

HERD

Raising Research Capacity of Georgian HEIs through Developing R&D Units

Capstone Conference and Final Event

Batumi/virtual - June 24-25, 2022

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EPC | AT A GLANCE



Turning Ideas into Successful Projects: Consultancy and Support

- Founded on **1st June 2005**; integration into Central University Administration in 2006
- **100% third-party funded**
- Currently **45 members of staff** (project managers and assistants, controlling and PR team and legal counsel)

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EU Funding | Overview



- 6-7 year funding periods (currently 2021 – 2027)
- Many different funding instruments
- Different **administrative authorities** EU, national, (inter-)regional
- Many **different regulations** depending on funding instrument and period

Three important funding pillars:

- Research and innovation funding
- Structural funds and regional development
- Promotion of education and cooperation

EPC =
"ONE-STOP-SHOP"
for the lifecycle of
a project



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EPC | Service portfolio



- I. **Consultation** and project acquisition
- II. **Support** during the proposal writing process
- III. Administrative, financial and legal **project management** during the implementation phase
- IV. **Events and workshops**

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EPC | Strategic positioning

TUD / EPC Strategic Positioning

- **Lobbying** in relevant networks
- **EPC also runs its own projects** (TEFCE, Get Started, Caribbean Welcome, STUDIK, SPIDER, EU4Armenia, HERD)
Topics / fields of activity: Capacity Building in Project Management, Training for Research Managers, Community Engagement of Universities
→ visibility
- Project Management / Consulting for **external institutions** by request
- **Internal:** addressing relevant topics and developments, close communication with CTIO and vice-rector for research
- **Training for PhD and post-docs** (i.e. as part of the Graduate Academy seminar programme)

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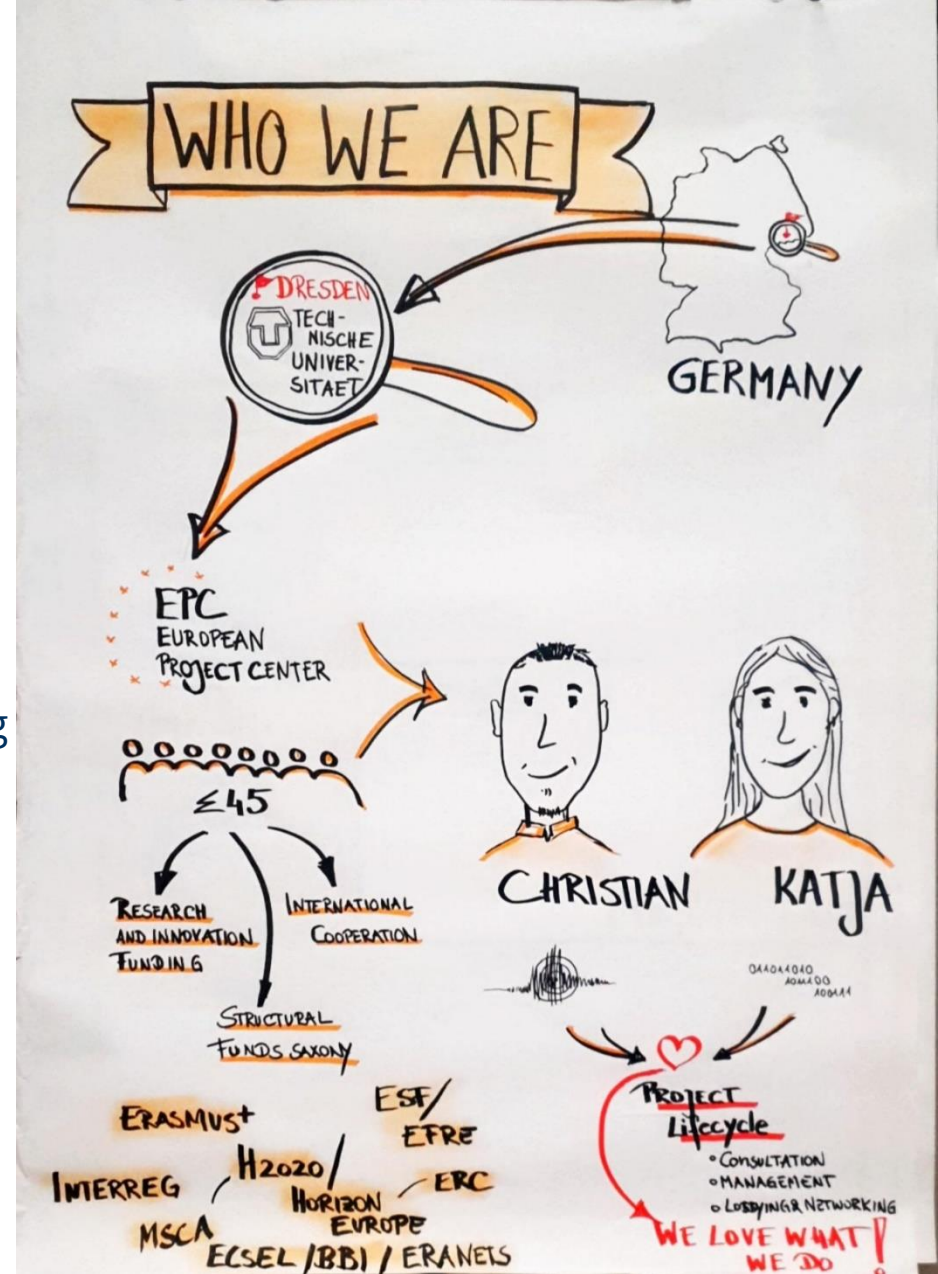
TUD /EPC Successes

