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# Workshop aim

The FOODLINKS community organised this workshop on the  $17^{\rm th}$  of October in Brussels as its final reflection activity.

For more than two and a half years researchers, policymakers and representatives of civil society organisations collaborated in a series of face-to-face and online knowledge brokerage activities around particular topics related to sustainable food production and consumption. They exchanged knowledge and experiences in different settings and experimented with various methods for interaction and collaboration. The objective was to test and evaluate different modalities of knowledge brokerage, which should bridge the gap between science, policy and civil society.

The final workshop aimed to jointly reconsider and reflect on knowledge brokerage practices, and to exchange experiences with external participants, who were involved in similar projects and activities. The event should provide an opportunity for sharing lessons learned on how to address challenges and successfully implement knowledge brokerage activities. This should lead to the discussion of recommendations for the practical implementation of knowledge brokerage.

We invited coordinators and project partners from 21 projects engaged in knowledge brokering processes, and addressed representatives from funding bodies and public authorities with an interest in linking research, policy and society. Our intention was to select participants with a specific expertise and interest in knowledge brokerage. Eventually, ten external participants attended the workshop, among which nine representatives of sister projects and one policymaker.

In the following we present and discuss the workshop activities in chronological order. The annex includes the workshop invitation and programme, as well as the presented material and Twitter Wall documentation.

# Get together and Gallery walk

The workshop was set up as a participatory event. We started with a gallery walk alongside an exhibition of posters with information about various knowledge brokerage projects and activities, which invited the participants to informally discuss their experiences.



The following projects were presented in the gallery:

*CONSIDER:* The FP7 project 'Civil Society Organisations in Designing Research Governance' establishes a model of CSO participation in research. (<u>http://www.consider-project.eu</u>)

**FOODMETRES**: Food Planning and Innovation for Sustainable Metropolitan Regions thrives to assess both the environmental and the socio-economic impacts of food chains with regard to spatial, logistical and resource dimension of growing food as well as food planning and governance. (http://www.foodmetres.eu)

*MAITRE*: The project trains food researchers' communication skills to support a better communication of findings and technical information to the general public. (<u>http://www.maitreproject.eu</u>)

**PACHELBEL**: The main objective of this project is the development, trialling and operationalisation of a tool called STAVE (Systematic Tool for Behavioural Assumption Validation and Exploration), which supports processes of knowledge brokerage, promotes the application of research findings, and contributes to the generation of new knowledge for specific policy objectives. (http://www.pachelbel.eu)

**RESPONDER**: The project explores novel ways of knowledge brokerage by carrying out participatory system mapping in a series of EU dialogues and multinational knowledge brokerage events. (<u>http://www.scp-responder.eu</u>)

*SPIRAL* (policy briefs): studies science-policy interfaces between biodiversity research and policy to improve the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. (<u>www.spiral-project.eu</u>)

*WATERDISS 2.0*: The project collects information about 60 water-related FP6/FP7 research project outputs analyses their potential future in close collaboration with the research teams, designs for each of them an Individualised Dissemination Strategy and then supports their transfer to the targeted stakeholders, with the support of Web 2.0 features. (www.waterdiss.eu)

# Welcome to the FOODLINKS kitchen

The project coordinator welcomed the workshop participants and briefly introduced the FOODLINKS project to the external guests. After presenting the workshop aims and programme, we invited the external participants to introduce themselves and their work in knowledge brokerage projects.



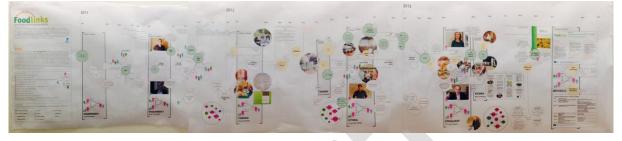
# The FOODLINKS tasting - our knowledge brokerage recipes

Knowledge brokerage in FOODLINKS was implemented in three Communities of Practice (CoPs), which tackled issues around the following themes:

- Short food supply chains
- Revaluing public sector food procurement
- Urban food strategies

During a previous project meeting the three Communities of Practice had reflected upon their performance through the elaboration of *visual timelines*<sup>1</sup> (see Annex 7: CoP Timelines). The timelines present the main activities of the Communities of Practice and what they experienced as critical moments in their development. The timelines were exhibited as posters, and in a *'double conference' format* two project team members from each CoP guided the audience on a 'journey' through time by recounting and discussing the life story of their CoPs.

