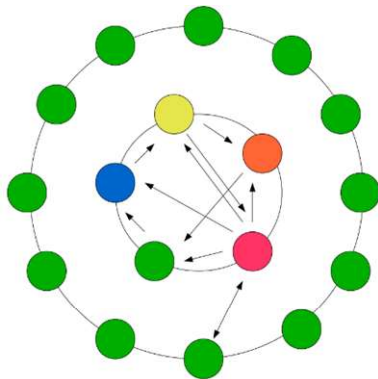


Fishbowl – a method of discourse



In order to ensure that the approach is as open as possible, a form of discourse is chosen that offers both: justified hopes and fears as well as the well-founded answers of the experts. A suitable format is the Fishbowl, a (semi-)public panel discussion. It consists of an inner circle of experts in which the discussion takes place, surrounded by an outer circle of listeners who have the opportunity to take a seat on the empty chair for a limited period of time (5-10 minutes) in order to participate in the discussion. The format is moderated.

In a first phase there will be impulse lectures by the individual experts who will present their views on the basis of concrete questions they received in advance. In the 2nd phase the actual discussion takes place.

The inner circle of experts in the concrete topic consists of two researchers from Graz University of Technology intensively involved in the development of automated vehicles, a German technology assessor/ethicist, a trend researcher from Silicon Valley and a big data expert from Graz University of Technology. They prepare their 10-minute statements for Phase 1 in writing and exchange them with each other before the event. The statements will also be made available to the audience in advance.

The outer circle consists of a maximum of 40 interested scientific staff members of Graz University of Technology. The institutes from the relevant fields of mechanical engineering, civil engineering, electrical engineering and computer science will be invited to the event and invited to send young scientists, especially dissertants, to the event.

The discourse and the results of the event will be summarized in a brochure that will be published in the aftermath.