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Establishing the foundations for a Transnational Network of Integrated Planning Labs

Preliminary efforts and insights

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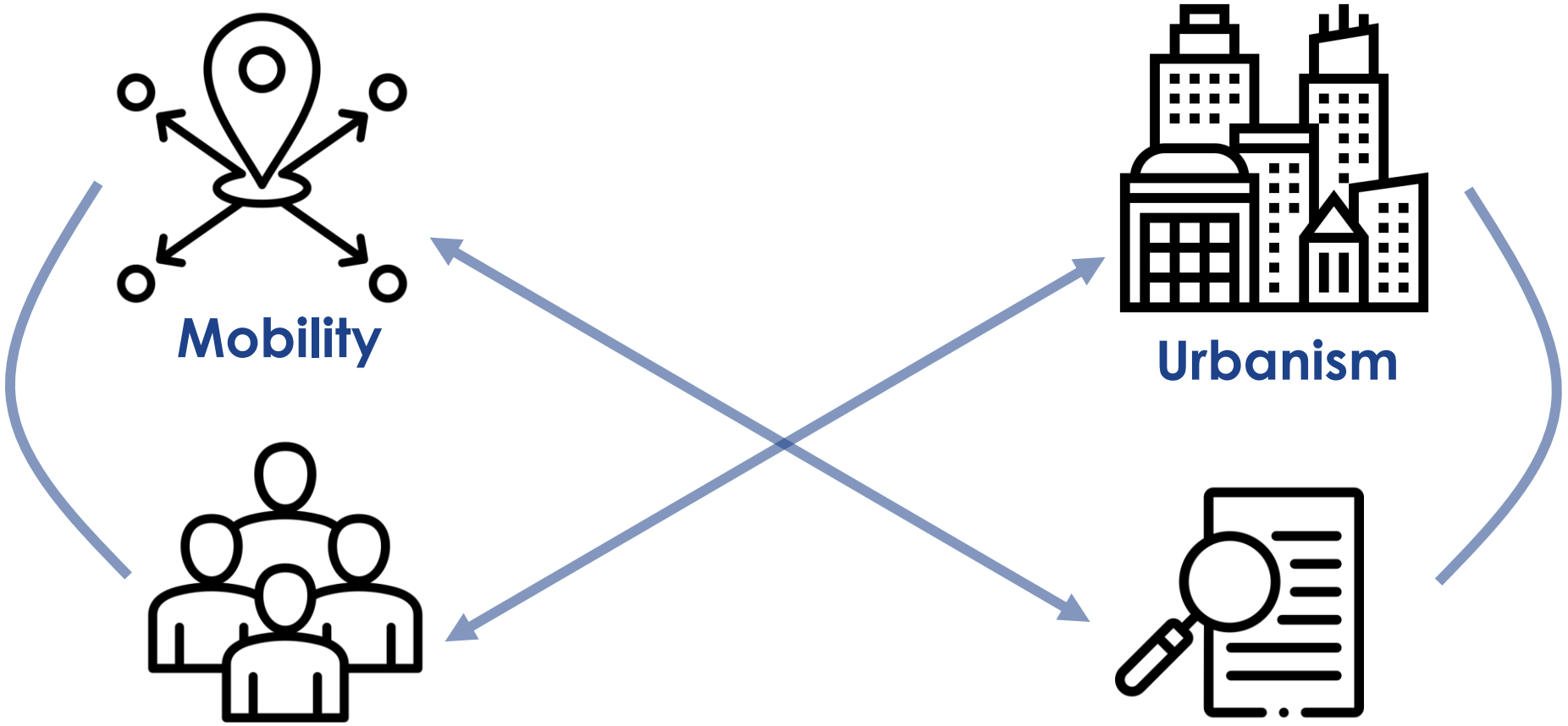
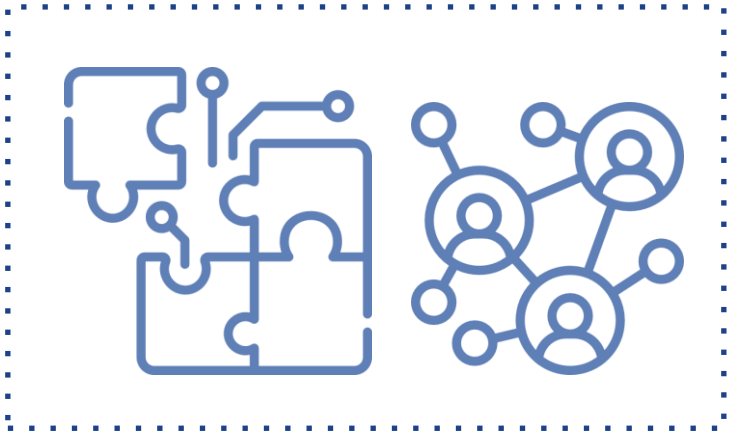


