

# networks 4D inspiration



*light, flexible, transparent and open structures for effective and efficient knowledge sharing and transfer*

## ecosystems of Innovation Focus Areas will learn from the existing networks

8 international cooperation networks shared their experiences in detailed interviews.  
Selected quotes and main findings so far.

### Quotes from the interviews

*...it's like a peer review... **colleagues** who can help **answer** your questions...*

*we call it knowledge network  
so its all about open access*

*network meetings is  
an important **communication** tool*

*we share stories of **innovations***

*we create arena for **open** discussions*

*the network acts on the principle that  
all participants are **equal***

*participation itself is already one of the most **powerful**  
ways of developing and embedding knowledge*

### Initial lessons learned

*create clear **governance** structure,  
with well-planned economy*

*enable possibilities for continuous **learning***

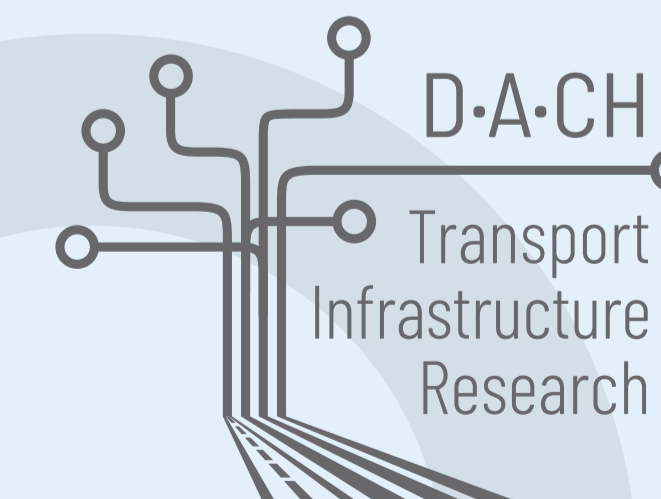
*create **open** and **informal** atmosphere  
for knowledge creation and **capture***

*find the **optimal** size of the network, not growing too big*

***manage** the network, it needs dedicated and  
enthusiastic people to push and pull*

ask constantly **“why”** to keep up interest and added value:

- *why this topic attracts such a high interest?*
- *why is there a need for a common exchange of knowledge?*
- *why should we take part in this development process of knowledge development and exchange?*
- *why should we go for exactly this model of knowledge exchange?*



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