# Short food supply chain CoP



*Pieter van de Graaf, Scottish Government and Roberto Ruiz, NEIKER - Basque Institute for Agricultural Research and Development* addressed:

- (a) *confusion in the beginning* about the main subject of the project: lack of clarity about the objective was the project about knowledge brokerage or about sustainable food? 'Communities of Practice' was an unknown concept; discussion lacked clear direction
- ③ during the second meeting a first positive step towards a *vision for joint work* within the CoP was made;
- ③ *linking to local activities* and groups: concerns remained about weak linkages within the CoPs as well as to local CoPs
- online platform helped to link the first local groups to the CoP;
   a lack of experiences with online communities was a barrier
   still missing a common goal and clear focus and direction for the discussions
- ③ the decision to produce a *joint document* gave a common goal, direction for CoP activities, and provided a tool for linking up with local groups
- ③ *online wiki* allowed some local people to provide direct input into the joint document; Wikis and *webinars* were useful, but needed proper management
- The joint document was too broad in scope, and certain expertise and views were missing; the scope needed to be narrowed down, and additional information had to be gathered by allocating concrete responsibilities to CoP participants.
- ③ *different aims* regarding the joint document became obvious: academic publication versus usefulness for local initiatives.
- ③ step back in regard to internal CoP cooperation: *different working conditions* and the importance of resources as an incentive for investing time among academic partners was perceived.
- © a few *committed people* let the document greatly progress
- ③ some *input from locals*; but <sup>③</sup> direct involvement failed largely
- 🐵 "the *expert panel* let us down"
- © *physical meetings* raised interest and enthusiasm among local people to engage
- ③ decision to *extract key policy messages* from the document and use of policy document helped to link to local policy groups and encouraged them to (try to) influence policy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The CoP timelines can be accessed as electronic files (pdf and Prezi) on the project webpage: <u>http://www.foodlinkscommunity.net</u>

# **Revaluing public sector food procurement CoP**



*Roberta Sonnino, Cardiff University and Robin Gourlay, Scottish Government* talked about:

- ③ *confusion in the beginning* about the goal of the project and too much emphasis on the process; lack of clarity about the CoP's aim.
- © momentum taking place at the third face to face meeting: decision for a *document* as a joint output product; *effective knowledge exchange* on concrete content in an organised way
- © *paired interviews* between academics and policy makers were a valuable tool
- ③ little activity between face to face meetings; *difficulties with online tools*: firewalls and IT security systems, lack of experience and lack of confidence in using online technologies

# **Urban food strategies CoP**



Heidrun Moschitz, FIBL – Research Institute of Organic Agriculture and Monika Thuswald, Via Campesina Austria discussed:

- ③ the *lack of leadership in the beginning*: little activity and confusion about what to do
- © *city mind maps*: easy method for analysing the state of the art and for exchanging knowledge
- ③ *mission statement* was built in a participatory way: combining individual brainstorming with collective clustering of ideas; proved to be a good way to include all ideas
- © *'fun factor'* was important in knowledge brokerage
- *Diversity*: perspectives seemed to largely agree; no clear differentiation between the contributions from CSOs, academics and policy people.
- *Consensus versus constructive discourse*: Maybe the very consensual working style influenced the process and suppressed diversity of opinion?
- ③ urban food strategies are described as an integrative '*prototype of knowledge co-production*' in the CoP's mission statement: Did this also influence the collaboration in the CoP?
- ③ *improved online collaboration* after the third meeting
- © external guests from other cities and civil society organisations brought life and momentum to the CoP discussions

- shift from a conceptual paper to a *practice-oriented brochure:* <sup>(2)</sup> *collective writing process,* which engaged all CoP members; <sup>(2)</sup> quite late decision did not leave much time to work on the brochure
- we wished to have experimented more with communication between stakeholder groups in order to *learn how to raise their interest* there were only interested people in the CoP; how to address others?
- © the CoP *produced something useful* with the brochure



# Sharing tasting notes

Inspired by the 'double conference' inputs from the three CoP teams, workshop participants were asked to write down observations, remarks and questions on cards. Within the following 'associative vernissage setting', participants walked alongside the timelines again, posted their cards on the timelines, and discussed their impressions of the CoP performances against the background of their own experiences.



The issues addressed on the cards were clustered under three themes, which were discussed in the following session:

- Setting up a knowledge brokerage Community of Practice
- The implementation of knowledge brokerage processes
- Outputs and impact of knowledge brokerage

# Ingredients for knowledge brokerage recipes

Three break-out groups were formed, each discussing one of the three topics listed above and formulating recommendations based on the lessons learned in FOODLINKS and the other knowledge brokerage projects. The group discussions were documented by a live tweet storyline (see Annex 4: Twitter documentation #FOODLINKS2013).

The break-out groups concluded with the following recommendations:

# Setting up a knowledge brokerage Community of Practice

# Process design and planning

Stakeholders should already be involved in the design of the project at an early stage (e.g. proposal writing phase), as participation in project development support equal cooperation right from the start of the project. Funds for setting up the project can enable also stakeholders with little funds of their own to engage in the project design.

Equal distribution of project resources is a basic condition for equal participation; remuneration supports contribution and commitment.

### Process openness versus structure

Knowledge brokerage processes need to provide structure and leadership especially to start off collaboration and engagement. But there is also need for openness and flexibility in order to address the diversity in needs and expectations among the participants.

