EHRIN Malmö meeting 17-18 April 2024 Post Implementation Review

Agenda (topics, balance, breaks)

Learning

Understanding diversity of country specific challenges: the first day of the meeting was directed to understanding of the specific challenges pertaining to hydrogen production and hance shared by all stakeholders on Skåne.

Inspiration

Study visit was organised to provide for a living example of and an inspiration with a high potential for being replicated in all partnering countries. An organisation selected for the study visit was a housing company with small scale hydrogen energy system. Case is very inspirational because of it's novel and brave approach to energy system in a region where hydrogen production is undeveloped and practically non-existent on the market.

Development

A workshop for development of working methods connected to methods used in running networks was organized. Theme for the workshop was deliberately chosen to boost the competencies all participating, exchange ideas and develop a shared toolbox that can be used not only by all participants but by any organisation willing to take on the networking on the hydrogen journey (a direct input to Take off guide)

- Focused on topic highly relevant to all project partners and stakeholders.
- Designed so that every country could contribute with own experiences.
- Short presentations with preceded with precise preparation instructions.
- Following group discussions to increase exchange of ideas.
- Allocation to groups alternated to enhance the exchange.

Social activities

- Important to provide a way to interact with each other in ways that are non-professional and with low environmental impact: walking along city guide.
- Food as an integrator: it seemed highly appreciated and important to have the possibility of meeting each other in less formal setting. Talking over the dinner table have let for example to new ideas on cooperation.

Outreach (communication)

 Professional identity for the meeting and cross engagement with a sister hydrogen project: an official banner for the meeting (note: a low carbon footpring banner selected with a system of exchangeable sheets), an official presentation of EHRIN at the BOWE2H conference organized, a welcome speech during the workshop by department director at Länsstyrelsen- all to increase the sense of importance as well as proud of representing Interreg NSR. Co-funded by the European Union

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 Social media coverage: news on individual LinkedIn profiles, L\u00e4nsstytrelsen's facebook and LinkedIn profiles- visibility made at all social media that were accessible.

Logistics

- Planning of all activities to reduce the need of transportation and keep down the carbon footprint as well as the possible stress of participants connected to navigating the new places.
- Coordination of moving to different locations to keep the group together and facilitate the processes.
- Hotels and venues all located within walking distance to provide for both for mental and physical refreshment.
- Study visit transportation organized with a bus company to reduce possible hassle with getting to from the place. Bus company was carefully selected to provide for safety and comfort while keeping the carbon footprint lowest possible with the size of bus matching the number of passengers.

Set-up (location, facilities)

Travelling-easy location

- Walking distance to train station connecting to the airport and mainland Europe.
- Vicinity to the car route connecting to mainland Europe.

Conference venue

- A professional conference venue selected with conference services included. Localised in a historical building, adding up to great atmosphere at the conference.
- Workshop localised at L\u00e4nsstyrelsen to let visitors get the feeling of the hosting organisation.

Method used for dialogue

- Steering the dialog during the workshop by having a round of presentations coupled with discussions in groups
- Documenting of the outcomes of group discussions.
- Group facilitators with task to moderate discussion and make sure that all participants were able to talk.

Dynamics & connections

- Language was not identified as a major barrier, however precautions were taken to support presenters prior to their presentations.
- Always good to think of speaking in non-native language: cater for relaxed atmosphere for support of the speakers and show readiness to help.
- Participants in discussion groups were mixed after every round to make sure all participants were able to talk to each other.

Feedback from stakeholders

 Spontaneous feedback received showed positive receival, but to exclude a chance of providing positive feedback of the politeness aspect, a more structured feedback will be prompted for.



 A more rigid and objectie follow up, such as survey, such as would be recommended for a larger number of participants. It is however important to match the feedback gathering method with circumstances: while working with smaller group of participants a less formal method is recommended.

Impact & follow up

- Yet to see what impact we managed to make. Both conference and study visit has made impact of its kind- conference as a competency building exercise while study visit as an inspirational one. The invited stakeholders gave positive initial response.
- Follow up will be conducted with Swedish stakeholders when another dialogue meeting is organized.
- Documentation of the outcomes of workshop are going to compiled and shared with all participants to boost the networking for hydrogen development.

Diversity & inclusiveness

- Conference had a great inclusiveness of diverse groups of stakeholders and participants.
- Workshop was organized with the right competencies as a first selection key, however with inclusiveness of all sexed and ages in mind.
- It of high importance to start organising events like this long before the actual meeting time to allow for time to select and invite the stakeholders that can benefit the most.