

The importance of interdisciplinary and international teams

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H2020 CALLS ARE LESS AND LESS PRESCRIPTIVE

You will have to propose innovative solutions!

You must really understand the Topic/ Issue/ Challenge

When is it an **EXCELLENT** proposal?

Do they understand the question / issue?

Are the objectives/ goals of project clear?

Are they the right people to do this?

How are they going to do it?



ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT:

CALLS ARE MORE AND MORE GEARED to SOCIETAL BENEFITS

Impact is more people oriented, policy oriented, with clear socio- economic- ecological benefits.
Can also be 'political'!

SO: describe very well the expected impact of the project:

For civil society, for business, or local communities, or regions, countries, Europe, or international

Are the relevant people / stakeholders involved?

ADVICE:

READ / UNDERSTAND topic in work programme

READ NEWSPAPERS!

AND FOLLOW EUROPEAN POLICY ISSUES



An example: Innovative EU research with

Four Social Platforms

- on Cities and Social Cohesion
- on Families and Family Policies
- on Sustainable Lifestyles 2050
- on Innovation in Social Services

www.regenboogadvies.nl/evaluation-of-4-eu-funded-social-research-platforms/

or https://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/pdf/policy_reviews/eu_social_platforms.pdf

Results:



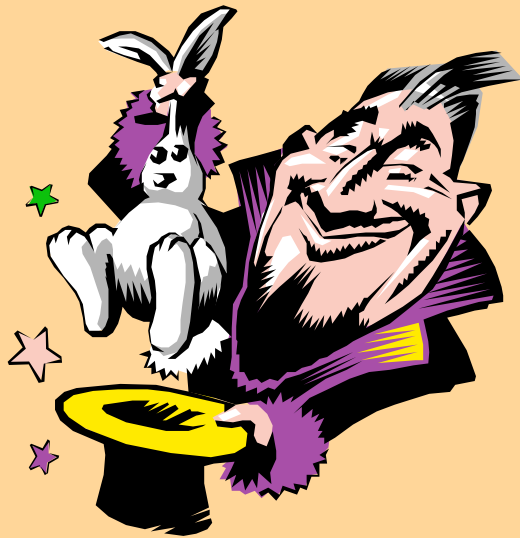
- Innovative way of doing EU funded research and making a research agenda
- Academics worked well together with stakeholders
- Evolution from platform 1 to 4

Learning by doing- Evolution



- 1st one was set up by academics only
- Later ones: more stakeholders involved
- 1st and 2nd produced reports only, 3rd great info graphics, 4th videos of best practices!

Benefits from involving different partners



- Participants learn by having to explain to others
- They also learn by listening about other sectors/ disciplines/ cultures
- They get inspired by how others obtain results
- They avoid mistakes

More lessons learned:



- Each partner has his own way of working and of presenting the material
- Some partners are more in a hurry than others
- Patience and co-operation are needed, partners don't have the same culture, don't speak the same language

Some obstacles



- Lack of time: international projects have to be done alongside your own work
- Some partners don't prepare well for their international meetings
- Some partners have their own agenda
- Results take time to show
- Your colleagues are jealous of your traveling!

Discover, dig deeper



Be curious, flexible and creative, use all available data

THANK YOU!

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