Systems Innovation Learning Partnership (SILP) Sense-Making Sessions

A participated in a global cohort for The Systems Innovation Learning Partnership (SILP), operated under EIT Climate-KIC and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), for a collective two-day sense-making session on 30 May and 4 June with other recipients of the funding under SILP. DA's Safe Mobility initiative has been a part of the SILP funding.



Session in progress

A collaboration between the Swedish International Development Cooperation

Agency (Sida) and EIT Climate-KIC, the Systems Innovation Learning Partnership (SILP) explores how systems innovation can help us rethink our responses to some of the world's most complex challenges. A one-of-a-kind experimentation fund designed to look beyond the monitoring and evaluation of projects, instead supporting experiments that advance knowledge and understanding of systems innovation practices, methodologies, and approaches through participatory mediums.

The sessions were divided into two parts. First, each organisation/participant shared their learnings from the project, answering: What is happening in their project beyond this funding period? Are we wrapping up, continuing, changing direction? If continuing, where are we on future funding? Where is our team? What are our plans from now on? Participants were to share and listen to the learning journeys, impacts, shifts in mindset and behavior, power shifts, and relationships experienced by themselves and the other seven members of our cohort in our experiments.

On the second day, the focus was on identifying patterns across projects and determining which patterns could be observed across experiments. Key discussions centred around understanding what capabilities and capacities are necessary for undertaking work aimed at changing systems, and what factors strengthen and bridge learning across various experiments.

To date, SILP has organised four such sense-making sessions, various bimonthly group drop-ins, and cohorts on redefining development funding in which DA has actively participated as part of the cohort.

DA's participation in the Systems Innovation Learning Partnership (SILP) has facilitated significant learning and collaboration opportunities. Through structured, sense-making sessions and ongoing group engagements, DA has been able to reflect on its Safe Mobility initiative, share valuable insights, and identify critical patterns and capabilities required for systemic change.