

Minutes of WG2 INTREPID Meeting 26 and 27 of October, Dubrovnik 2017

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Aim of meeting:

- To brainstorm about the aims of the next training school
- To discuss how CO-TOPIA approach could be used in the training programme
- To define the target group
- To define the next steps

Minutes:

Basic idea about the Training School

Participants agreed on the contribution of transdisciplinary knowledge in advancing a just and sustainable future. They consider that interdisciplinarity and transdisciplinarity are intrinsic to any attempt to develop agendas such as the UN SDGs, and are aware of the cultural and organizational obstacles to interdisciplinarity and transdisciplinarity in many universities, and consider them a great threat to their ability to contribute to the future.

The idea of TD and co-creation of knowledge implies a different (sometimes fundamentally different) relationship between the academy and the world (local and global) in which it is located.

They acknowledge the idea that emerged in the London Workshop, about recovering the civic objective of universities and the need to contemplate and promote a porous university where cultural and physical limits are replaced by new channels of communication and collaboration and new processes of co-creation of knowledge.

So for the training school they agreed to promote learning about transformative ways of knowing, capable of leading to value-centred action that can help universities reconnect with what matters.

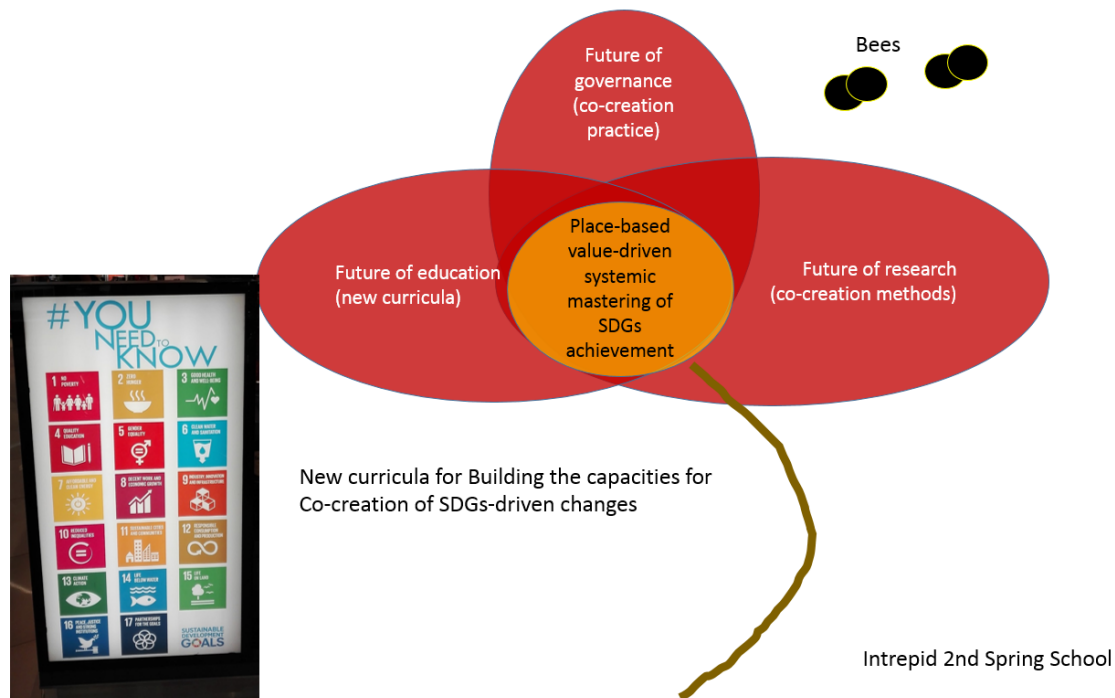


Figure 1 Picture used to envision the training school objective during WG2 Meeting in Dubrovnik

Training School Target Groups

For the training school some of the target groups mentioned were: University leadership, key sustainable development leaders in the university, external relations, representatives from each faculty and from operational areas, student reps (for example from relevant clubs and societies), key external stakeholders.

Next Steps

WG2 agreed to continue working on the Training school, for which they organized a SKYPE meeting on Monday, November 6.