### Clear definition of the aim

FOODLINKS started off slowly due to the confusion about project aims and objectives. Until the very end of the project ambivalence remained about what constituted the primary aim of the project - improving knowledge brokerage or promoting sustainable food systems.

Communities of Practice need to invest time in a problem defining phase, where goals and objectives are clarified and a decision is made on the priority of knowledge brokerage and the issue at hand (e.g. sustainable food production and consumption). It is important to define and contextualise problems before starting the KB process, and to create a common understanding of the aim within the group.

# Who has the lead?

The role of process CoP facilitator has a strong impact on communication processes and outcomes. It is important to consider which skills a facilitator needs, if s/he is familiar with the terminology and able to adapt to the specific language cultures of the group. Allowing for multiple facilitators ensures a broader spectrum of relevant skills and expertise, and allows for a variation in leadership styles, which may serve the different needs among the community participants.

### Expertise on knowledge brokerage

It is important to clarify the meaning of knowledge brokerage. Case studies on knowledge brokerage processes may help to reach a common understanding. Communities should also involve knowledge brokerage experts as process leaders or consultants. In FOODLINKS learning about knowledge brokerage occurred mainly through trial and error. Additional training on knowledge brokerage had probably accelerated learning and capacity building.

## Membership

The community should include representatives of all relevant stakeholder groups<sup>2</sup>, and the participation of actors should be balanced in terms of roles and numbers. This is important in order to ensure that all relevant perspectives are brought in; multiple representatives from the same stakeholders group allows for the exchange of experiences between members with similar needs, shared values, a similar work situation, etc.

Although it is important to represent a diversity of stakeholders one needs to be aware of defining Community of Practice members on the basis of their origin; the inherent reproduction of differences may inhibit knowledge exchange and co-production. It fails, moreover, to recognise that members may belong to multiple groups and, for instance, be a policymakers and a consumer. The definition of actor groups and the boundaries between them influence communication and its outcome. It may therefore be good to 'play' with boundary settings by changing the criteria that define groups and differences between them.

#### Language barriers

Language issues are important to consider for knowledge brokerage activities as the participants may differ in their ability to speak the chosen working language or to understand professional jargon and technical terminologies.

Planning budget for interpretation and translation (e.g. for disseminating results) helps to overcome language barriers.

## Implementation of knowledge brokerage

#### **Online & off-line tools**

Both, online and off-line activities are important, but need to be consciously combined to allow for effective science-policy-society interaction.

It is important to involve an expert of social media which helps to keep discussions focussed on online KB activities.

It is difficult to create an online space that is sufficiently attractive and engages 'enough' people to be dynamic and relevant.

### Continuity

There is a risk that activities tail off after the end of a project. A long term (EU) funded platform with a variety of engagement tools, e.g. evolving social media toolbox, may assure continuity of KB communities.

#### **Online interaction skills**

Training for the efficient use of online tools may help people to lose their 'fear' of virtual interaction and to change their communication habits.

### Facilitation

It is important to carefully consider the division of responsibilities for CoP facilitation.

### Need for a specific focus & common goal

For Communities of Practice to evolve, a common goal is needed: *"Don't give people a hammer before you decide you want them to build a house"*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> FOODLINKS missed representatives of consumers, industry and business.

# Clarification of expectations

Exchange on group members' expectations in the initial meetings!

## Group composition

You need the right mix of members to create balance between the stakeholder groups involved.

# Outputs and impact of knowledge brokerage

## Relevance of producing a 'product'

Producing a tangible product gave knowledge brokerage a goal and sense of direction and served as boundary object, and supported the integration of different perspectives, experiences and knowledge.

# Usefulness of outputs / products

In the group the question was raised if the group had produced different outputs when the project had been designed by a KB expert.

When choosing a final product it is important to consider which problems it should tackle and which needs it should fulfil.

## Language and style of outputs

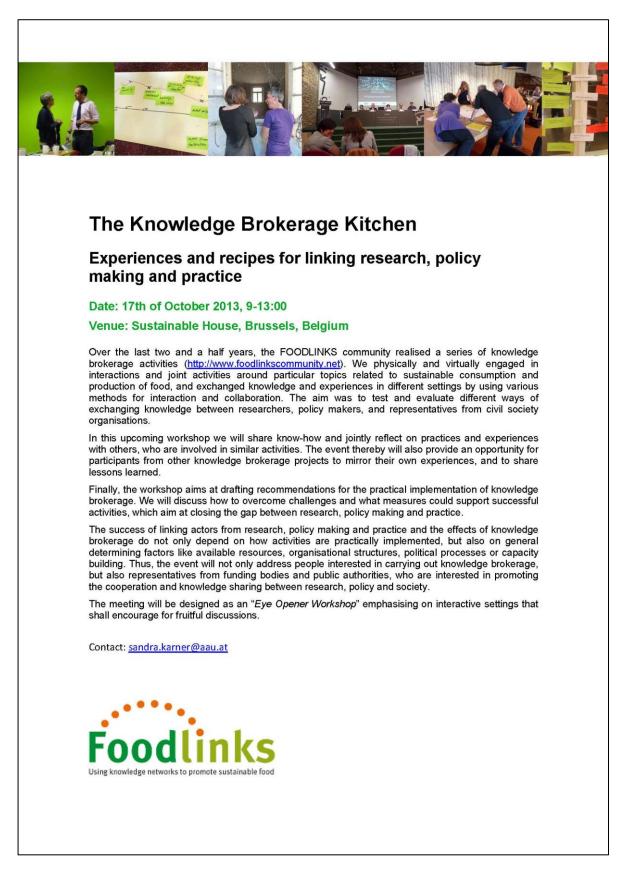
Funding for language and other kind of 'translation' of outputs is important to reach the addressed target groups by using easy accessible language and terminology. Translation into different national languages, policy jargon, academic language, etc. is a huge effort that needs time and money.