- **Horizon 2020: Top 5** in Germany
- **ERC Grants in H2020:** 2nd position (number of projects) in Germany
- **FP7:** Top 10 in Germany (6th/7th place)
- Most active German university in **TEMPUS Programme** (2002-2012 – DAAD award)
- Most successful university in Saxony in **European Social Funds Programme**
- Frequent invitations for **panel discussions** and **workshops** in ERASMUS+ and HORIZON related events on national and international level

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Role in HERD

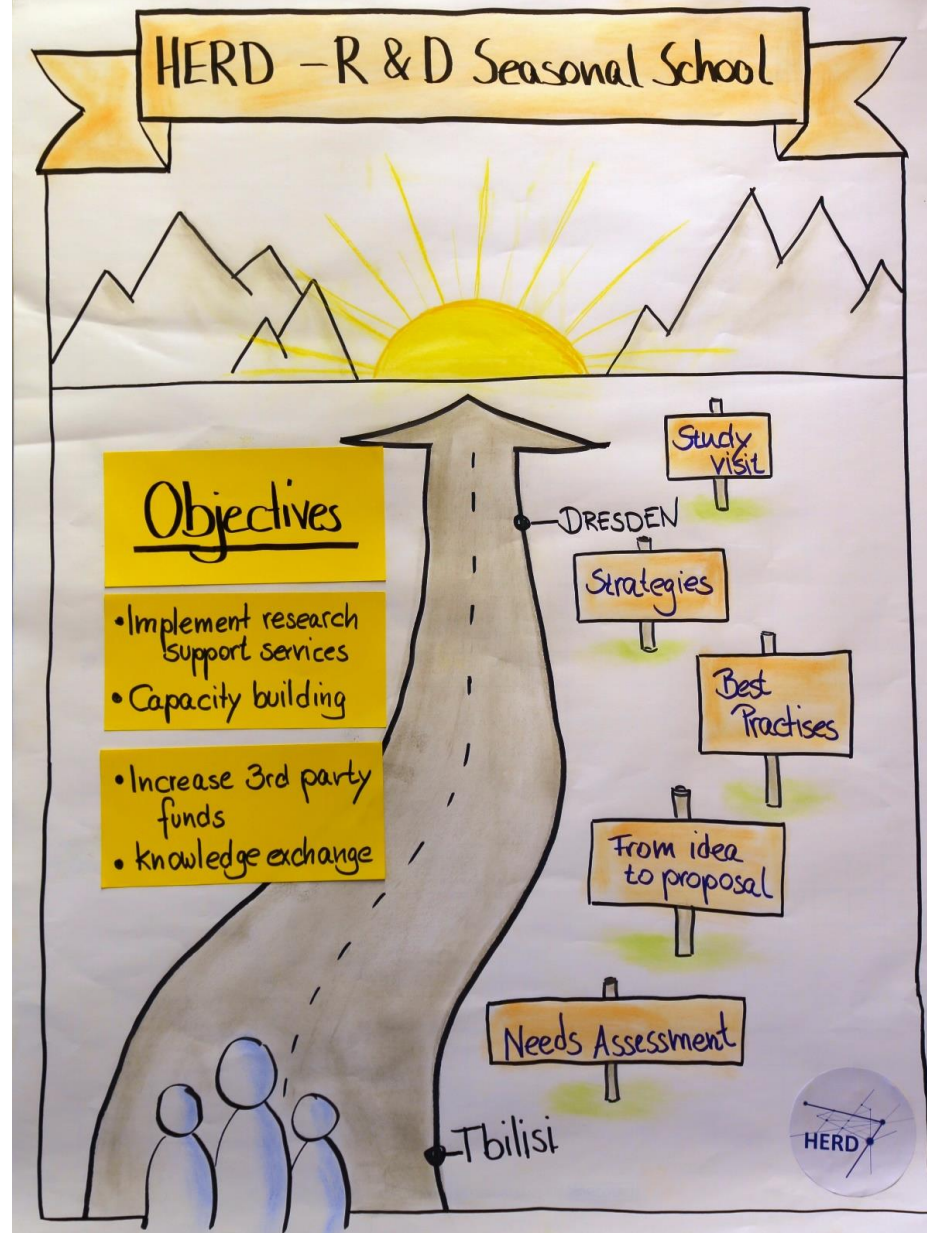
- Share experiences in setting up a central unit at the university focused on
 - attracting EU-funding
 - providing support in managing EU-projects
- Offer and provide for setting up Research and Development units at the participating Georgian universities
