

The IdeaLab: call for ground-breaking research projects

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What is the IdeaLab?

The IdeaLab is an **innovative way of generating research projects** coupled with real-time peer-review.

The crucial element of the method is an interactive and intensive **5-day workshop** involving approx. **30 participants** from **a range of disciplines** and backgrounds and a team of **experts** and **stakeholders** that is organised in order to drive **new approaches** to address research challenges on a specific topic.



The IdeaLab: origins

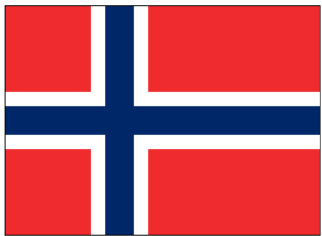
The methodology developed in UK in 2005



**United Kingdom
(sandpit)**



**USA
(idea lab)**



**Norway
(idelab)**



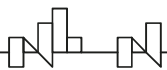
**The Netherlands + India
(sandpit)**



**Austria
(Ideen Lab)**



**Poland: the methodology will be used within EEA and Norway Grants for the first time!
(IdeaLab)**



The IdeaLab workshop

1. Ideate – open up

get to know each other, develop trust, mutual learning

anticipate future possibilities and threats

2. Develop project ideas – focus

dive into different ideas with different actors

develop project teams

3. Evaluate project ideas



Call for full proposal



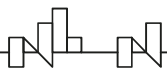
Idelab Cities that work, RCN 2015



Sandpit in UK, Centre for Facilitation

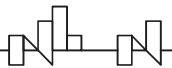
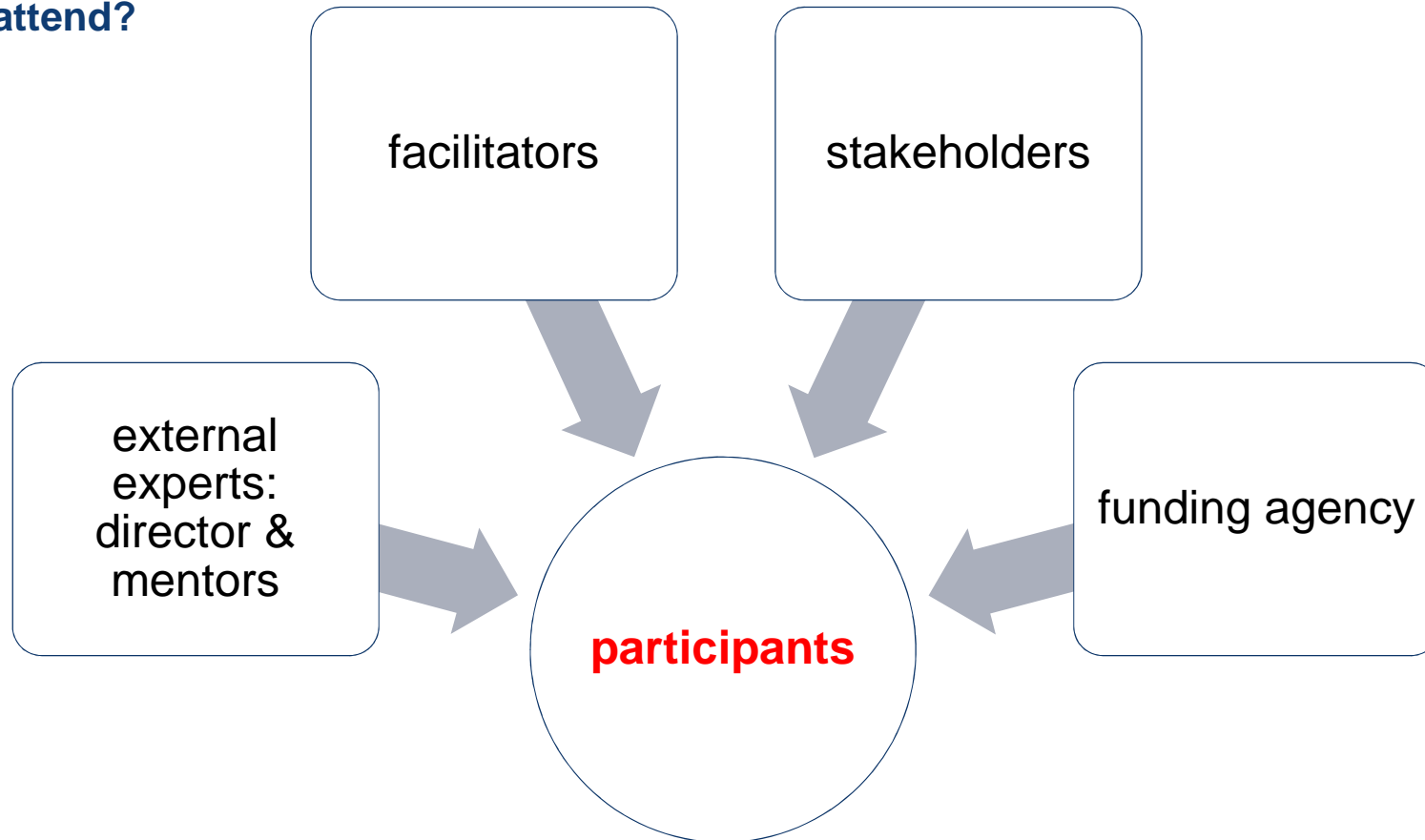


