td-net toolbox series 2021

Interactive online sessions with method developers to deepen our understanding of methods for co-producing knowledge

Abstract

When a project team envisages to link scientific research to societal problem-solving and brings experts from different disciplines and practitioners together, a transdisciplinary (td) process is about to evolve. The td-net toolbox (www.transdisciplinarity.ch/toolbox) aims at supporting such td processes and collects methods for co-producing knowledge between experts and stakeholders in systematic and traceable ways. In many cases, methods from other areas (e.g. participatory research, change management, responsible research & innovation) can be of help, but they have to be adapted, tested, and further developed so that they serve best the peculiarities of td processes.

With the td-net toolbox series 2020 we aim to induce experience exchange on methods and their further development within the td community. We invite developers of specific methods to brown bag events in order to deepen our understanding of the respective methods, to apply and to discuss them. Ideally, the events are co-created: td-net provides the general methodological framework, an expert who can report on how he/she developed, applied and/or adapted a specific method provides an input, an organisation involved in td processes hosts the event, and the participants of the event apply the method during the event.

Objectives

– Deepen our understanding of methods for td processes
– Exchange of experience and networking
– Further develop methods and adapt them to the context of td processes

Target audience

People having experience or being interested in td processes and/or methods

Format

Online session of approx. 1 hour, e.g. as a Lunch Break meeting

Co-organised by td-net and a hosting organisation that are involved in td-processes

– Short introduction to challenges in td research and the role of methods in meeting them (if desired by the audience)
– Input regarding a specific method (e.g. to cope with normative goals within a research project)
– Application of the method
– Discussion

Is a developer of td methods working at or visiting your organisation? This would be a great opportunity to launch a toolbox series event! – Please contact us: td-methods@scnat.ch.