

Sustainable Cloud 4 All (SCA) Lab

Kickstarting the Talent Hub of the VU Digital Sustainability Center



PROBLEM

- General problem: Gather interdisciplinary stakeholders to create research, innovation, collaboration in the broad areas of sustainable digitalization
- Specific topic: develop notions of sustainable digital micro-communities from e.g., the technology, legal and economic angles

SOLUTION

- Core idea: Create thematic hubs that gather stakeholders sharing a common interest
- Process: organize events that gather such stakeholders (typically, students, researchers and practitioners) to discuss initial ideas, progress, and results

IMPACT

- New strategic collaborations
- Create a community linking research, practice, education
- Vision: provide a platform to build new forms of creativity, innovation, competencies, skills in digital sustainability

RESULTS

- An interdisciplinary community of researchers, practitioners, and students with shared interests
- A platform of inspiration and connecting events with replicable experience

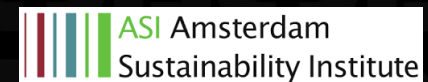
OUTLOOK

- We organize two meetup events (the first announced on April 5, 2024) where students, practitioners and researchers start the conversation.
- We monitor the experience in organizing such events and produce a handbook that will help the organization of such types of events for anybody in the Amsterdam Sustainability Institute and DiSC, and beyond.

LESSONS LEARNED

- Seed funding is ideal to kickstart a new project or try out a new idea
- It remains a challenge how results can remain beyond the duration of the project
- True interdisciplinarity needs time, effort, and perseverance

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