# **Making some preserves**

In the final session the project coordinator synthesised the break-out group discussions, which she had been following via live tweet stream. After closing words from the workshop organisers and Wanda Gaij from the European Commission, a musical resumé of the workshop (see Annex 5: Musical summary of the workshop by Bartolomeus) lead over to a culinary farewell offering specialities workshop participants had brought from their home places.

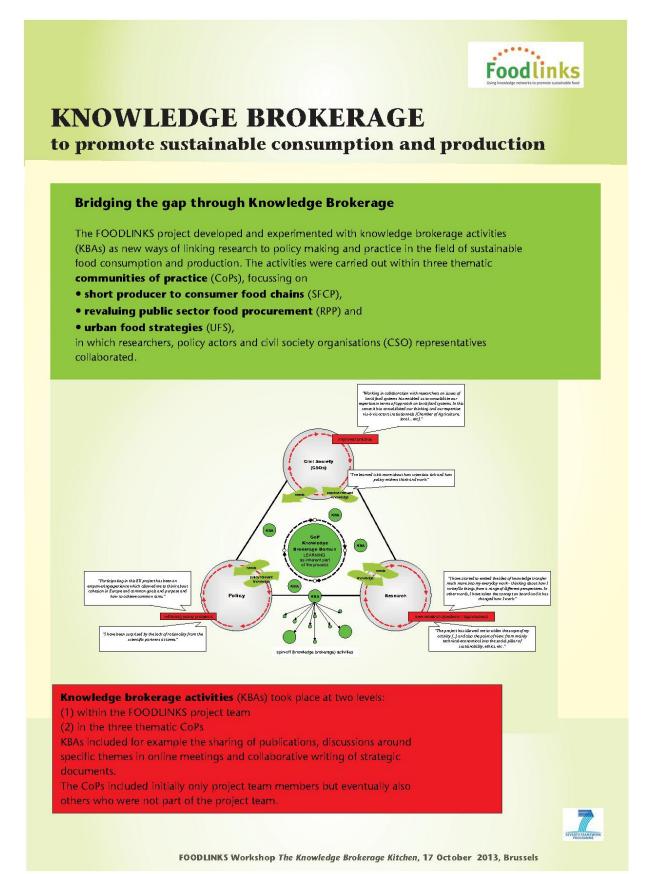
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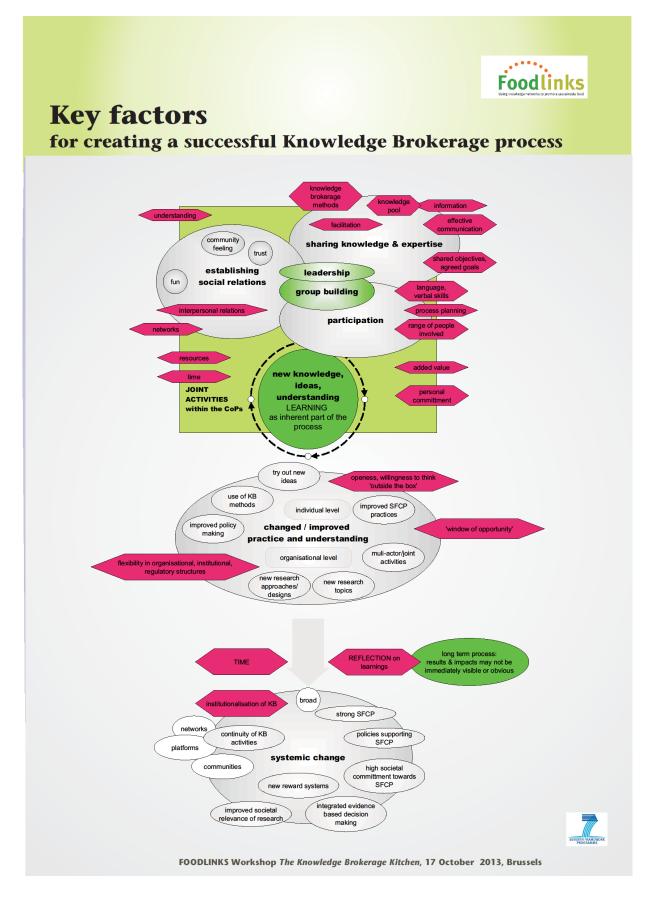


