

Reflective tool for researchers & knowledge co-creators II

**When to use?**

When beginning a collaborative research project

Ask yourself...

- Does everyone know who all the partners are and what they will bring to the project?
- Have all partners been able to contribute to the design of this project?
- Do the research questions frame the topic in ways that are engaging and fruitful for all partners?
- Has a shared understanding of the project's aims and purpose been explicitly stated? And agreed upon?
- Is the research design predefined in the project proposal or to be negotiated among the group?
- What model of collaboration has been drawn upon when planning this project – is it described as interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary or something else?
- Will there be opportunities for partners to learn about each other's research methods and perspectives on the topic?
- How will you avoid making assumptions about partners' approaches to the topic?
- How will you ensure that no one group or perspective dominates the research process?
- Are there mechanisms in place to enable the ongoing exchange of ideas and opinions across disciplines and sectors?
- Will there be regular meetings that all project partners are expected to attend?
- Will all partners have to opportunity to provide feedback on project development and outputs? What happens if they cannot reach consensus?
- Have you agreed rules for co-authorship of these outputs?
- What does success look like for this project?