**PEER CONSULTATION**

**Phase of the innovation cycle**: at any point

**Goal:**

A simple method to tap into your peers' wisdom, experiences and ideas to address a challenge; and harnessing their insights and perspectives to find innovative solutions for your challenges.

**Materials:**

* None required!

**Instructions:**

Any setting (ideally informal)

1. The person presenting the challenge (“the narrator”) asks the questions they’d like help with to their peers; and shares the bare minimum for participants to understand the question and start the process of questioning.
2. Participants asks the narrator questions until they feel they know enough about the problem to start the analysis. The narrator only answers the questions as directly as possible, without adding their thoughts or extra information.
3. Once they feel like all questions have been answered (or the time is up!) participants discuss what they believe might be happening/what is behind the problem. The narrator can hear but does not participate. Frameworks are useful to think of the challenge: we suggest exploring the i2connect toolbox!
4. Based on the participants' questions and reflections, the narrator reformulates the question.
5. Participants then provide their advice (one by one) about what they would do if they were in the narrator shoes. No discussion/comments from the narrator allowed!
6. The narrator shares what advice appeals to them the most and why.
7. Wrap up: narrator and participants share what they are taking away from this conversation.

**Links**

[***Peer Coaching Method - Integrating the experience of your peers***](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3j5mEEbAbc&list=PLoM2EpmMX11eH41XegFmwISpNIToiQfCS&index=12)

**Attachments**

* Peer consultation how to