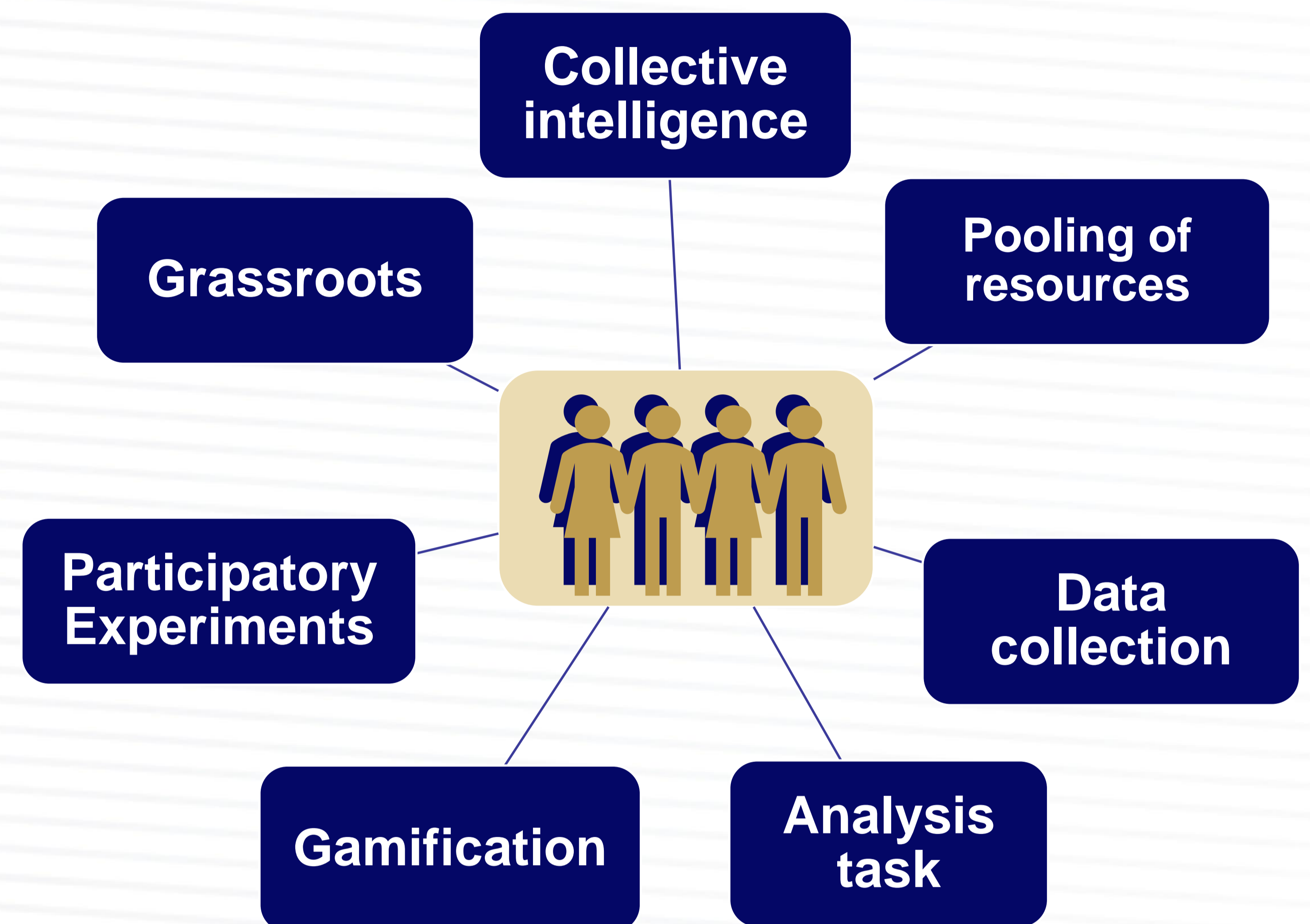


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Science and Innovation-based Life-Long Learning

WHAT WE DO ..

A short survey indicates differences in the **Citizen Science** activities conducted at the partner universities of EUREC-PRO. While two universities are dedicated to specific topics, (namely biodiversity and the interface between architecture, design and energy), other partner universities have identified Citizen Science projects that are more likely to be carried out by individual scientists in the context of their research activities.



Forms of participation by citizen scientists in scientific projects*

What does Citizen Science mean?

A short overview of definitions, which is far from being complete, reveals a set of common characteristics:

- Citizen Science is related to research and the creation of new knowledge.
- In a Citizen Science project, the participation of volunteers who are not professional scientists is a key characteristic.
- A Citizen Science project usually implies a collaboration between volunteers ("Citizen Scientists") and professional researchers or research institutions.
- Some definitions highlight the collection of data and their transmission as a key or even limiting characteristic of a Citizen Science project.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- ✓ Initiate mutual exchange within and between the partner universities to discover potentials of Citizen Science in the field of responsible consumption and production
- ✓ Support ongoing Citizen Science projects
- ✓ Support Citizen Science training courses for EURECA-PRO researchers and project managers
- ✓ Create Citizen Science projects for all groups of society



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* Citizen Science Network Austria. (2017). What is citizen science? (C. S. Austria, Herausgeber) 14. March 2023, <https://www.citizen-science.at/en/immerse/what-is-citizen-science>