What is InPlaLabs project?
Towards establishing an Integrated Planning Network

InPlaLabs aspires to develop a ***Transnational Network of multi-stakeholder Integrated Planning Labs*** for knowledge co-creation on people-centric planning.



Integrated Planning as a 3-fold framework:

 # Discipline-based integration ➛ urbanism, mobility, evidence-based, participatory, analytics

 # Method-based integration ➛ quantitative, qualitative, participatory

 # Role-based integration ➛ urban education and research, urban practice, urban policy

Visions and objectives
Towards establishing an Integrated Planning Network

◐ InPlaLabs envisions becoming a ***network*** of (diverse) "labs" working locally and internationally on people-centric integrated planning

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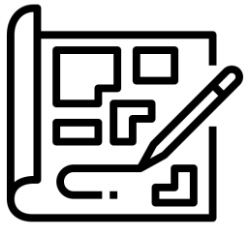
◑ InPlaLabs aspires to advance HED ecosystem knowledge for promoting truly integrated planning

Systemic transnational ***collaboration*** between different Labs

Inclusive and participatory approach in the Network's activities

Knowledge co-creation between various planning actors

Upskilling planning actors on people-centric integrated planning



Cultivating an ***Integrated planning culture***

A long-term hub bringing together different stakeholders

Meet the initiators of our Network

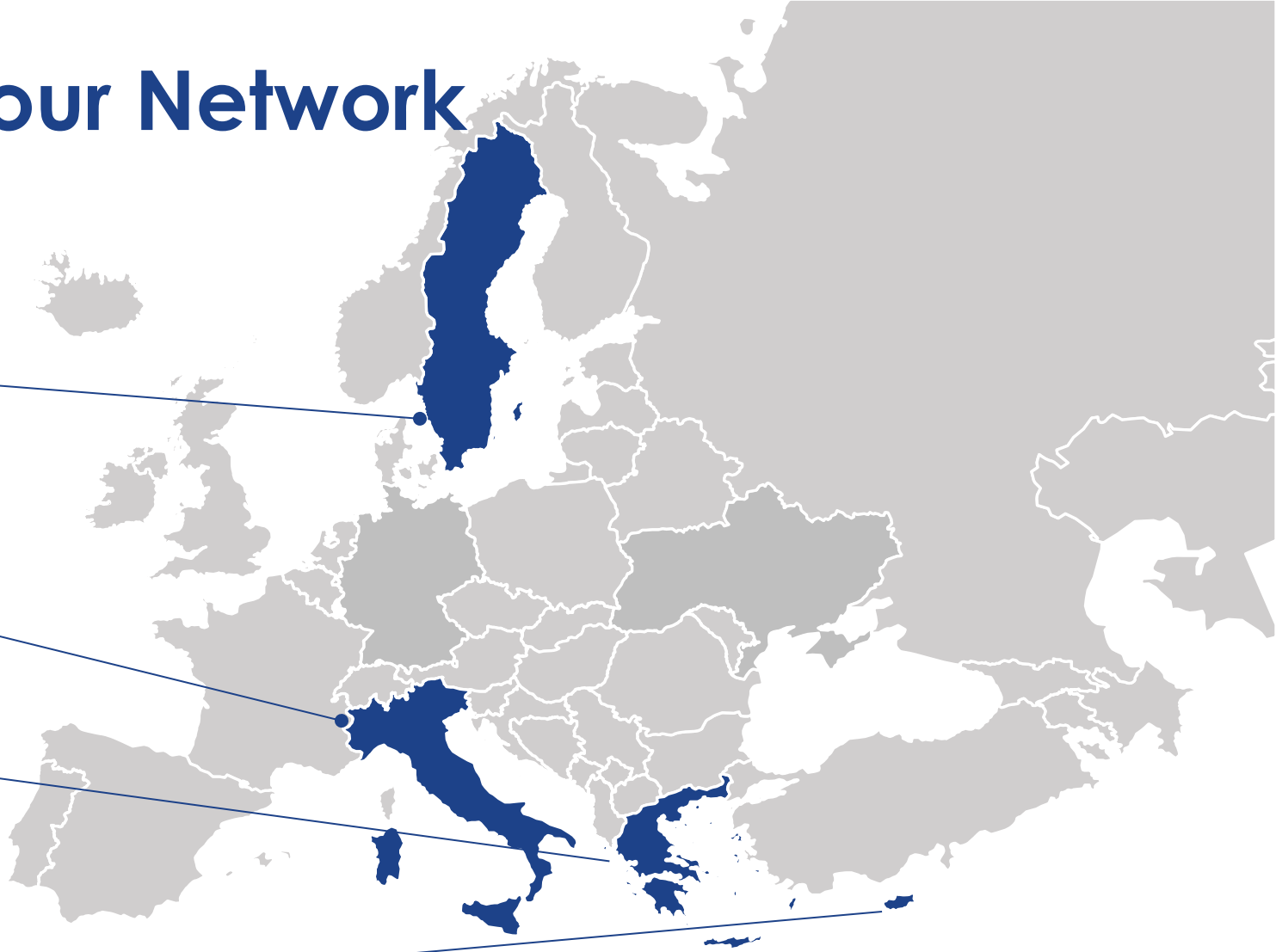
Academia + Practitioners!

