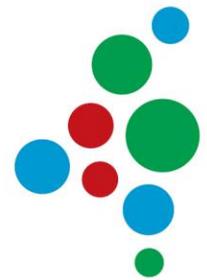


Kennis voor Klimaat

Knowledge for Climate



Project

International comparative study of the organization and dynamics of knowledge coproduction programmes (part of SSA01 Comparative Monitoring of Knowledge for Climate)

Description of research

Research programmes that organize and facilitate knowledge coproduction – like Knowledge for Climate – have become increasingly popular in the field of climate science. Knowledge coproduction is a collaborative process wherein (academic) scientists and relevant stakeholders collaborate intensively on the production of new knowledge that is directly useable by stakeholders.

This project aims to increase our understanding of the dynamics of coproduction programmes in the field of climate science in order to improve their organization and output. The project has an international, comparative approach and includes cases from the Netherlands, Germany, the USA, and the UK (forthcoming). Insights from the study are used to inform policy makers, programme managers, and coproduction participants on the opportunities and obstacles of knowledge coproduction.

Research question

How can we best organize knowledge coproduction programmes in order to increase their performance and output?



Participation in a scientific panel on “Evaluating Success in Climate Adaptation Support” at the Climate Adaptation Futures Conference in Tucson, Arizona (May 2012)



Young Civil Servants participate in the workshop “Succesvol samenwerken met wetenschappers” (“Successful collaborations with scientists”) organized by SSA01 at the Young Civil Servant Day 2011 in Eindhoven (March 2011)

Some important conclusions

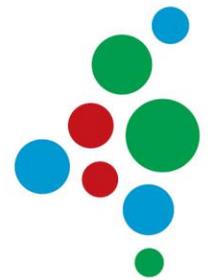
- Knowledge coproduction programmes can perform valuable functions for the science system (e.g. provide safe havens for science-society interactions, provide alternative research careers, and provide training in non-academic skills).
- Knowledge coproduction requires effort and commitment from participants, which is why programmes should be strict in the selection and monitoring of participants.
- Contextual factors have a large influence on the organization and performance of knowledge coproduction programmes (e.g. the national (academic) reward system, the level of climate literacy of non-academic stakeholders).

Possible applications from the project

- The project informs policymakers, programme managers and participants on the opportunities and obstacles of knowledge coproduction.

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- Lessons from the project are used in the development of workshops for young civil servants on collaboration with scientists.

More information

For more information about this project please contact:

Opportunities for the project

- The value and opportunities of knowledge coproduction is increasingly recognized by scientists and policy makers. This spurs interest in the project's findings on the organization of knowledge coproduction projects.
- The international approach of the project enables learning from the expertise on collaboration from practitioners around the world. In addition, these contacts with practitioners provide ample opportunities to communicate and disseminate the project's result internationally.



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