

## Working Group “Exhibition”

This working group is dedicated to developing the concept for an exhibition opening in 2024. The exhibition is planned as an outreach project of the cluster of excellence and will offer insight into the work and research of the BCDSS. An exhibition requires a strong visual approach to illustrate the scientific findings, it must provide a sensual appeal to its visitors. Knowledge that would normally end up in a written publication will thus be presented in a different manner.

Furthermore, the exhibition will address a wide public, not only experts and scientists, but also children and young people, families and passers-by with no prior knowledge. A foremost challenge will be to translate the scientific content into a language that will allow non-specialists to understand – in the short amount of time of an exhibition visit – what the BCDSS is all about.

At the moment the idea is to organize this exhibition somewhere in the urban space, in public or semi-public locations with very easy accessibility. Rather than present it in a refined and exclusive museum environment and sit and wait for the people to seek out the show, we will bring the message to them and disseminate academic knowledge among a completely new target audience.

One of our main aims is to take into consideration the work of the entire cluster, or at least to cover all ongoing research. It is equally important to integrate voices from outside the cluster and from beyond the academic world. In fact, everybody can contribute to this exhibition. We will strive to bring together voices from as many different backgrounds as possible.

Therefore, I would like to invite everybody (BCDSS member or not) to become part of this working group and help develop this project. No matter whether you are planning to participate continuously or if you can only drop in now and again on the way to the final realization of the exhibition. The planning will profit from every idea and comment and we are curious to know yours.

So, if you like to join the discussion, just drop me a short note and I will put you on the mailing list of the working group. I look very much forward to hearing from you.

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