

Working Groups “Inter-institutional Management”

Attachment 4

The Goal of the two sessions was to get an input for the task group “Inter-institutional Management”.

The two groups discussed three questions,

- who are the stakeholder in Swiss research landscape
- how do they communicate with each other?
- Where do you locate a need for action.

The two groups located the same stakeholders in Swiss research area and obviously the same communication. In fact the communication should run between all partners mentioned. For both groups the main stakeholders are:

- Research institutes (partners, competitors)
- Universities
- Funding agencies
- Politics
- Public administrations
- Industries

The first group spotted a strong need for further developing technology transfer to fill in the gap in the value-added chain between the research of academia and industry (see fig. 1). The group mentioned that in fact the big money-flow in research is not between public funding agencies and academia but between private industry and academia and even more within industry and its own research centers.

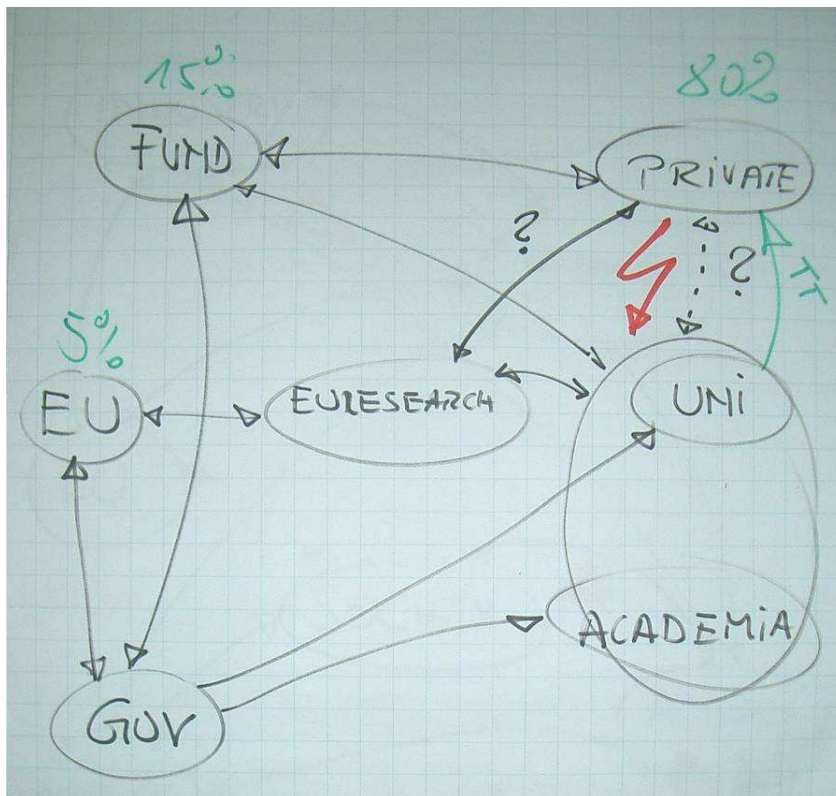


Fig. 1 Worksheet of group A

The second group located three weak points in the communication. All of them are related to the communication with and within academia (see fig. 2). For this group the biggest need for action was the communication within academia itself. Generally researchers communicate within their scientific community but there is not enough interdisciplinary exchange among them.

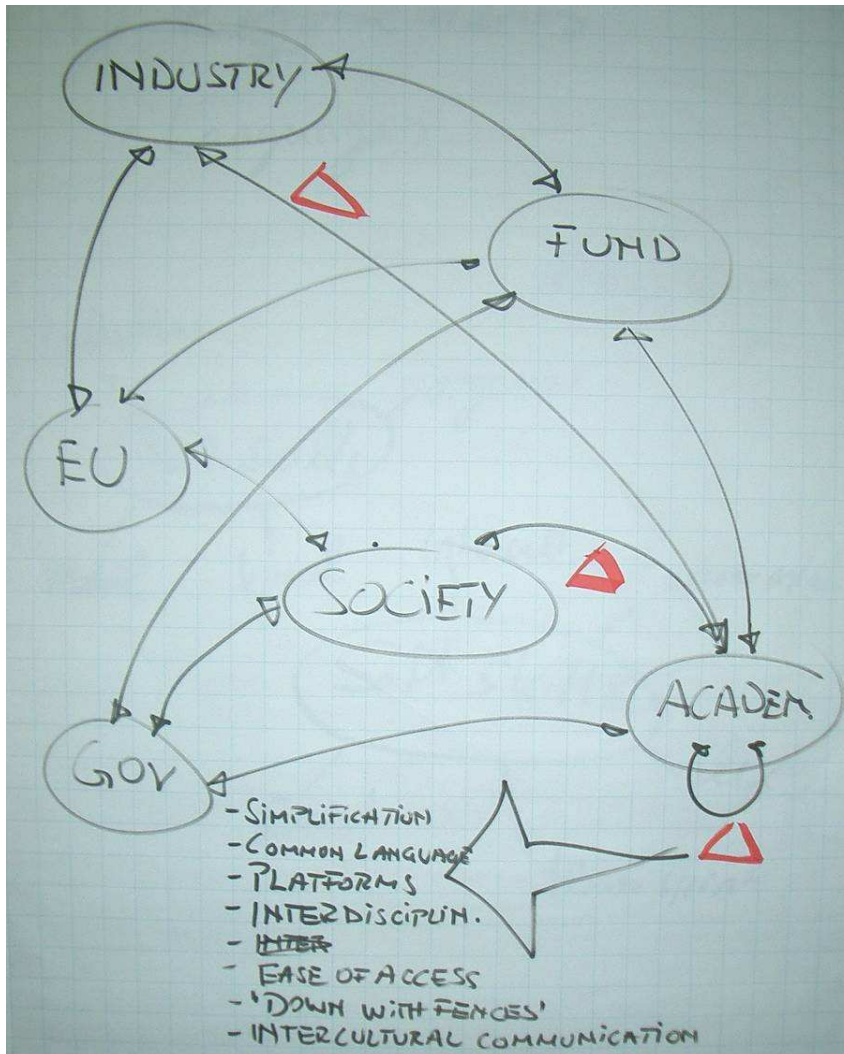


Fig. 2 Worksheet of group B

Possible solutions are according to the group B

- make communication simple
- search for common language
- establish information platforms for interdisciplinary knowledge exchange
- ease access to common tools
- try to override fences
- train intercultural communication.