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Program

CIVIS Staff Training Week – From Ideas to Action:
A Collaborative Space to Develop Participatory Research Projects

Lausanne, April 7–10, 2025

Venue:

UNIL campus at [UNIL Villanova, Niveau 3, Route Cantonale 16, 1015 Lausanne.](#)

Monday 7 April

Arrival and Introduction to Participatory Research

12:30 – 14:00 **Welcome and Registration, Networking Lunch – Let's Break the Ice!**

14:00 – 14:15 **Welcome to UNIL**

François Bussy, CIVIS advisor to the Rector, former vice-rector Research, University of Lausanne

14:15 – 14:30 Overview of the Week Ahead

Christèle Aubry, CIVIS Open Lab Coordinator, University of Lausanne

14:30 – 15:45 **Introduction to Participatory Research**

Alain Kaufmann, Director of Le Collaboratoire, University of Lausanne

15:45 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 16:45 **Participatory Research in action: Case study testimonies**

Cléolia Sabot, Coordinator Interface – Funding of collaborative research, University of Lausanne

Sandrine Baume, Professor in Law, co-applicant of the project "[Chaque voix compte](#)", University of Lausanne

16:45 – 17:15 Creative Time 1: Starting to Craft your Project Plan

17:15 – 18:00 Taste UNIL's Unique Sheep-Based Beer! 
Amphimax

Tuesday 8 April

Crafting your Participatory Research Project

09:00 – 10:00 **Delegates' Dialogue session – Exploring the 'Who', 'Why', 'How' and 'When' in Participatory Research**

Kenneth Skeldon, University Research Engagement Manager, University of Glasgow

10:00 – 11:00 **Exploring the 'Who'**

- *Thinking about your partners*
- *Non-academic partners mapping workshop*

11:00 – 11:30 Break

- 11:30 – 12:30 **Exploring the 'Why'**
- *Purpose of collaboration*
 - *Thinking about outcomes*
 - *Discussions on non-academic partners engagement strategies*

Group Picture

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch at Amphimax

- 13:30 – 15:00 **Exploring the 'How and When'**
- *Project Management in Participatory Research*
 - *Defining roles, responsibilities, and milestones*
 - *Planning the timescales and touchpoints around engagement*

David Poveda, Associate Professor, Department of Developmental and Educational Psychology, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid,

15:00 – 15:15 Break

15:15 – 17:00 **The Practicalities: Methods and Tools to Facilitate Collaboration**

David Poveda, Associate Professor, Department of Developmental and Educational Psychology, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid,

17:00 – 17:30 Creative Time 2: Populating your Project Plan

Wednesday 9 April
Crafting your Participatory Research Project

09:00 – 09:30 One Thought, One Post-it – Reflections on Day 2

09:30 – 11:00 **Ethical and Inclusive Approaches**

Pablo Diaz, Coordinator of the University Commission for Research Ethics, University of Lausanne

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:30 **Opportunities and trends in Europe**

Kenneth Skeldon, University Research Engagement Manager, University of Glasgow

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch at Amphimax

13:30 – 14:30 **Exploitation and Valorization of Results**

Cédric Focking Schneider - Communications adviser, Communications and Events Department (Unicom), University of Lausanne

14:30 – 14:45 Break

- 14:45 – 16:15 **Implementation of results in Policy Systems**
- Fanny Sbaraglia, Senior researcher, Policy Lab, Université libre de Bruxelles*
Samia Ben Rajeb, Laboratory director of AIA_BATir., Ecole polytechnique de Bruxelles
- 16:15 – 16:45 Creative Time 3: Planning your project
- 16:45 – 17:45 **Seeking inspiration: Tour of the University of Lausanne via l'Eprouvette and la Grange**
- Jennifer Genovese, Culture and Scientific Mediation Department of the University of Lausanne*
- 18:00 – 22:00 **Pizzas & Blind test at la Villanova**
- 18:00 – 18:30 One Thought, One Post-it, One Slice – Reflections on the Day 3

Thursday 10 April

Project presentation

- 09:00 – 11:00 **Let's exchange: From Challenges to Perspectives**
- Samia Ben Rajeb, Laboratory director of AIA_BATir, Ecole polytechnique de Bruxelles*
Christèle Aubry, CIVIS Open Lab Coordinator, University of Lausanne
- 11:00 – 11:15 Break
- 11:15 – 12:30 Creative Time 4: Finalising your Project Presentation
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch at Amphimax
- 13:30 – 15:00 **Project Presentations Round 1** (Floor 2 and 3)
- 15:00 – 15:15 Break
- 15:15 – 16:30 **Project Presentations Round 2** (Floor 2 and 3)
- 16:30 – 17:00 **What's next and closing remarks**