

NanoDialogue

How to design a participatory process for a consortium of science centres and science museums on an emerging issue at the European level.

Section B: Analysis of the Context

No. B1: Guiding Questions

Analysing the context of NanoDialogue (30 minutes)

Defining the issue – nanotechnologies and nanosciences

As a first step in considering your design, carry out a preliminary analysis of the issue:

- What is the state-of-the-art of N&N?
- How might analysis of the issue, and the context, influence your proposed design?
- What ethical, legal, social and economic issues do experts, stakeholders and policy-makers identify to be relevant to discuss at the European and national levels?

The partner consortium

Consider the make-up of the partner consortium:

- What backgrounds do the partner organisations come from?
- What are the specialist skills of the partner organisations?
- How will the academic research institution partner be involved?
- How will the not-for-profit organisation be involved?
- What facilities are available to the partner consortium?
- What is the relationship between the partner organisations?

Funding

Consider the budget available:

- Carry out a basic feasibility study, taking into account the proposed method and the overall funding of 850, 000 Euros.
- How much should be spent on each of the main methodological components and activities? (You may wish to refer to Participatory Methods Toolkit. A Practitioner's Manual (2005).