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# **Wrap up session – First learnings from the KICs**

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## **Session II: Co-location centres as test beds of world-class innovation**

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### Key outcomes:

- Bring the innovation chain together
- People and trust between CLCs are key
- Share the same vision across a KIC, but then use their diversity as an asset
- Need to be embedded in the region
- Clear design for the collaboration infrastructure is needed
- Strike a balance between face-to face and ICT communication
- Links between CLCs in a KIC crucial
- Allow for failure and corrections along the way