meetings and training programs.
- You are welcome to join as many Special Interest Groups as you like, either as a volunteer or a coordinator.
- SIG membership is exclusive to ASTP members.



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**Equity, Diversity
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New Professionals



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**Social Sciences, Humanities,
and Arts for People and
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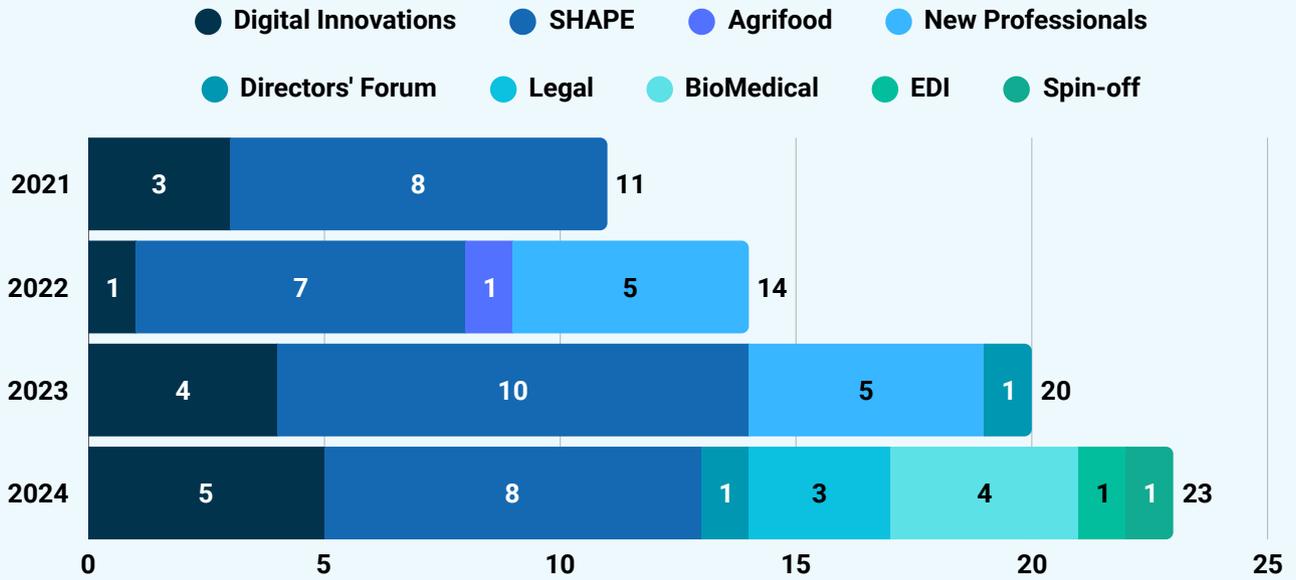


Spin-off

SIGs FACTS AND FIGURES

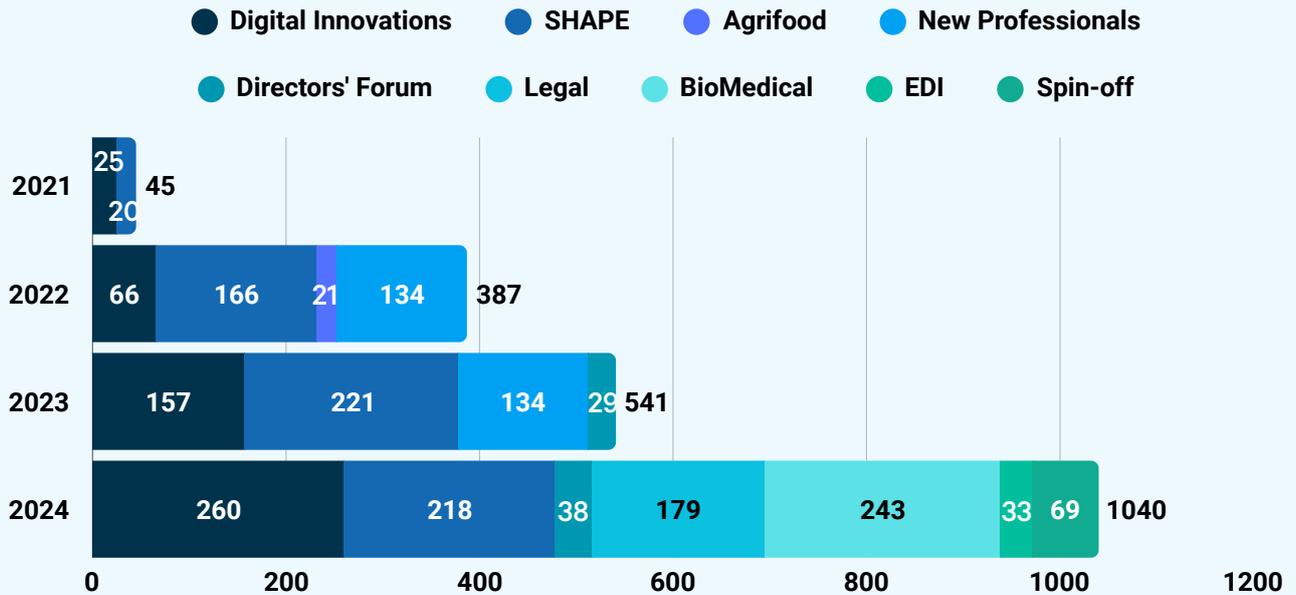
SIG Events | 2021 - 2024

Number of Events Organised per SIG per Year



SIG Event Participation | 2021 - 2024

Number of Participants per SIG per Year



HOW TO INITIATE A SIG?

Any ASTP member can propose the creation of a new Special Interest Group; however, we recommend collaborating with like-minded members to ensure a sustainable and active group.

Step by step: what do you need to do?

1

[Download](#), complete, and return the form to arlyta.wibowo-kruzinga@astp4kt.eu

2

ASTP will publish a news article based on the submitted form and/or survey to call for interest and volunteers to co-lead the SIG

3

Based on a positive number of interests, we will proceed with launching the SIG

4

Arrange a call with interested members/volunteers to define activities and structure the SIG

5

Finally, the SIG is created and begins planning and organising its own activities, supported by ASTP

ASTP SUPPORT FOR SIGS

ASTP will support you by:

- Facilitating regular meetings and events, both online and in-person, for coordinators and members.
- Allocating a session at the Annual Conference, either alongside ASTP events or as a standalone session (subject to availability).
- Producing bi-annual SIG newsletters highlighting your group's activities.
- Expanding ASTP Digital Resources (in collaboration with each SIGs) by adding relevant policies, templates, and case studies.
- Enhancing visibility through ASTP newsletters, news articles, Teams channels, and social media.
- Assisting with additional activities such as conducting surveys and gathering insights.

ASTP support: Community Relations Manager



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