



Knowledge dissemination – a Funder's view

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using **science** to create a better place

This Presentation

- Background
- Delivery vs Expectations
- Taking SNOWMAN outputs forward

Background

- Co-ordinated call – a project in its own right
 - 1st ERANET with EA involvement
 - pan-European research co-operation
 - to promote more sustainable remediation
 - Integrated Catchment Science programme
- Call Steering Committee member
 - Technical contact for Funder

Delivery vs Expectations (1st Call)

- Quality & Quantity: 23 proposals
 - 5 funded, plus 1 with addn external funding
 - UK-part funded 3
- Financial gearing:
 - good return on investment, but was this the best way to fund the work?
- Quality of outputs?
 - Relevance, Ease of dissemination

Moving Forward

- Value for money?
 - Input (time) to match output
 - Have we delivered research that we want?
- Dissemination
 - Technical summaries (10-20 pages)
 - Researcher or Funder?
 - Incorporation in national policy/guidance
 - SNOWMAN finishing, but knowledge transfer is just beginning. Value for money?

Any Regrets?

- Funder involvement
 - simply more in, more out
 - funding mechanism
- Turnround
 - insufficient time for in-depth review
 - or not enough resource allocated to review
- Incomplete analysis of value of SNOWMAN before closure

Thank You

- UK Funders
 - Environment Agency
 - SNIFFER
 - Defra
- Call Steering Committee
- Other funders
- All research teams

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