

On the sustainability of Thematic Partnerships

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Is the Partnership really relevant to its members?

- **sustainable implies: commitment from all levels concerned**
 - Thematic challenge acknowledged as highly relevant (to all!)
 - Willingness to invest in the cooperation (partnerships take time!)
 - Explicit commitments upfront (don't start without!)
 - Ensure the right expertise is on board
 - Active and relevant NGO's on board

role coordinators crucial

- Noblesse oblige (coordinating takes more time!)
- Drivers and Diplomacy (relations matter)
- Strong alignment on content (multiple views/single roadmap)
- Devide the workload (ensure action have action-leaders)
- Have fun on the way
- Advice: the EC as co-coordinator (ex Partnership Inclusion)

Ensure organizational support

- **Dedicated secretariat is crucial**
 - Work needs to be done (but everyone is sailing different ships!)
 - Actionleaders in particular (reporting/convening/scoping/editing/researching etc)
 - Working budget (for external expertise/outreach activities, etc)

Remain connected to relevant EU policies/initiatives

- **Fuel & Serve with relevant updates**
 - Frequent updated info (from all levels/members)
 - Guest-speakers/experts
- **Involve other interested and relevant professionals**
 - Open involvement in actions to other cities/MS/NGO's/EC
 - Dissiminate updates through involved networks



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