 - R&D Seasonal School
Tbilisi, 3rd – 6th Feb 2020
 - Virtual „onsite“ visit at TU Dresden online, 30th Sep – 5th Oct 2021
 - Study on-site visit
Dresden, 2nd – 6th May 2022



R&D Seasonal School | 1

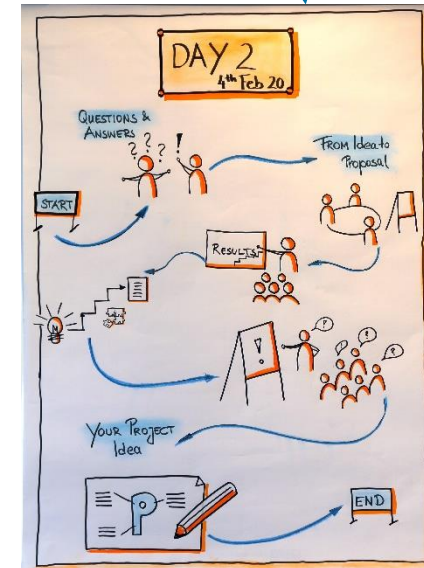
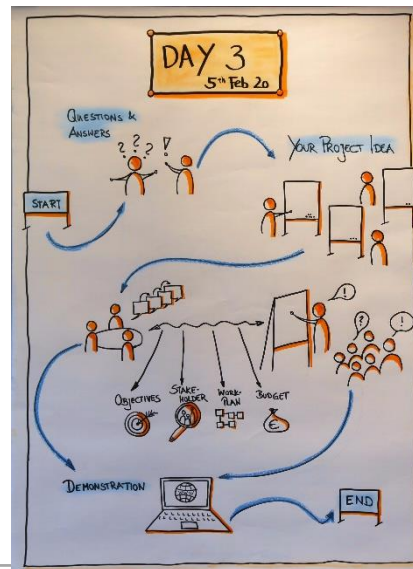
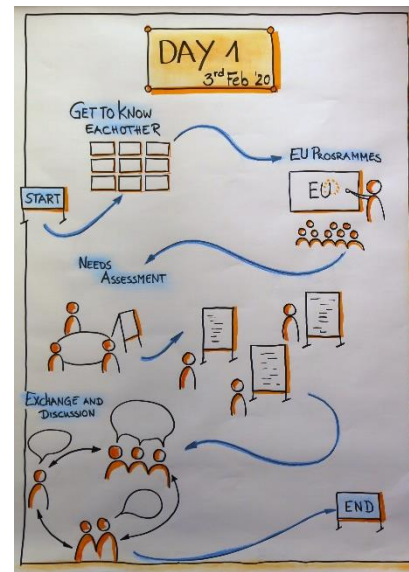
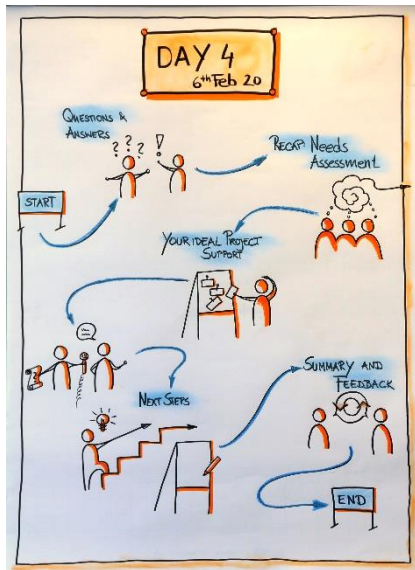
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- Very active 4-days training taking into account organisation-specific needs and general conditions of Georgian partners
- Focus on
 - Inspiring project ideas
 - Call matching: Initial consultation and selection of suitable funding programmes
 - Submitting proposals and resource planning
 - Compliance with and monitoring of applicable rules and regulations
 - Project controlling concerning deadlines and budget