# Annex 2: Workshop programme

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9.00-9.30	Registration & Get together Get known to other workshop participants while walking through the knowledge brokerage gallery	Exhibition of knowledge brokerage projects and activities
9.30-9.45	Welcome to the FOODLINKS kitchen	Welcome
	Introduction to knowledge brokerage	About the FOODLINKS project and the workshop:
		Bettina Bock, Femke Hoekstra Wageningen University
		Sandra Karner, Anita Thaler IFZ - Inter-University Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture
9.45-10.15	The FOODLINKS tasting – our knowledge brokerage recipes Narratives on knowledge brokerage	Team members show round the FOODLINKS Communities of Practice timelines by recounting key moments.
		Robin Gourlay, Scottish Government
		Heidrun Moschitz, FIBL – Research Institute of Organic Agriculture
		Roberto Ruiz, NEIKER - Basque Institute for Agricultural Research and Development
		Roberta Sonnino, Cardiff University
		Monika Thuswald, Via Campesina Austria
		Pieter van de Graaf, Scottish Government
10.15-11.00	Sharing tasting notes	
	Reflections on key insights from FOODLINKS and other knowledge	Associative Vemissage
	brokerage activities	Moderation: Anita Thaler
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break	
11.30-12.30	Discussing new ingredients for knowledge brokerage recipes	
	Lessons learned and relating insights to other experiences with knowledge brokerage	Discussions in break out groups Live tweet storyline
12.30-13.00	Making some preserves	Résumé of live Twitter stream
	Synthesis and consolidation: bringing together the results from the	Summary: Bettina Bock
	discussions and summarize recommendations	Closing: Sandra Karner
13.00 - 14.00	A culinary farewell	
	Lunch buffet with some specialities participants bring from home	

# **Annex 3: FOODLINKS Posters**







# The Wheel Revaluing Public Sector Food Procurement

#### What is it?

('The Wheel') was used

to define common goals and elaborate the work plan for a collaborative document - a state of the art statement on the ways to promote greater uptake of the public procurement of sustainable food.

to build consensus on the question, "What do we want to put into a collaborative document?"

to define key questions to be discussed in a cross-CoP activity

This method combines the principles of creativity, structure, involvementand collaborative learning with a joint activity.





#### Recommendations

- need to stricly follow a defined procedure
- needs proper preparation and facilitation

#### Five Steps:

- 1. thought and suggestions
- 2. discussion in pairs or small groups
- 3. expose
- 4. rank
- 5. categorize

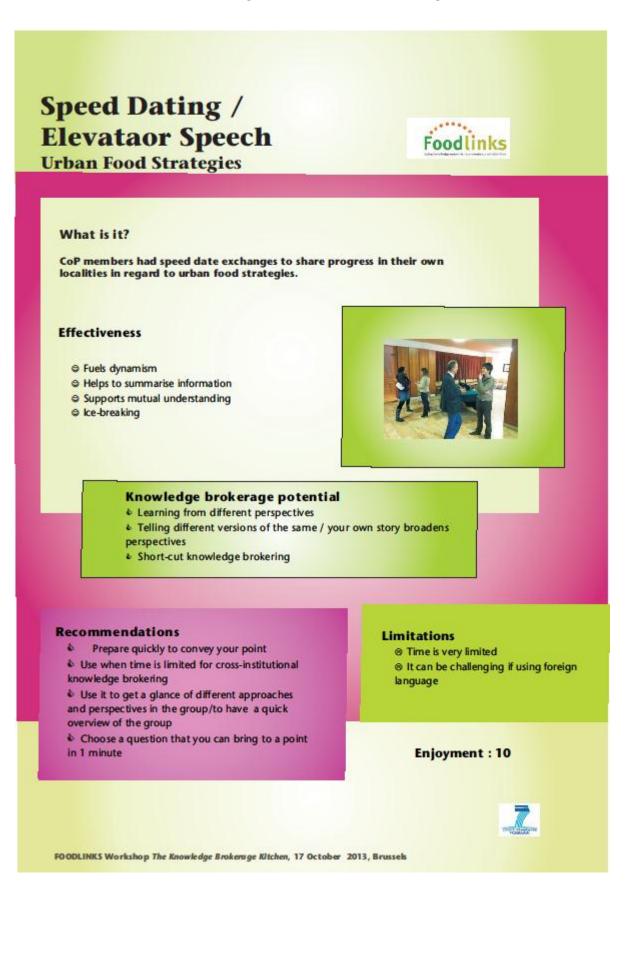
#### Effectiveness / Knowledge brokerage potential

- time effective tool
- © collection, processing and evaluating ideas
- useful for decision making in a group
- useful for elaborating action plans, strategies
- all proposals are visible
- transparent process
- high level of participation possible





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# Paires Speeches Revaluing Public Sector Food Procurement

#### What is it?

Scientists policy makers gave speeches on the same topics. Each pair focused on one key themes, which previously had been identified by the CoP as important to the issues of revaluing public sector food procurement. After two short presentations the CoP discussed.

