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 C: Designing the Method
No. C1: Guiding Questions

<u>Designing the method (approx 1.5 hrs)</u>

Participatory design

- Consider how different participatory methods can influence the kind of participation that occurs.
- Research similar participatory initiatives:
  - How were they comparable?
  - How were they different?
  - What worked?
  - What were the lessons learnt?
- Which participatory techniques are appropriate considering the:
  - Objectives
  - Facilities and skills of the partner consortium
  - Audience
  - Linguistic and cultural issues
  - European nature of the project
  - Length of the project
  - Available funding
- Are any methods, process or events from similar participatory initiatives suitable? Explain how and why?
- Is a new method, process or event necessary? Explain why this would be more effective.
- How will effective coordination of the methodology be ensured to provide comparable results?
- Carry out a small scale trial within the design of your proposal.

Implementation

Consider how to implement the methodology practically:

- How will the method(s) be implemented?
- What needs to be considered in terms of (i) comparability of results, (ii) linguistic and (iii) cultural issues?
- What is needed when considering the methodology, the partners, time and funding available?
- Are additional support actors required? Explain who and why.
- How will responsibility for tasks be organised, i.e. who does what? Explain why.
- How will this be decided?
- What are the objectives or milestones of each stage?

Knowledge management

Consider how 'knowledge' will be managed across the partner consortium:

- How often will the partner consortium meet? Explain why.
- How will meetings be coordinated? Explain why.
- What needs to be considered in terms of linguistic and cultural issues?
- How will knowledge be managed (i) internally and (ii) externally? Explain why.

Communication and dissemination strategy

Consider how to incorporate a communication and dissemination strategy into the methodological framework:

- How will the results be utilised? Explain why.
- Who should be informed of the results of the project? Consider the audience and publics and explain your choice of actors.
- How can the media be involved? Explain why.
- What are the existing outreach strategies of the partner organisations?