URBAN CALCULATOR

bondofunion

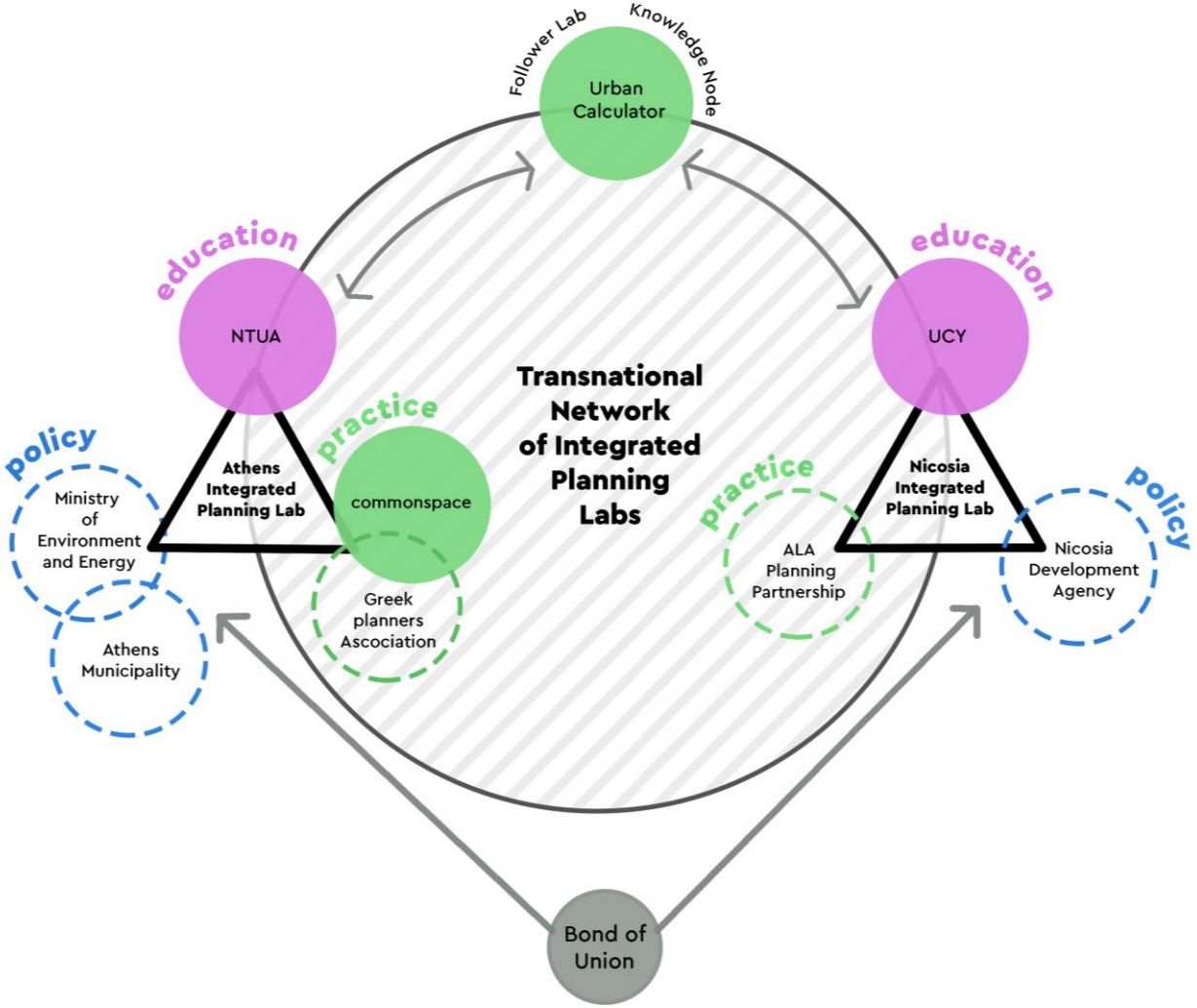
commonspace

University of Cyprus



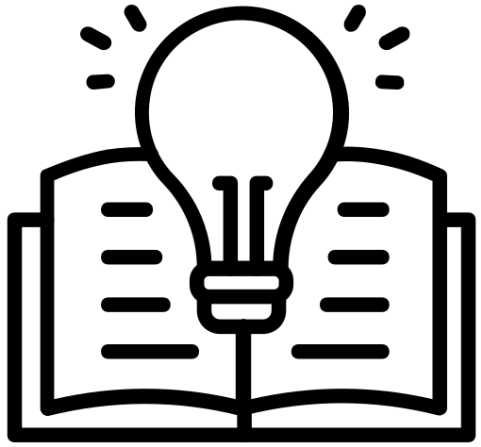
Initial Network structure

With our Associated Partners



Foundations of the network!

Charter



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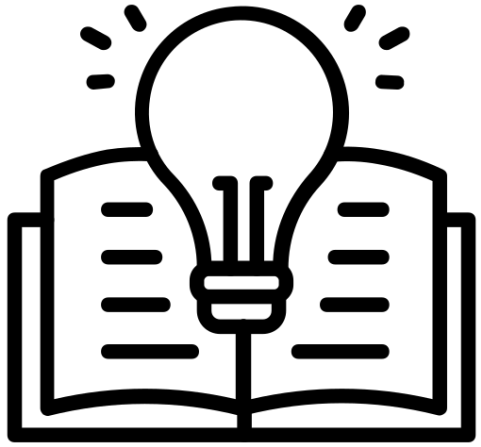

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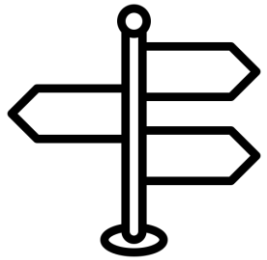
InPlaLabs Network Charter

Establishing the identity and the operation of the network

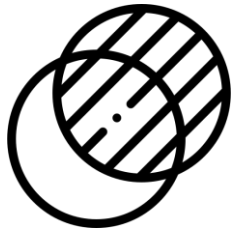
A “charter” indicates the terms governing the operation of an organisation or association (Enjolras, 2008)

