International Summer School
Second Edition

Concepts and tools to engage in knowledge co-production and public participation

Practical information

Target audience
People interested in developing and improving skills and knowledge of participatory methods to engage in knowledge co-production and public participation

Tuition fee
1200€ for professionals & 720 € for students and PhDs to be paid after notification of acceptance
Participants are responsible for travelling, lodging and meal expenses

Language: English

Course Location

Application before April 15th 2016

Participants will be notified of acceptance by April 31st 2016

The number of participants is limited to 20

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Learning methods
A mixed-method approach will be used, including theoretical presentations, interactive exercises and group work, plenary discussions and simulations. Participants will apply the proposed participatory methods and tools by working on their own case study. Application contexts may concern research projects, participatory decision making processes as well as policy development and implementation.

Trainers
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Objectives
- Improve the understanding of the challenges related to stakeholder involvement in knowledge co-production and public participation processes
- Deliver a generic frame for planning and facilitating sound processes
- Teach innovative, participatory methods and tools useful for addressing complex issues in diverse, multi-level stakeholder settings
- Develop reflexive capacities for continuous process improvement

Learning outcomes
After completing the course participants will:
- Obtain theoretical and practical knowledge on co-production and public participation processes, methods and tools
- Gain competencies in conducting processes by examining the context, planning and facilitating the process and critically evaluating the outcomes
- Be able to identify the most adequate participatory tools and implement them in their own project

Program
The summer school is divided in 8 blocks which will take place during 5 days.

1) Introduction and launch of the course
2) Concepts, definitions and main issues related to knowledge co-production and public participation
3) Analysis of the context before starting a participatory and co-production process
4) Planning knowledge co-production and public participation processes
5) Presentation and testing of participatory tools, methods and settings
6) Facilitation tools, methods and skills
7) Evaluation of knowledge co-production and public participation processes
8) Summing up & identification of the principles of knowledge co-production and public participation processes and how to apply them