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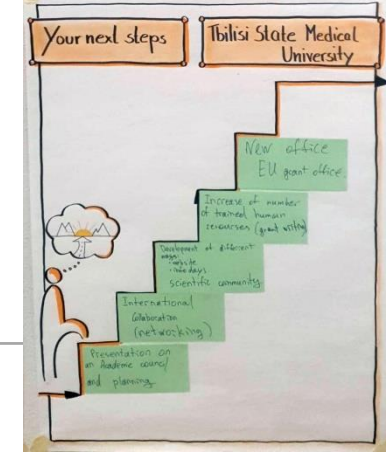
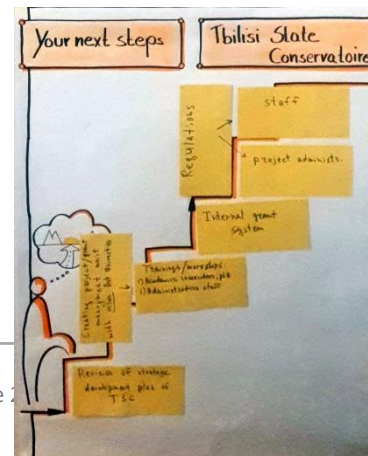
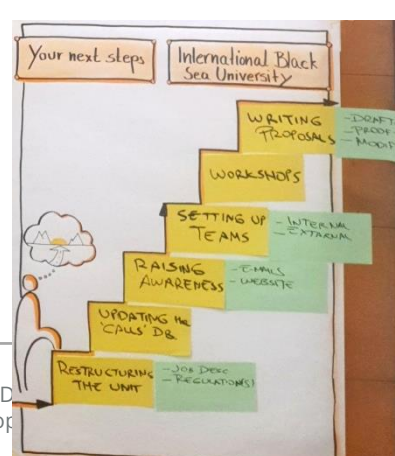
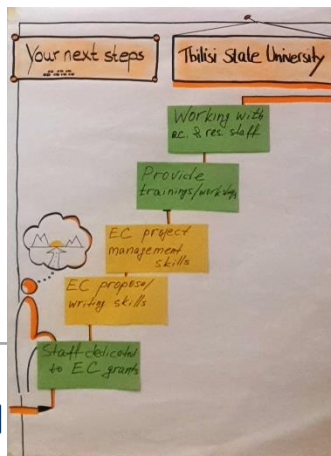
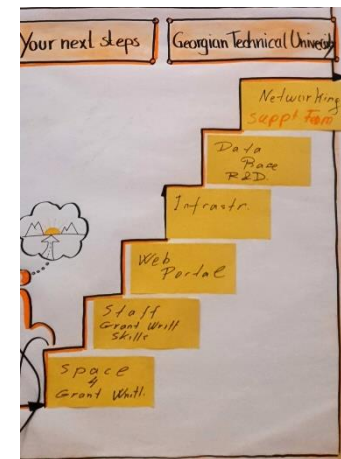
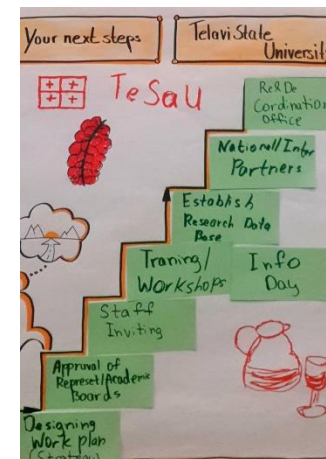
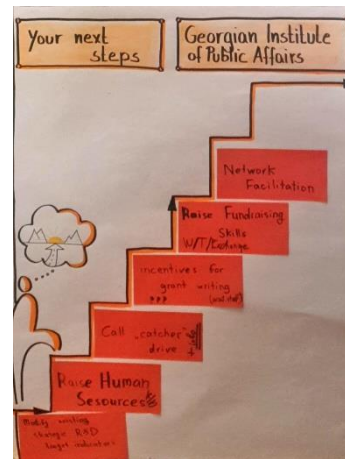
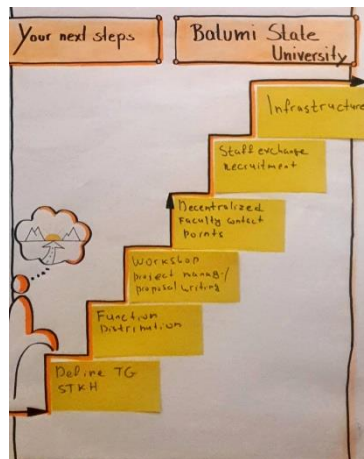
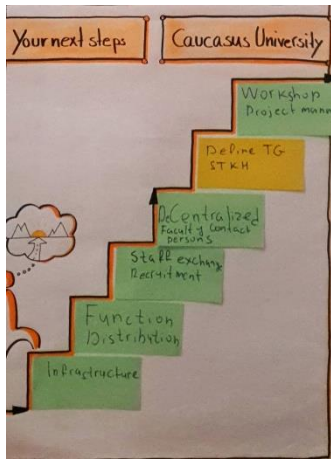
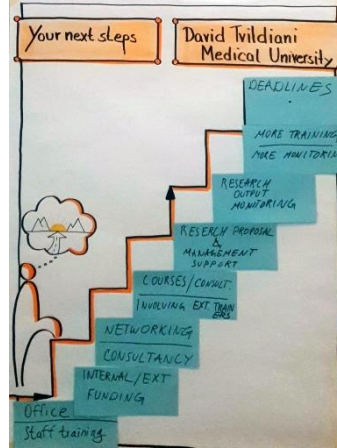
Results: Your ideal project support