Clarity of purpose and vision



Guidance for actions

Member rights and duties



Transparency

Legal recognition

Sustainability and continuity

Credibility and trust

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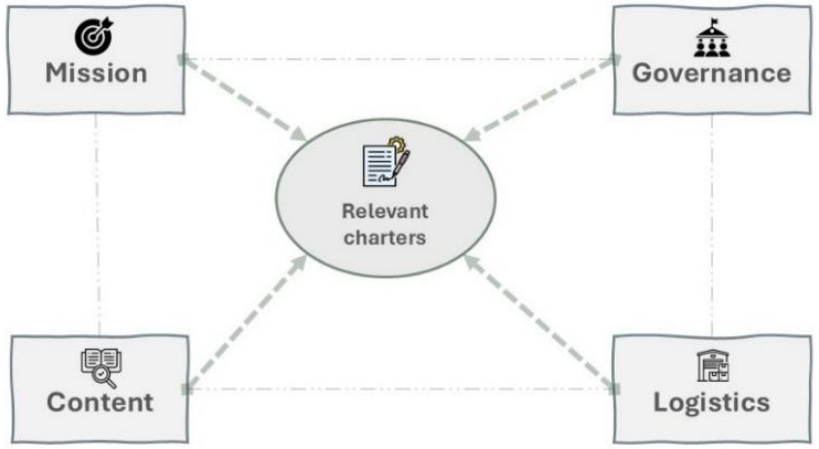
Establishing the identity and the operation of the network

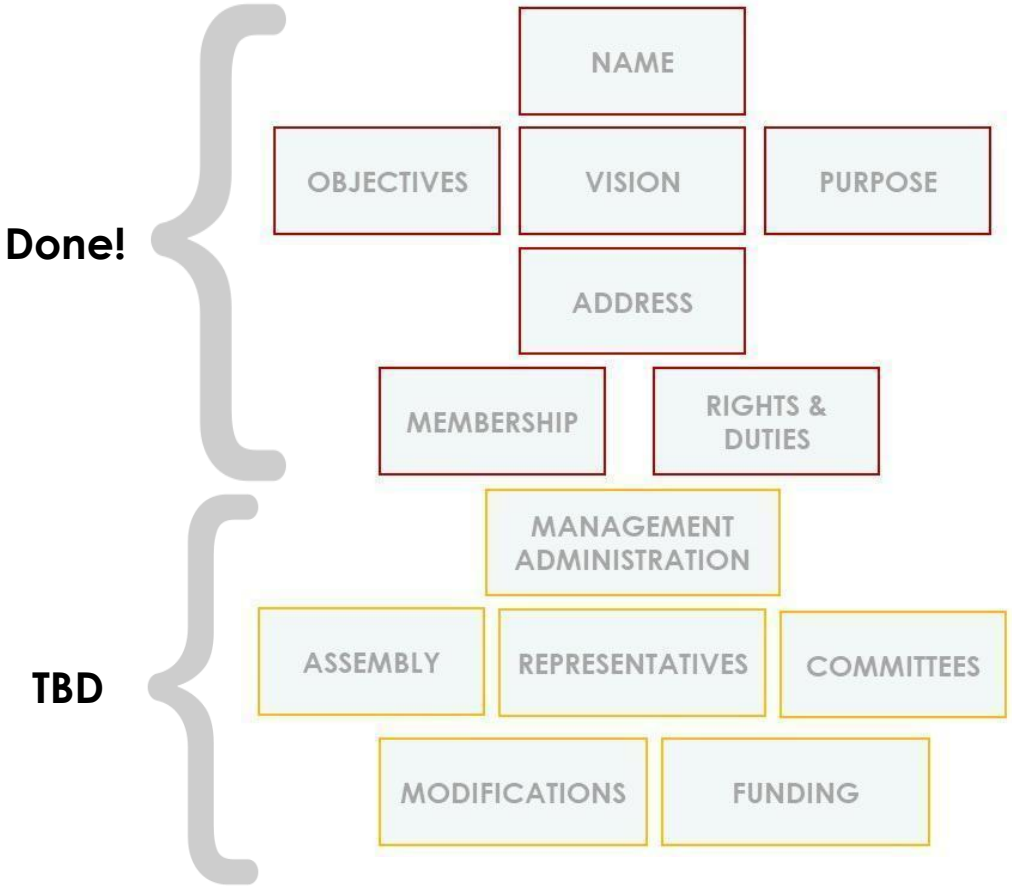
InPlaLabs Charter delineates the conceptual and organisational model of the Network

Charters are very essential for Organisations!