#### Effectiveness / Knowledge brokerage potential

- © useful for identifying and exploring the knowledge reservoir
- © reveals different perspectives
- © structures the information along different perspectives
- © supports learning from different perspectives
- © useful to engage various actors, who are not used to experimental forms of KB
- © makes knowledge manifest



#### Recommendations

 only short inputs followed by a group discussion to avoid one-way communion
 explicitly addressing different viewpoints



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# Webinar Short Producer to Consumer Food Chains

#### What is it?

A webinar is an online seminar. Online polls (through Doodle) were launched to gather suggestions on topics for the online seminars based on the issues and themes identified as priorities in the CoP. The CoP tested several online instruments (Blackboard Collaborate, GotoMeeting, Bigmarker) but decided to pre-record the audio and visuals on Slideshare and have a discussion on Skype.

#### Effectiveness / Knowledge brokerage potential

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- Creates moments of being together
- C Actively engages CoP participants
- Useful for exploring knowledge reservoir

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#### Recommendations

- Needs lot of preparation and good technologies
- & Recorded webinar can go to a bigger audience



# Timelining Urban Food Strategie



#### What is it?

CoP members collaboratively created a wall-sized visual timeline and therefore 'owned' the timeline. They identified sequences, milestones, meetings, deadlines and roles. The graphic timeline was later on digitalised in an excel format.

#### Effectiveness

- G High effectiveness in engaging participants
- © Tangible outcome



#### Knowledge brokerage potential People feel angaged and part of process

#### Recommendations

- Needs of good facilitation
- Need of software to process the information

#### Limitations

Appropriate space

@ Gadgets help to visualise an motivate

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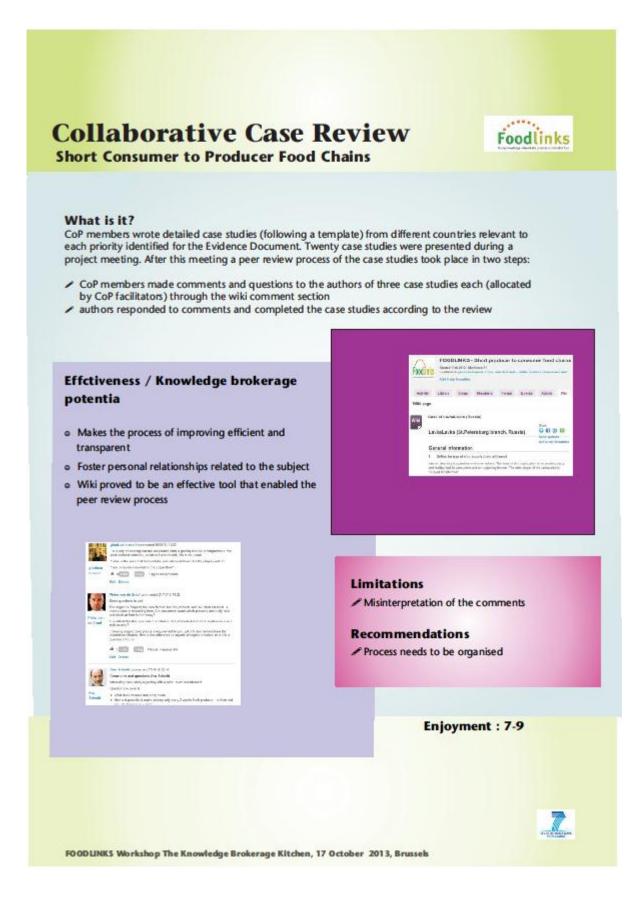




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# Annex 4: Twitter documentation #FOODLINKS2013

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# Remark for readers, who are not familiar with how to read tweets:

The tweets are in a chronological order, the most recent is always the first in line. That means one needs to scroll down to the end of one chapter and begin to read from there. The tweets are organised in chapters that relate to the relevant workshop sessions.

# 1. Introduction and timeline walks

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Birgit Hofstätter @BiHofstaetter 17 Oct In case you're interested in sustainable food systems follow Anita Thaler @uselTsmartly & @Sandra\_Karner reporting from #FOODLINKS2013 Expand

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Femke Hoekstra @femkehoek

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 Femke Hoekstra @femkehoek
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 another song in the making... Fruitful reflections on our work
 packaged in a fun way @standupmusician #Foodlinks2013 ow.ly

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# Joitske @joitske

Firewall and loss of passwords prevented online collaboration - it never worked #foodlinks2013

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Femke Hoekstra @femkehoek 17 Oct 'Having a common goal (creating a collaborative wiki report) has been very important' @pvandeg #Foodlinks2013



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Joitske @joitske Communities were a very unknown and aliën concept for researcher #foodlinks2013

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Bart will summarise our discussions today too! "@femkehoek: Fantastic summary of our conference today #Foodlinks2013 @standupmusician!"

