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Session: Operational Requirements and Delivery Mechanisms



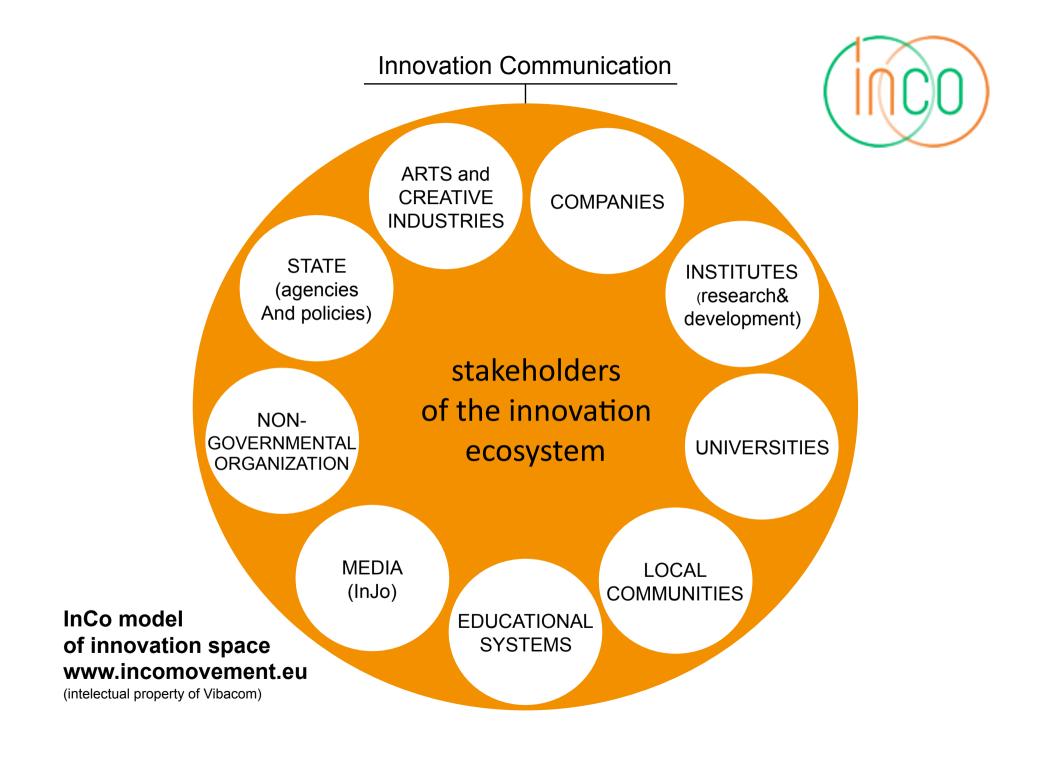












Mass involvement in innovation can lead to higher performance.

Experience is encouraging me to believe that, for innovation to become a value facilitator of change on a community level, we need to launch a comprehensive system of policies, enablers, tools and deployment mechanisms that will support strong horizontal cooperation, a combining of top down and bottom up approaches. Top down approaches will be effective only when strongly supported by mass, bottom up innovation movements. I will share the experiences of the InCo movement in Slovenia that directly involved over 5000 people over 5 years, in diverse innovation related activities. The InCo movement is a prime example of how different participants of the innovation ecosystem can successfully cooperate together to serve the higher good. I will argue that EU should stimulate mass innovation engagement by the public, including social innovation, in order to facilitate a break-through into innovation excellence. I will propose that more cultural characteristics and local core competences be included in the bottom up innovation approach. In addition, I argue that international practice should be adopted locally, with a high level of sensitivity for local culture and local experiences, with a greater engagement (on innovation).

Thank you!

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