Scoping review was utilised → 20 Charters were examined!

Key terms: a) Integrated planning and b) network



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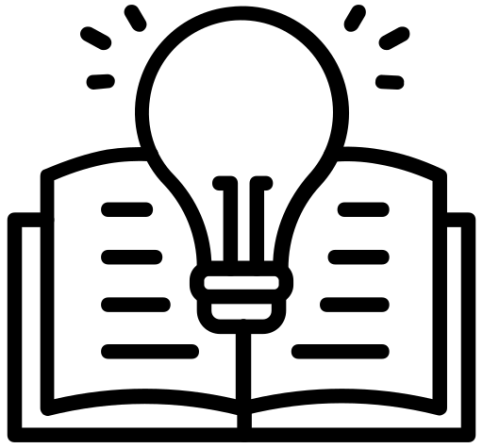

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Virtual Knowledge Hub

Dedicated Wiki + Open Learning Platform

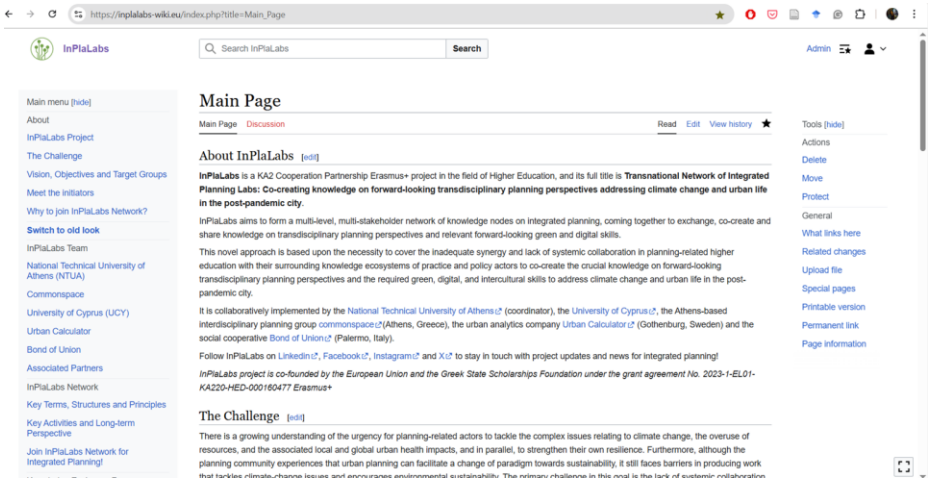
InPlaLabs Virtual Knowledge Hub consists of an **InPlaLabs-dedicated Wiki** and an **Open Learning Platform**

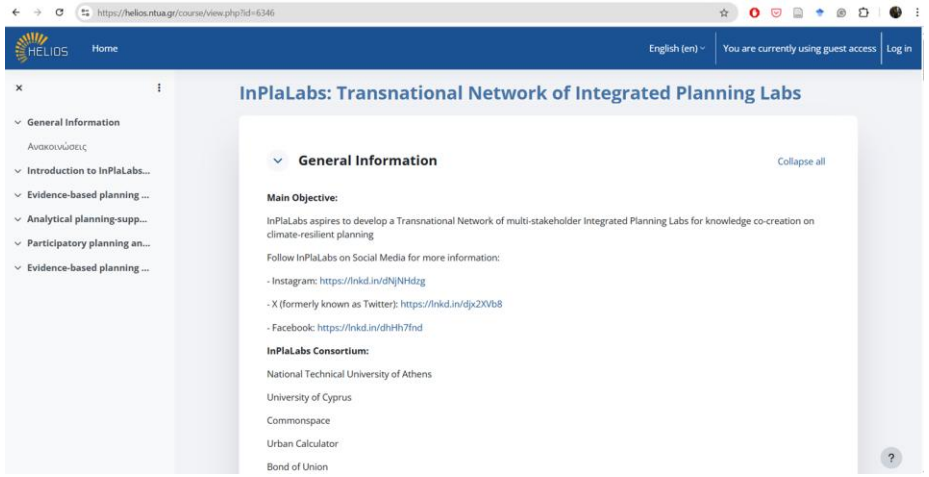
We use this **two-fold approach** to:

- inclusively facilitate the different needs of all prospective members of the network
- provide a variety of routes for InPlaLabs to successfully reach its diverse target audiences

We aim to utilise:

- **open science principles** and **participatory action learning approaches** → To reach the *research* and civic society actors
- Conventional **Open Learning Platform** → To reach the **Higher Education** ecosystem





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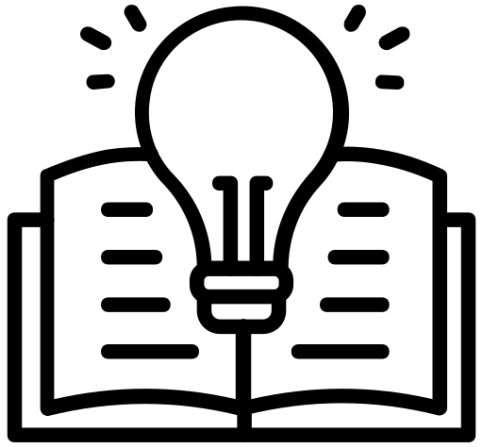

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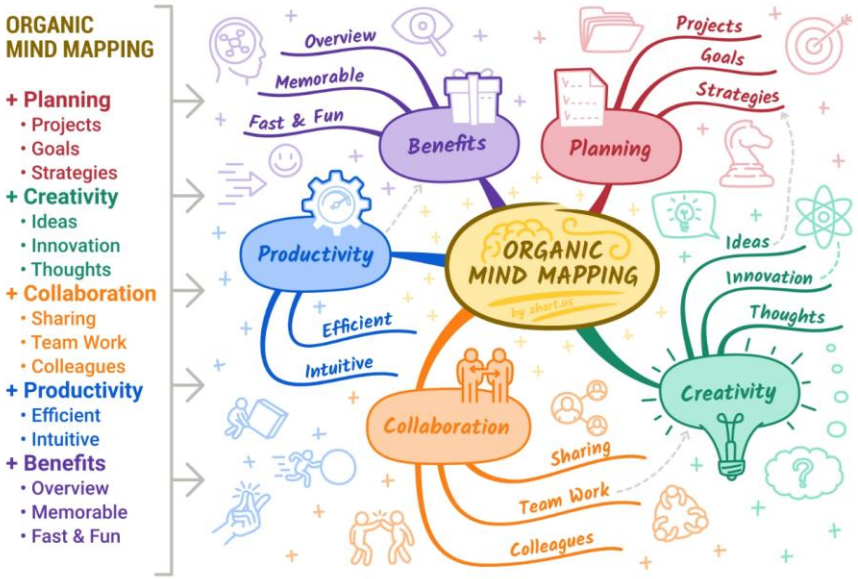
InPlaLabs Participatory Action Learning and Research Strategy

InPlaLabs **Participatory Action Learning and Research Strategy** horizontally runs all Network's structures to ensure inclusion and democratic participation in all its activities

It consists of **guidelines**, **facilitation** material and **resources** ensuring:

- **Systemic transnational collaboration** between the Network's Nodes
- **Inclusive and participatory approach** during the Network's activities



Mind Map example. Source: Guthrie, (2024)

Key Insights – Concluding Remarks

- Integrated planning should be promoted both in research and practice - Bringing different actors, methods and disciplines together
- A network addressing Integrated Planning is now absent
- Networking people is a constant process. This initiative is the beginning for a broader endeavour
- InPlaLabs network has laid its foundations: Charter, Knowledge Hub and Participatory Guide
- The articulated Charter could function as a prototype for similar initiatives in the future
- Refinement is desirable through co-creation workshops; future evaluation would be also beneficial

Let's organise!

100++ members have joined

Thank you!

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