



COMMIN Final Conference

April 27, 2007

9.00 - 11.30

Workshop 2:

Promotion of Innovations and Knowledge Transfer

World Cafe – Instructions

Big Conference Room

- World Cafe is a method, where information and experiences flow freely between participants.
- What kind of experiences you have of the subject? What you can share with others? How you can utilise the information in the future?
- There is about 1 hour 45 minutes time for discussions, i.e. for each table participants will discuss 25 minutes.
- In each table ("Café") there is one question / topic to be discussed.
- The discussions are documented to the flip charts on the table.
- Every participant will visit every Cafe, but the participants in the tables visited will vary.

- For each table there is a host/hostess, who will sit on the same Café during all the discussions and will tell the main points of the discussions so far to the next group.

- At 11.00: The host/hostess of the Café will summarize the discussions to the whole WS 2.

Café Etiquette:

Focus on what matters.

Contribute your thinking.

Let your heart and mind to speak.

Listen to understand.

Link and connect ideas.

Listen together for insights and deeper questions.

Play, doodle and draw – writing and drawing on tablecloths (flipcharts) is highly recommended!

Have fun!

(World Café Community, Whole Systems Associates 2002)

The Questions / Topics to be discussed in the Cafés:

1. How can sources for new innovation-based development in the BSR be strengthened?
2. How can transnational transfer of technology and knowledge be facilitated and organised?
3. What is the role of spatial planning in facilitating knowledge transfer?
4. What should the overall organisational framework and the specific networks look like?

Assisting questions for the participants of the Cafés:

- Successes and good examples/good practices
- Conflicts, inconsistencies and barriers
- Prerequisites / essentials for future transnational cooperation
- “Nice-to-haves” in future transnational cooperation

The Cafe tables and hosts / hostesses

Café 1:

How can sources for
new innovation-based development
in the BSR be strengthened?

Mr / Ms

Café 2:

How can transnational transfer of
technology and knowledge be
facilitated and organised?

Mr / Ms

Café 3:

What is the role of spatial
planning in facilitating
knowledge transfer?

Mr / Ms

Café 4:

What should the overall
organisational framework
and the specific networks look like?

Mr / Ms