E&W Hubs

E&W Hubs are modelled on IAF global Special Interest Groups (currently 4: Faciliação em Português, Future of Foresight Facilitation, Social Inclusion Facilitators, Visual Facilitation):

- All communities within IAF are bound to the IAF Statement of Values & Code of Ethics and the Core Facilitation Competences, which offer them a solid ground for development.
- The purpose of E&W Hubs is to enable like-minded facilitators to network, create and share knowledge around, or act upon, a specific interest area related to facilitation in E&W.
- A minimum of 5 IAF E&W facilitators & friends is needed to apply for the creation of a new E&W Hub, including a minimum of 3 IAF members of which one or two must be named Hub lead or co-leads.
- Each E&W Hub must have the support of an elected E&W Board member willing to oversee the Hub on behalf of the Board, and to act as Hub-Board liaison. That Board member may be a Hub member or the Hub lead, but need not be either.
- A brief written application for a new E&W Hub should be brought to the E&W Board by the Board member offering to oversee the new Hub. This should include:
  - the names of the 5+ founding members, and of the Hub lead or co-leads and the Hub-Board liaison;
  - a proposed name and interest area for the Hub, and intentions for the first year
  - a new Hub should be formed around a clearly framed area of interest, and it should clearly distinguish itself from already existing IAF Hubs (both E&W and global)
- E&W Hubs will be supported by IAF E&W including by, for example:
  - a team space on Basecamp for online collaboration, and use of the IAF Zoom account for virtual meetings
  - use of an IAF E&W branded template Hub logo and IAF E&W communication channels in Hub communications
  - being listed on the E&W page of the IAF website, with a link to the IAF member profile of the (or each) Hub lead to be contacted for further information
  - being able to schedule their own meetups, and having priority opportunity for leading annual conference sessions
  - being able to apply to the E&W Board for financial support for small sums to support specific expenses or and well-structured projects
- Hubs are encouraged to contribute to IAF globally by eg: publishing notes and information in IAF’s Global Flipchart and/or the IAF Journal, by liaising and collaborating as appropriate with other chapters or with global Hubs.
- Hubs are expected to ‘work out loud’ to engage others beyond the Hub, and to submit a brief annual report to confirm current contact details and describe their activities. If no reports are received within a reasonable period of time and despite follow-up, the Hub will be closed.