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# uselTsmartly @uselTsmartly

Good morning from Brussels, it's me, Anita Thaler (IFZ, Austria again. Today I am tweeting about knowledge brokerage @ #FOODLINK\$2013

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# 2. Three discussion groups

# Setting up KB



Sandra Karner @Sandra\_Karner

#FOODLINKS2013 getting back to the beginning again? what is the aim of the project?

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Sandra Karner @Sandra\_Karner 17 ( #FOODLINKS2013 clearly define the goal of the project? improve KB? improve/promote sustainable food? we are still wondering?

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## Sandra Karner @Sandra\_Karner

#FOODLINKS2013 possibility to engage, because employed with project money; if not, there needs to be a strong interest/clear objective

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## Sandra Karner @Sandra\_Karner

#FOODLINKS2013 useful to have someone to exchange within the same CoP (similar needs, shared values, similar work situation, ...)

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Sandra Karner @Sandra\_Karner 17 Oct #FOODLINKS2013 difficult to work in more than one CoP - stronger feeling of "belonging" to one CoP;

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Sandra Karner @Sandra\_Karner 17 Oct #FOODLINKS2013 changing criteria to measure differences/to create groups; even one more "identity" through belonging to a certain CoP Expand



Sandra Karner @Sandra\_Karner 17 Oct #FOODLINKS2013 what is the parameter to measure differences: bachground? values? communities? => play with boundary setting Expand



Sandra Karner @Sandra\_Karner #FOODLINKS2013 the way you define groups within the project has a strong effect on the outcomes

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For Communities of Practice to evolve, a common goal is needed.



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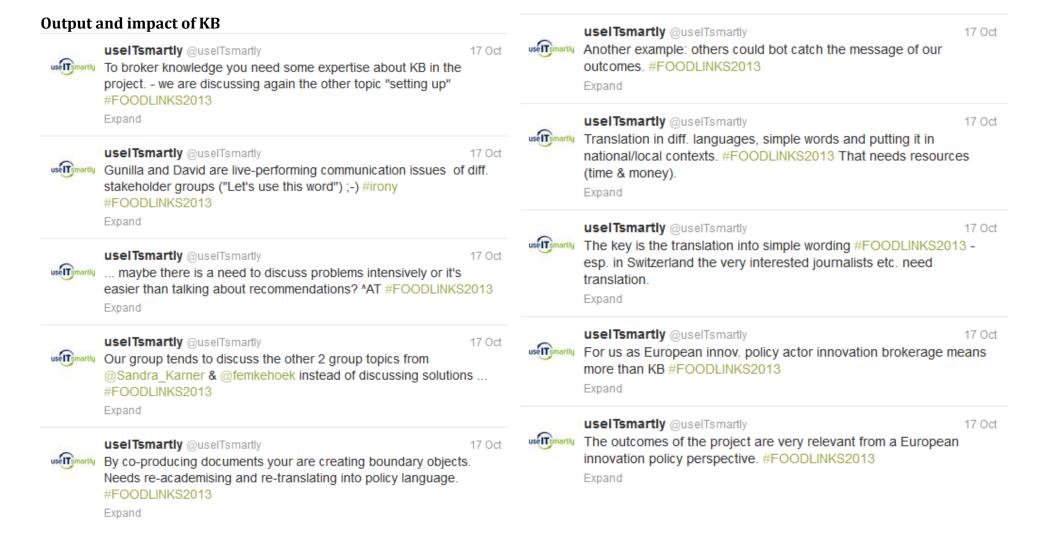




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Finally we want to summarize today's discussion results - one source for the summary will be our #FOODLINKS2013 live tweeting :-) Expand



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Annex 5: Musical summary of the workshop by Bartolomeus<sup>3</sup>

#### "What about that .."

What about, a table full of sustainable food Chocolates from Latvia, Läckerl8i from Switzerland What about Dutch stroopwafels ... very good Pickled Herring & Swedish knäckebrod in your hand

What about that? Tell me what about that Hungry? Eat sustainable food instead.

Conversations at the timeline, had a lot of fun With Pieter & Roberto, robin & Roberta About timelines, Scottish firewalls, loosing passwords Waterboarding, difficulties in languages, oui, yes, si, ya And Robin had some trouble with the future technology Well and Malmö? Was very interesting and green And between Malmö & Edinburgh ?? mhh .. no idea? Some CoP members work ,, some of them .. never seen.. Heidrun & Monika, about urban food strategy CoP A lot of questionnaires, here 7 here & here , mhh.. well? So they mindmapped, more questions, statement! Going up In elevator change ..., clustering.. topdown-bottomup, to sell It's okay to have an open process.. throw it all on the net Or in your cop, like Monika, it's all right, what about that

And the knowledge brokerage table .. with fun-factor X Elevator speeches, conceptual paper, responsibility, fix A final document at the end of the cop

And there's another problem,, is there? Oh .. bottom up Policymakers.. how to interest them? Uuhh? Well It's all about how, what, when, who, where, to tell

So whata bout, the fun factor, isn't it all about fun? Scottish firewalls, questionmarks, you can laugh About it, so what about all you've done Talk about it, with all funfactors you have What about that? Tell me what about that? Having fun? And then quickly forget!!

