Transformative spaces

Exploring the transformative of multi-stakeholder dialogues in sustainability transitions

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Project description

Multi-actor cooperation for sustainability transitions is a complex process that is already taking place in practice. Different types of actors, including governmental, business, civil society and academic actors, are meeting each other in certain spaces, such as living labs, professional conferences, platforms, boards and studios, that can cover different sectors, including mobility, energy, agriculture or industry. Within these spaces, actors come together to discuss, exchange and make decisions around sustainability transitions.

There is no systematic analysis yet of how these spaces are set up and developed in practice, or on how they can be conceptualised, compared and researched. Moreover, there is no comprehensive research on how the transformative potential, i.e., the capacity of these spaces to contribute to transformative change towards sustainability, can be assessed.

Currently, to test how such a space works, we are setting up one within the Sustainable Industry Lab. We can use support in sending invitations, helping setting up the space and taking interviews with participants and maintaining a logbook about the progress and process.

Job requirements

• Experience with qualitative interviewing is an advantage

The assistant will be supervised in setting up and holding interviews and data analysis through NVivo.