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Hello everyone,

I am coming back to you with a short message regarding the discussions held at the Dusseldorf conference.

We will establish specific communication tools for each direction of common interest. Given that there were many interesting discussions, I will present in the coming period the areas of interest of the community to which I belong and some concrete proposals for collaboration.

About our communities. Short presentation

My name is Codrin Dinu Vasiliu, I am a researcher in the social and human sciences, with concerns in the area of knowledge ecosystems (systems development and anthropology of knowledge). My main affiliation is with the Romanian Academy and its Iași branch. This is my main institutional home. But, from a practical point of view, I am not institutionally regimented. I rather recommend myself as being part of three very important communities for the actions and strategies to which I am aligned. Thus, I have contributed to the construction and development of the following communities, in which I currently work:

- **Cesar Center of Excellence.** Cesar is a research, innovation and development community, which is based on a consortium of 10 organizations from Romania. The Cesar Center of Excellence is under evaluation in a national funding competition. But for the construction of the Cesar ecosystem, we applied a new methodology, ensuring capacity building actions in the pre-implementation period. Thus, Cesar is a very dynamic alliance, in which an interdisciplinary community operates with interests in interdisciplinary research and collaborative development in almost all fields. From a structural point of view, Cesar is an innovation and development center, with 4 hubs, in which 25 laboratories (Living labs) operate. The Cesar Alliance is based on 10 organizations, but its community has expanded rapidly due to working methodologies and has reached an informal group with over 30 European organizations involved in the production and knowledge transfer processes. Website: www.cesar2030.eu
- **CLIPP Logistics Center.** CLIPP is a capacity building community in European projects and programmes. CLIPP is an informal alliance, operating on the basis of open, inclusive, organic collaborative principles. CLIPP's mission is to develop high-performance tools for conceptualising, structuring, modelling and implementing ideas through projects and knowledge systems and participatory governance. CLIPP develops and centralises seminars, methodologies, concepts, partnerships, information and communication tools. Access is open to anyone. Website: www.clipp.cesar2030.eu
- **ARCC Strategy.** ARCC is a framework for action and a strategic community, centralized on a set of development strategies, established in the time horizon 2035. The collaboration infrastructure within the ARCC community is dynamic, and can be expanded at any time. Collaborations take place, aiming at knowledge and development effects in the strategic direction proposed by the Cesar and CLIPP communities. ARCC is organized under 4 entities (ARFI, RDRP, Cesar, CLIPP), but actions take place under the same principles of collaborative decentralization, also applied in Cesar and CLIPP. Link: www.cesar2030.rdrp.org/arcc

Dusseldorf conference and sustainable actions

The discussions we had in Dusseldorf can be themed around the following areas:

1. Knowledge Ecosystems

2. Innovative Hubs for Digital Anthropology and Disruptive Digital Technologies
3. Alliances and networks for agrifood systems development
4. New Living Labs network
5. Horizon projects
6. European Research Council projects

1. Knowledge ecosystems

Knowledge ecosystems are our thing. We have a strong research community for developing knowledge toolkits, research management, knowledge transfers models and methodologies, knowledge policies and sustainability. In this aspect we are always interested in extending our actions and systems to conceptualize and develop future tools and communities to enrich and support knowledge intelligence and knowledge good practices. The discussions in Dusseldorf gave us the idea to build the following tools and systems:

- COST Actions proposal for Knowledge Anthropology. We consider as an important objective building a community and network of practices for knowledge processes, effects and human interactions within knowledge production ecosystems.
- ERC Synergy Grant proposal (European Research Council) for transformative knowledge ecosystems. The European Commission has made important provocations related to European Neo-proceduralism, and we have to take part in the new intelligence building process.
- ERC Advanced Grant for the Anthropology of the truth and public communication. Digital technologies and communication tools have disruptive effects in our systems and we have to explore the best solutions for the next digital humanism.
- MSCA Staff Exchange proposal for the Anthropology of the Other and Otherness. The relation with the new transeuropean cultures and civilizations are most important, and we have to build strong tools for an inclusive hermeneutics of people and communities.

We will establish the logistics and invite you to take part within actions, according to your own interests. Then, in a joint strategic action, we will define these new systems for collaborative development.

2. Innovative Hub for Digital Anthropology and Disruptive Digital Technologies

Digital ecosystems have this dual (and triadic) dimension: realia, digitalia, naturalia. We have to find the best tools for an integrated development within our systems. In this aspect, we have to integrate the material and immaterial objectives for the new digital realm and anthropology. There could be a lot of strategic actions. One of the steps should be the strengthening of the partnerships in knowledge production and transfer related to these domains.

- A Hub and Think Tank as an exploratory horizon within transformative digital knowledge. This hub could work as an Advisory Board Community (ABC) within any project and any system of ours. In the same time, this hub could be the living lab and the demonstrator for experimenting the relation between digital technologies and digital anthropologies.
- DIFENSYS - Digital Factory for Evaluation Network and Systems: will be a research cluster for evaluation concepts, tools, and systems. We have to support the open knowledge culture, the inclusive and open education ecosystems, the fair knowledge and hermeneutics, the correlation between quantitative and qualitative data and methods. In this aspect, digital technologies could give us the most efficient tools to build a better evaluation paradigm for our knowledge and action systems.

3. Alliances and networks for agrifood systems development

The Agrifood community is very strong within the Cesar ecosystem. One of the 4 Cesar clusters is dedicated to agrifood knowledge and action systems. We have strong experience in rural and urban systems related to food knowledge, consumption and production chains. The Horizon projects represented our main playground for developing methodologies, tools, communities and narratives to support agrifood ecosystems. We involved as researchers, facilitators or coordinators in Cities2030, RURALITIES, RUBIZMO, SureFARM, SHERPA, LIFT, MIXED.,

Cesar and CLIPP communities have developed and are supporting digital platforms, urban fairs, research deliverables, strategic reports, methodologies, experiments, toolkits for agri-food ecosystems.

