

Unlocking the Potential of digital Co-Creation between HEIs, NGOs and Citizens

Relevance

HEIs increasingly engaged in society

- Solving societal problems requires actors from all fields (Klein & Pereira, 2021)
- Need to promote co-creation (Klein & Pereira, 2021)

Physical distance between stakeholders

• Co-creation increasingly taking place in digital sphere (De Silva et al., 2021)

Digital co-creation neglected

• Lack of insights into successful digital co-creation between HEIs and NGOs (Polese et al., 2021)

Research Questions

How can HEIs successfully co-create digitally with NGOs?

- 1) How do academics and NGOs experience drivers and barriers for digital co-creation projects?
- 2) How do academics and NGOs describe their requirements and demands towards digital co-creation platforms, methods and skills?

Method

Data collection: Expert interviews

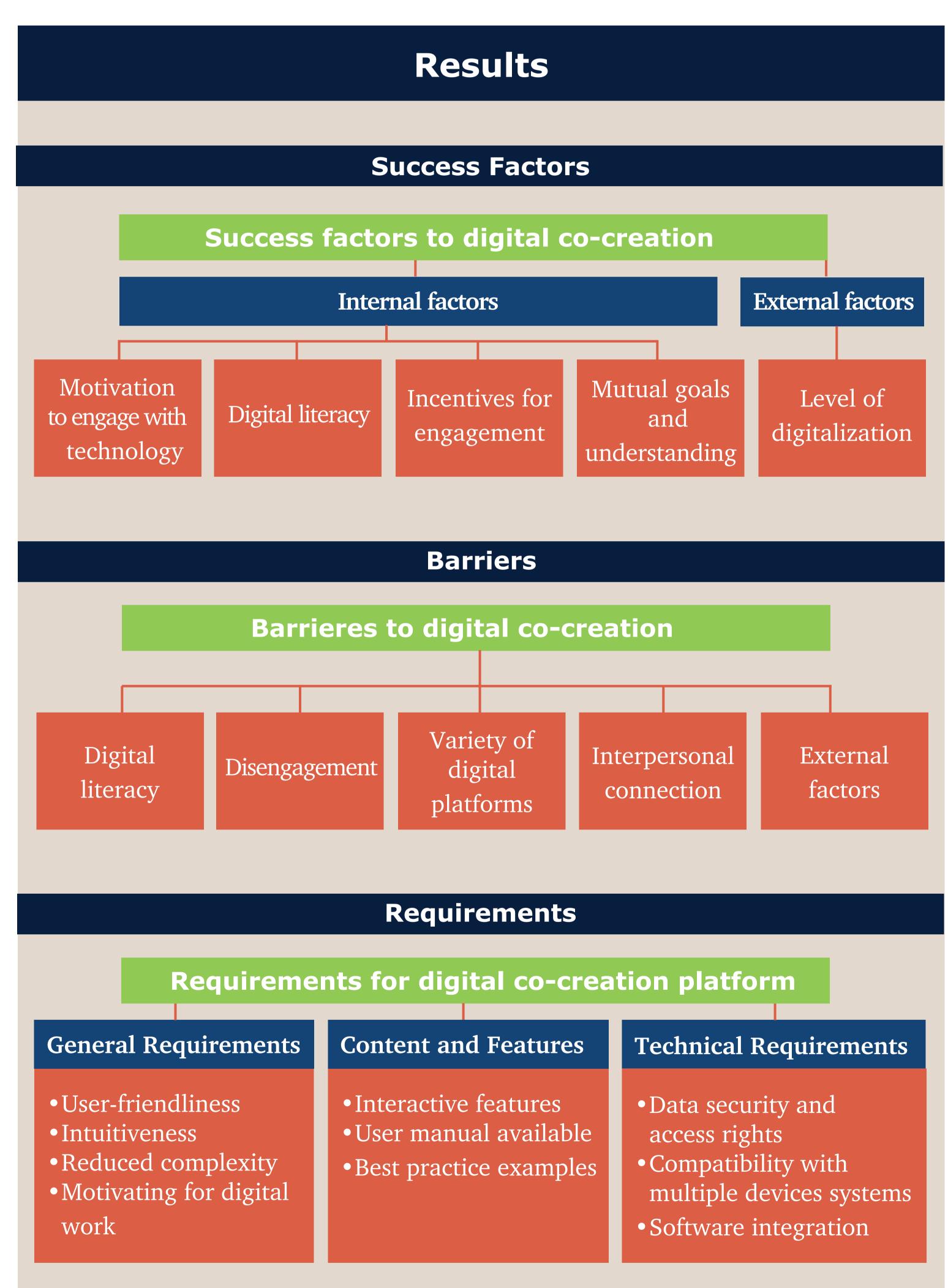
80 semi-structures qualitative interviews with digital co-creation experts:

- 45 experts from HEIs
- •35 experts from NGOs

Data analysis:

- Coding with MAXQDA
- » systematic combining(Dubois & Gadde, 2000)





Contribution

Transfer barriers from face-to-face co-creation can occur in the digital sphere as well

» Need for adequate platforms and methods to overcome transfer barriers

No need to reinvent the wheel: A variety of platforms and methods is available, but not well used

» Need to train and improve digital knowledge skills

Limitations

- No focus on sociodemographic background of the interviewee
- No focus on the country's level of digitalization
- Level of digitalization in NGOs varies strongly
- European perspective not fully covered

Resources

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