# Session 1: Impacts at policy and network level

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## Key Discussion Items

Q1: whether the framework captures effectively the various impacts that participants have experienced from their P2P participation or that have surfaced in P2P evaluation exercises, and

Q2: whether the framework appropriately addresses/considers network elements that they think are important, i.e. network organisation, governance structures, network processes, etc.

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Key findings: Q1 *whether the framework effectively captures the various impacts that participants have experienced from their P2P participation or that have surfaced in P2P evaluation exercises*

- Positive feedback on impact and assessment framework.

- Whilst recognising that an ideal standard or model is not possible due to the heterogeneity of P2Ps the summary of main requests centred around **requests for practical guidelines** including how to achieve impact and how to assess impact – e.g. a step by step impact assessment and a handbook of good practice;  a toolkit approach and/or the inclusion of some case studies. An easy to read manual for carrying out impact assessments

Key findings: *Q2 whether the framework appropriately addresses/considers network elements that they think are important, i.e. network organisation, governance structures, network processes, etc.*

- The framework provides a relevant set of network elements
- Three of the presenters had adopted and successfully employed the typology of impacts in their initiatives.
- Added value is at the core of everything. Does the chosen organisation provide added value?
- It was suggested that the framework could also include a section on the initial phase of building a network.

# Conclusions / recommendations

- A further impact section could be included
- A database compiling the results of evaluation exercises following the scheme could be set up
- Case studies could be included in the framework
- A step by step to impact assessments could be included

- It takes time to do the assessments and easily takes as long as the project takes to run.
- Further work to create a toolkit for evaluation of P2P networks could be created.