So.. the coloured post-its .. stick them up .. lot of fun Lot's of notes on the timeline .. oh dear .. we have just began Serious questions, recommendations, notes and more Let's talk about it .. that's funQ@ although, I am not sure

What's the role of leadership>? Get some training in facilitation. Is confusion necessary? Shared responsibility! Evaluation?? A knowledge brokerage toolbox? Maybe a tangible goal? Is there a report available? Uuhh? My song? With a bit of soul What about impact of the results? And was it necessary? All that time? To decide what to do? I have no idea Are there 3 cops or one large cop, uuh? Robocop? Is the document still very long? It's a book! Coming up...

What's the value of boundary work? Mmh... more fun? Mindmap, who elaborated them? And was there reflection From the outside I saw a very tight group!! Well the inside .. mh .. funfactor .. good lettersoup

So What about that? Tell me .. what about that Let's see .. if there's something happening on internet

Well .. no .. not really.. the birds are quiet today Come on people .. throw all that tweets in the way!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> www.bartolomeus.nl, www.standupmusician.nl

And let us know! Twitter your fun factor to me ##standup.musician .. or foodlinks2013 ... Food with a D!!

Heey .. David B. .. is it you= Recognise me= From the webcam!! Oh yeah! Mh! I know we Have to be open .. but sometimes . I don't wanna know Whatever you do with your webcam, Joitske== Let it go

Sitting at a couch / following everything You all splitted up in groups to discuss the sticky notes And I'm following twitter ... because there're many roads To Brussels ... Femke twitters / discussing about KB.. I know ,, but what's happening== Please tell me!! The aquarium room is discussing impacts en outcomes And clustering now.. the post/its . yeah lots of fun Femke± difficult to share internal COP Struggles on a public platform .. and well tjoptjob There is Pieter .. how to combine on/ and offline Anita twitters the time schedule .. for me! Very fine! Questions about products \_ how useful they are And how to find your way in the post/its, we're far Away from an end goal... but we need one very bad Who has the lead= m,hh not me= Sandra had!! Translate the outcomes in academic outputs .mmhh.. why== I'm already having trouble following this. My oh my!

Greening public procurement, it's disseminated widely And Julie Smith is amazed by the FAO.. ooh I see Openess versus structure, hey Sandra experts on KB We need a document between 2 and 130 pages, oh jee! Create a sufficiently attractive space, good idea Sandra still twittering trial and error and hr KB But what is KB== mmhh .. don't ask me The linkages were very weak .. yeah .. I know and I see WP7

Too little guidance on what to do, what to deliver Ask the cop/leader .. or maybe another on twitter Hey Laura Ven on twitter.. about using tools for KB Anita's group doesn't know what they're talking about, like me Language issue, no English speaking CSO Oh dear.. more trouble.. help! Help! Oh, no An EU funded durable platform .. social media toolbox Send me one +please!! Cause twitter.. pff.. sucks..

What about that.., tell me what about that Following you all at the same time on internet!

The actual Cop report has not been spread Important actors missed, what if we had Cross/cop exchange ... ' Yeah, let's do that ..)=' Ana on twitter, hey Ana!! I'm glad we finally met

The outcomes of the project are very relevant From a European innovation policy perspective, and The brokerage means more than KB Translation into simple wording .. that's the key Need some help= or use initial+ communication strategy And time!! And money!! Uuhh ... and me!! Femke .mh.. something about a hammer \_ a house= Yeah.. let's build a farm! Bring in the cows!!

Budget for translation= you mean budget for me= I will disseminate and interpret, you'll see Categorize stakeholder groups= Yeah! Good idea!! Anita's group is switching topic .. oh no.. that's not allowed Next time+ stay at home! So you can twitter about Marshall expectations, hold the jackets, mmh .. right Invasion of the Scottish .. stand up and fight!

Pieter won't give Femke the hammer, aah.. why not=

Woudl't it be nice= Femke sledge hammering a lot Of houses.. farms . cops,... kb's and more Let's start all over again .. mh .. where is it for= KB= sustainability= a goal? For society? A common goals? Yes? No? Sandra?? Ojéé

What about that .. tell me what about that Talking too, much in the little time you had And realising .. you could do so much more instead Like .. twittering .. facebooking .. anything on internet Hope you like it all, all what's written &said And this was my son .. well .. what about that?

# Annex 6: List of participants

# The Knowledge Brokerage Kitchen

FOODLINKS workshop, 17 October 2013, Brussels



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