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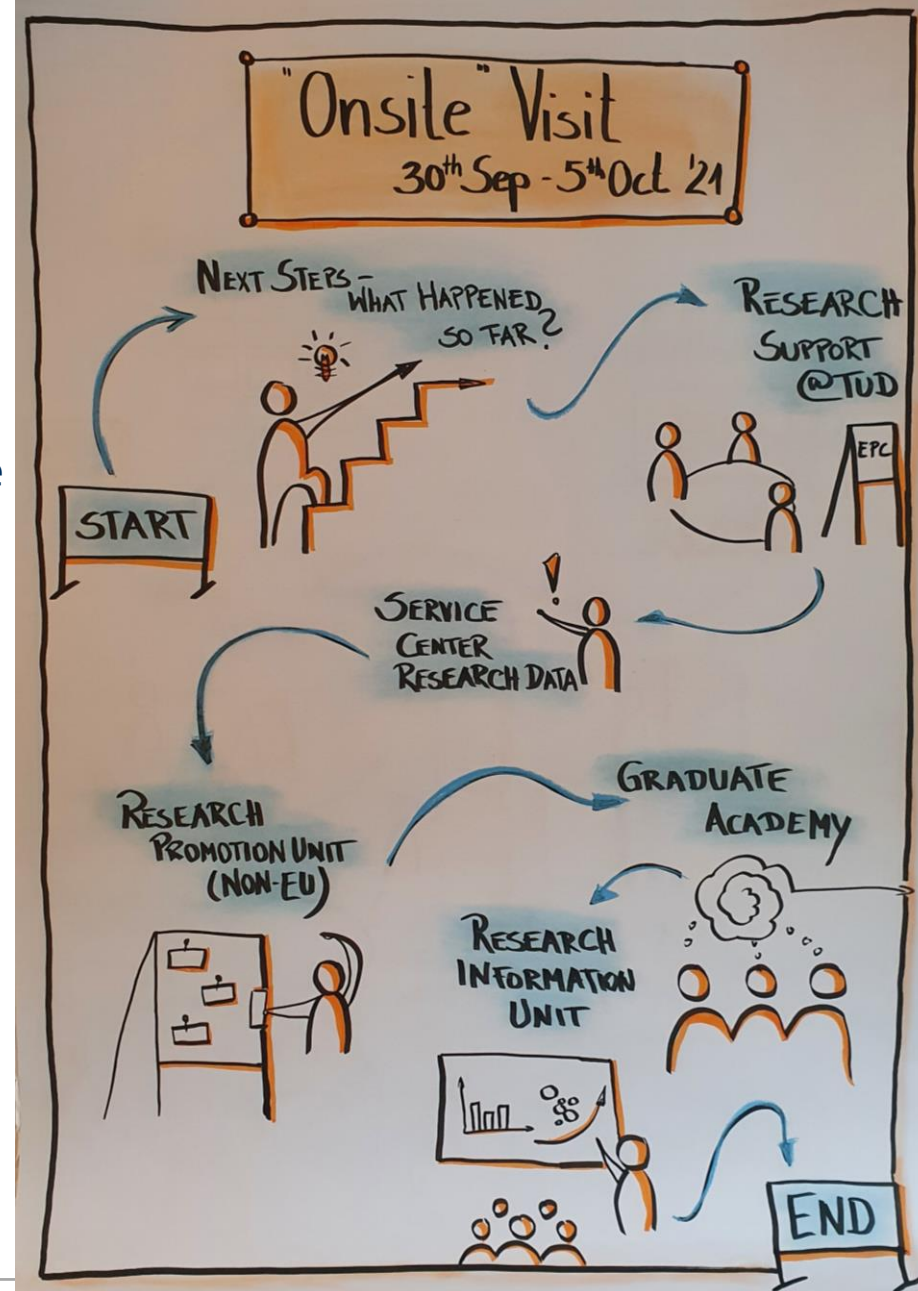
Results: Next steps