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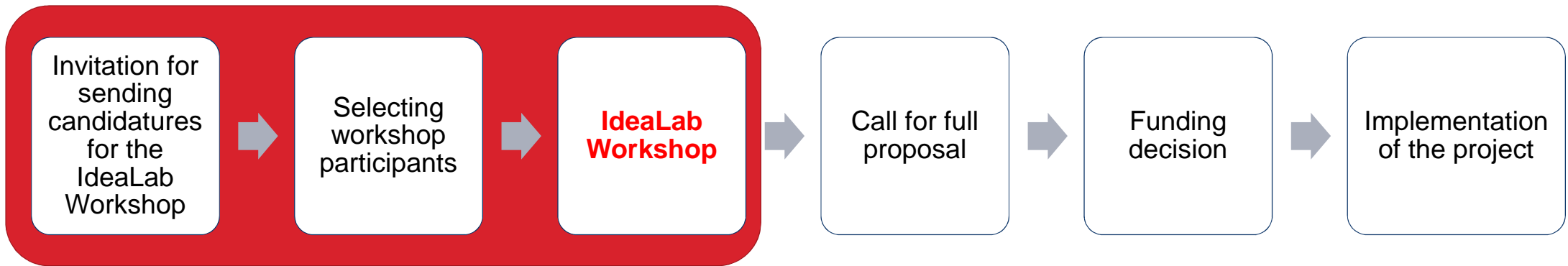
The IdeaLab workshop

Who will attend?

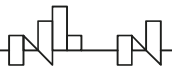


The IdeaLab

Stages and process



- Forming teams (research consortia)
- Developing ideas
- Preparing pre-proposals
- Peer-review
- Submitting full proposal



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The idea of the IdeaLab

Developing ground-breaking
research projects ideas

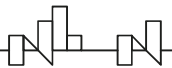
New approaches to the
research problem

Multidisciplinary projects

Involving stakeholders
perspective

Higher risk in the projects

Bringing people together who
would not normally interact



The IdeaLab workshop in the NCBR

Topic:

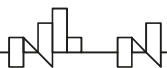
Cities for the future: services and solutions

Participants:

Legal entities (public or private entities, commercial or non-commercial as well as non-governmental organisations, including research organisation and enterprises) from Poland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein can propose candidates for the IdeaLab workshop.

Approx. **30** participants, including:

- at least **10** participants from Polish research organisations and enterprises → potential project promoters
- at least **10** participants from Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein → potential project partners



IdeaLab workshop: 2-6.03.2020

Basic information

Duration:

2-6.03.2020

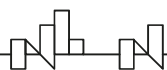
5 days from Monday to
Friday
(including 1-day panel on
Friday)

Venue:

close to Warsaw
(NCBR will cover costs of
accommodation, board,
travels)

Who will attend?

over 50 people
(approx. 30 participants,
facilitators,
experts,
NCBR's staff)



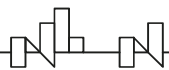
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Requirements for participants (TBC)

- higher education;
- be affiliated with a legal entity in Poland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein;
- have command of the English language at a professional level;
- be ready to participate for a whole week, 2-6 March 2020, in an IdeaLab workshop in Poland.

Participants from various fields (e.g. urban planning & governance, ecology, ITC, social science and other specialists). The list of areas is open-ended. If your profession is not on the list, but you feel that your knowledge and experience can help to shape cities for the future you are invited to submit your application!

Personal character, soft skills (team work, creativity, communication skills, willingness to work with individuals, who they may not know, stepping outside their area of expertise).



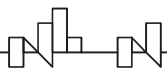
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How to apply?

- entity's statement (appointment for the participant and declaration of support to the idea developed during the workshop)
- participant's application form (knowledge and experience in the field, soft skills and personal characteristic, contact data)
- participant's CV in English
- participant's statement (willingness to be present during the entire workshop, processing of personal data)

Selection process of participants

- external experts: director and mentors
- individual assessment and panel assessment
- cross-disciplinary group of participants
- balance in regions (countries), gender, including young researchers
- conflict of interest



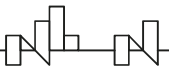
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Do I need to have already developed project idea in order to apply for the participation in the workshop?

No.

Do I need to have an international partners before applying for the participation in the workshop?

No.



Timeframe of the IdeaLab



1. Invitation for sending candidatures for the IdeaLab Workshop:

November 2019

2. Selecting workshop participants:

December 2019-January 2020

3. IdeaLab Workshop:

2-6.03.2020

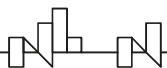
4. Opening the IdeaLab call for full proposals:

March 2020

5. Deadline for submitting full proposals:

May 2020

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Call for full proposals

Eligibility of participants (legal entities)

The project ideas is developed by a research team formed during the workshop. Eligible partnerships consist of at least one entity from Poland and one entity from Iceland, Lichtenstein or Norway.

Project promotor:

- Research organisation from Poland

or

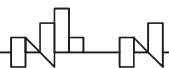
- Enterprise from Poland

Project partner(s):

- any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial as well as non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Poland

or

- Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.



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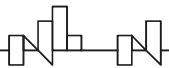
Total budget for
funding projects:

6,651,016 €

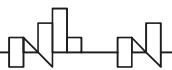
- Minimum grant amount: **500,000 €**
- Maximum grant amount: **6,651,016 €**
- Duration of the call: **2 months (March-May 2020)**

Peer review:

- ✓ proposals are assessed by external experts
- ✓ the main criterion: consistency with the project idea developed during the IdeaLab workshop
- ✓ approval of the ranking list by the Programme Committee



The IdeaLab: why to apply?

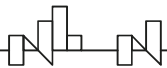


The IdeaLab in brief

- Topic: **Cities for the future: services and solutions**
- Timeframe:
 - **November 2019**: submitting candidatures for the workshop
 - **2-6.03.2020**: the IdeaLab Workshop
- Total budget for funding projects: **6,651,016 €**

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Thank you!

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