

Knowledge Transfer in and through Living Labs

International Conference & ENoLL InfoDay

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And including:

- ENoLL InfoDay by the European Network of Living Labs on ENoLL certification, Responsible Innovation and best practices | Tuesday, 25 June 2024

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Call for Conference Contributions

Living Labs have become central research infrastructures for participation in innovation and sustainable development. They establish new environments of transdisciplinary knowledge production. However, the diversity and specificity of Living Labs across many different settings and areas – from urban planning, sustainable energy transformation and medical research to artificial intelligence applications – make it difficult to develop methods, standards, and indicators for successful knowledge generation and transfer. How knowledge integration in Living Labs is best achieved and supported remains a challenge and an open question for both theory and practice. The same holds true for ensuring knowledge transfer within and beyond Living Labs.

The international conference *Knowledge Transfer in and through Living Labs* seeks to identify and explore methods, standards, and indicators for successful knowledge generation and transfer. We are looking forward to host a vibrant community of Living Lab scholars and practitioners concerned with the theory and practice of a research and co-creation format which aims to build the society of tomorrow. Of central interest are the processes involved in combining different epistemic perspectives within Living Labs, and the changes knowledge undergoes while travelling between and among actors involved, both directly or indirectly.

Next to methodological contributions and theoretical considerations, we also highly welcome recounts and reflections on personal experiences based on practical work in Living Labs. Furthermore, analyses of how insights gained and advances made move beyond the individual lab and become effective in society at large are strongly encouraged. In this regard, relevant points of consideration include the diffusion or generalisation of innovations through political processes, and research policy or the transfer or scaling up of results. In short, the conference will address the following themes but submissions addressing other topics are also welcome:

- Methods and formats for knowledge transfer and integration in different Living Lab settings;
- Questions and challenges pertaining to scaling and knowledge transfer into other contexts;
- The synchronisation of Living Lab processes across several locations and domains;
- The current and the potential role of Living Labs in higher education;
- Social evidence and epistemic processes in Living Labs;
- Regulatory frameworks or research policy derived from or fostering integrated interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research in Living Labs.

Everyone working with or interested in Living Labs at all levels of experience is invited to engage in exchange at our international conference at RWTH Aachen University from 24th to 26th of June 2024. Next to regular presentations, we encourage workshop proposals and alternative formats (e.g. workshops, panel or fishbowl discussions, etc.). Please submit your 300-word proposals, including title, authors, and references until **15 March 2024** via e-mail (transfer@humtec.rwth-aachen.de). Upon acceptance, we will ask for a short abstract (100 words) to be included in the programme.

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