Virtual visit at TU Dresden

online, 30th Sep – 5th Oct 2021

- Status quo:
 - What has happened so far?
 - What has already been achieved at the Georgian institutions?
- Getting to know research support structures at TU Dresden
 - Service Center Research Data
 - Research Promotion unit (Non-EU)
 - Presentation of Graduate Academy
 - Research Information Unit



Study visit at TU Dresden | 1

Dresden, 2nd – 6th May 2022

- Talks and discussions
 - Project activities since February 2020
 - Georgian Research Portal
 - Remaining activities + final event
 - Future project ideas
- Presentation and discussion of
 - Research alliance DRESDEN-concept
 - International Office
 - SLUB – Library guided tour and exhibition



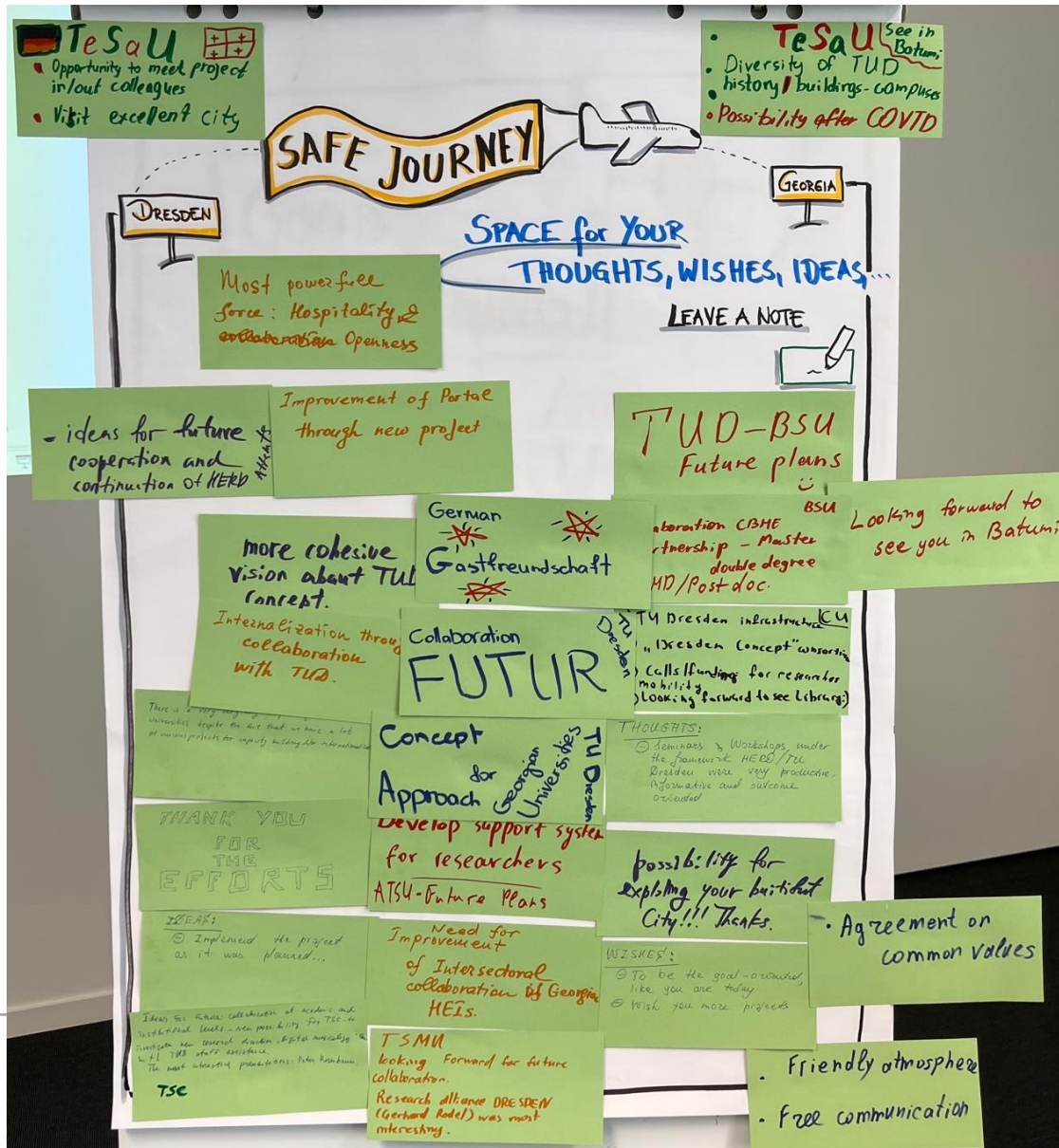
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Recommendations and ideas for future

- Look for solutions that suit your environment, don't just copy from anywhere
- Think about platforms and how to optimise
- Work together, don't compete on all levels
- Try to establish research and cooperation areas
- Discuss regional networks to boost infrastructure logistics
- Involve stakeholders, i.e. the local governments, city councils etc

- → be open, think bigger, go beyond existing patterns

Thank you very much!

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