After the discussion in Dusseldorf, we intend to begin the following actions.

- To propose again our Solaris5 project for funding by Soil Mission, with a more strategic network including also new partners we discussed in Dusseldorf.
- To propose again our NatuRALLY project for funding within the Horizon Europe program, with new insights and partners discussed in Dusseldorf.
- To build new proposals in CL6, building new partnerships.
- To build a think tank and hub for chemistry research within agri-food systems.

We can be partners in any new project. At the same time, we can coordinate and have important experience in working with big and complex communities.

4. New Living Labs network

Living Labs are among the most important and efficient tools for the synergy between theoretical research, experimental innovation, participatory knowledge, integrative actions, collaborative governance and sustainable strategies. They are fully supported by the European Commission and their paradigm is more and more complex every day. Living labs have new integrated dimensions. Policy lab, co-creation communities, innovative lab, transfer hub, governance fora, experimental decision models, systems integration lab are only few of the most important new paradigms for the living lab ecosystems.

5. Horizon projects

Experiența noastră vine în principal din proiecte Horizon. În această direcție suntem interesați să ne dezvoltăm o serie de propuneri în următoarele clustere ale Pillar 2:

- CL6 - Food, Bioeconomy, Agriculture, Environment
- CL2 - Culture, Creativity, Inclusive Society
- CL4 - Digital Technologies and Anthropologies
- CL1 - Health and Societal Systems

The Dusseldorf event was huge. We did not have the time to interact with stakeholders from CL1-Health. But Health systems and projects are very important in our communities, too. And we will let our new partners know about our new developments.

6. European Research Council projects

Besides the experience with the implementation for Horizon projects, we have a very important experience with the European Research Council. We made the guide for the Romanian academic system and we built a strong community.

In may we will start the 2025 actions for new proposals within Starting, Advanced, Consolidator, and Synergy ERC calls. For Cesar and CLIPP partners and collaborators, we support any new proposal, no matter the affiliation.

References:

- CLIPP Guide for Romanian academic systems: <https://zenodo.org/records/13356701>
- CLIPP Proposals in 2024: <https://clipp.cesar2030.eu/erc-fora/>

Collaboration actions within Cesar and CLIPP

Collaborations in the Cesar and CLIPP communities are carried out taking into account the following coordinates:

- The alliance operates on the principles of bottom-up action, emphasizing collaborative communities.
- Institutions are very important from a structural and functional point of view. But the fundamental values of collaboration start from individuals and working groups.
- There are no centralization poles except for long-term strategic decisions. Dynamic collaborations are encouraged, with a high degree of autonomy and decision. From this point of view, Cesar and CLIPP represent support platforms, not decision-making centers. That is why we encourage the construction and development of laboratories (living labs), with a high degree of dynamism and autonomy. Laboratories do not have legal personality, do not enter procedural chains and belong to working teams, not to co-organizing institutions. Any laboratory is free to develop even independently of Cesar or CLIPP, with the full support of these centers.
- Centralized management occurs only at the level of organizing resources and working tools.
- Any research, education, innovation and development action is encouraged, as long as the basic principles of European humanism are respected: respect for life, open access to knowledge, inclusive and collaborative development, organic growth of knowledge ecosystems, multiculturalism.
- All tools developed by Cesar and CLIPP are open access resources, free of charge. We believe that knowledge production must be financed, but the results of knowledge must be free and have open access.

Synergies with Cesar, CLIPP or ARCC

Roles of potential beneficiaries

Collaborative actions in the Cesar, CLIPP and ARCC communities are open to anyone, within the framework of collaboration aligned with the values of these communities. To more simply describe different possibilities of interaction, we have defined a series of roles of potential beneficiaries.

Direct beneficiaries of the results

A person can participate as a direct beneficiary of knowledge, education or development actions. A person can also be a direct beneficiary as a representative of an organization.

Indirect beneficiaries

Indirect beneficiaries are generally the individuals and organizations for whom the impact of the results of Cesar and CLIPP actions is planned.

Facilitator

Persons or organizations that are involved in communication or development actions in Cesar or CLIPP, with or without the objective of being an entity affiliated with them.

Collaborators

A person or organization that participates in knowledge, innovation, education and development actions, based on a formal or informal framework: work plan, project, strategy.

Permanent members of work teams

Collaborators may decide to develop permanent actions within research, education or development teams.

Members of strategic groups

People who want to get involved in the organizational development actions of the Cesar and CLIPP communities.

Coordinators

People who assume coordination for actions, infrastructures, or projects within the Cesar, CLIPP or ARCC systems.

Collaborative Actions

Individuals or entities can strategically engage in Cesar or CLIPP communities by coordinating specific actions or by collaborating in the working groups of these actions, when they have already been defined within the Cesar and CLIPP communities. The main types of activities can be:

- Seminars
- Courses
- Workshops
- Conferences
- Research projects
- Articles, studies, volumes
- Living Lab or Policy Lab laboratories
- Strategic reports
- Multimedia deliverables

EXAMPLE: If I am interested in developing multiple types of actions, I can:

- To request involvement in an already established living lab or research project
- To propose the coordination of a new project, conference, living lab or any other type of deliverable
- To propose the development of a project proposal in a program funded by national or European organizations

Cesar and CLIPP offer, openly, transparently and free of charge, all support for actions that develop in these communities, as long as the actions align with the values promoted by Cesar and CLIPP.

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