From fragmented information provision towards an integrated knowledge base for adaptation.

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Introducing weADAPT
Lessons on collaboration

• Despite good intentions there are major barriers:
  - **Time**: unless sharing is tied specifically project work it falls victim to ’busy’
  - **Time**: long-term commitment vital to truly engaging with people’s needs
  - **Technology**: web2.0 model of creation not consumption not yet comfortable.
  - **Technology**: wiki platform difficult to engage with
Lessons on ’visibility’

• Social norms and institutional barriers:

  - Ownership
  - Credit
  - Competitive funding
  - Control
Overcoming barriers: Technology

Redesigned in a more integrated way using a semantic platform:

- Easier editing: no formatting
- Easier to navigate: content better connected
- Easier to find related material: relationships between content displayed – trying to move towards a learning environment.
Overcoming barriers: Institutional
Applying lessons to the wider issues

- Last 3 years has seen rapid growth in number of adaptation platforms/portals
- Links between them are few and weak – although there are some exceptions
- Difficult for the user to find relevant information without a time-intensive search
- What can we do to improve connections between different platforms?
A truly collaborative way forward?
Quality

Search ENDA lens: only searches ENDA approved content

Search shared knowledge base: searches all content.
How would it work?

• Technically there are few barriers: linking and searching databases is straight-forward, semantic web would be more exciting.

• Larger issues are socio-institutional – need buy-in and to set up the right social rules.

• A neutral body would be needed to convene (not control) the process: a role for the NWP?
Ambitious, yes. Achievable, yes!

• We need to move beyond paying lip-service to collaboration.

• We have the opportunity to do things differently – and better!

• If we were ambitious, semantic technology opens up enormous possibilities.

• Barriers, sure but very doable.

• Life is much more fun if we work together!
Thanks for listening, questions welcome!

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