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I. Working Group (Co-) Lead Guidelines

The give and take of being a WG (Co-) Lead:

- shape the alliance in terms of its strategic direction
- being the “face” of a working group and being considered an expert and resource person
- increasing your personal/organisational visibility and become a hub for information flow
- invest knowledge and time (~ 0.5 to 1 day per month) in order to coordinate and guide members of the working group in your joint efforts.
I. Working Group (Co-) Lead Guidelines

Tasks and available tools

- pushing forward issues of knowledge management, experience exchange and brainstorming on how to fill sectoral gaps → e.g. via the SuSanA discussion forum
- initiate working group meetings, events or other working group activities
  → work on certain products, like joint fact sheets or the wiki for working groups
- represent SuSanA at internal and external meetings to present your working group’s results or ongoing work
- Being a member of the SuSanA core group
  → discuss strategic questions and make important decisions concerning SuSanA’s future

Source of the image: http://seniornet.org/blog/social-media-guidelines-for-seniors/
II. Changing leadership in the working groups

- There is no formal mechanism for changing leadership in the WG
- To date, working group leads have been identified:
  - during working group meetings,
  - SuSanA plenum meetings,
  - individuals have approached the secretariat indicating their interest to lead or co-lead a WG,
  - WG leads have actively screened / recruited new working group co-leads together with the secretariat
- If any of you would like to make changes in your working groups leadership, please contact the secretariat

Source of the image: AFS intercultural programs [http://www.afs.org/blog/icl/?p=2824]
III. Working Group Wiki

- All WG factsheets are transformed into wiki formats in the new working group wiki area
- A wiki quick start guide is available
- We would like to discuss some ideas and strategies to mobilise the SuSanA community to grow the wiki content.
IV. Top Ten Reads per WG

- The SuSanA Secretariat would like to put together a USB stick with the „top ten reads“ per WG
- Please propose, together with your co-lead(s), a list of ten recommended readings and post the list in your WG-section on the SuSanA Forum [http://forum.susana.org/forum/categories/6-susana-working-groups](http://forum.susana.org/forum/categories/6-susana-working-groups)
- Finalise the list ideally **before December** and we will make the USB stick available for the next SuSanA meeting
V. Ideas to improve the SuSanA network

Perceived constraints to engage actively with SuSanA / Forum

- Language (English is the common language and used in a high quality)
- Initimidation, because of high standards and perceived „learnedness“ of other participants
- people may not always connect the reality of their projects with a more “academic” discussion on the forum.

Source: South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership
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And ideas of how to overcome them

- Offer a language edit of forum posts
- „featured articles“ that are authored by practititioners (in a blog post style)
- Implement an „anonymous question button“
- ...

→ Please let us know your ideas and thoughts!

Source: Blog THN
[http://thehackernews.com/2012/07/hack-server-man-behind-idea.html]