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## Exercise: Levels of Collaboration at Each Project Stage

A shared vision is only possible if all stakeholders reach a consensus on the level of collaboration within the project. This exercise, conducted at the project's start, allows for continuous evaluation of collaboration throughout the process.

### Instructions:

1. Gather the project initiators and decision-makers in authority. If partnerships are already established, invite partner representatives.
2. Define the key project stages based on its specific characteristics.
3. Refer to the "[Community Collaboration Levels](#)" table.
4. Discuss the different project phases and the expected level of involvement for each stakeholder group at each stage.
  - a. Use [this chart](#) to confirm, through consensus, the expected participation levels.
  - b. Initially, each participant completes the exercise individually.
  - c. During a roundtable discussion, participants share their perspectives on collaboration levels. Identify perception differences and discuss them.
5. Work together to reach a consensus. Use different colored markers to draw collaboration level curves (one color per stakeholder group).
6. Agree on stages where community validation of results will occur.
7. Write a short text presenting the project, justifying collaboration levels, and specifying planned validation moments.

This exercise can be repeated during and at the end of the project, allowing comparisons of diagrams to determine if initial intentions were maintained throughout the process.

NOTE: Every project has unique goals and needs, meaning each collaboration scale diagram will be different. There is no correct or incorrect approach as long as collaboration is integral to decision-making and continuous reassessment is ensured, [Example](#).