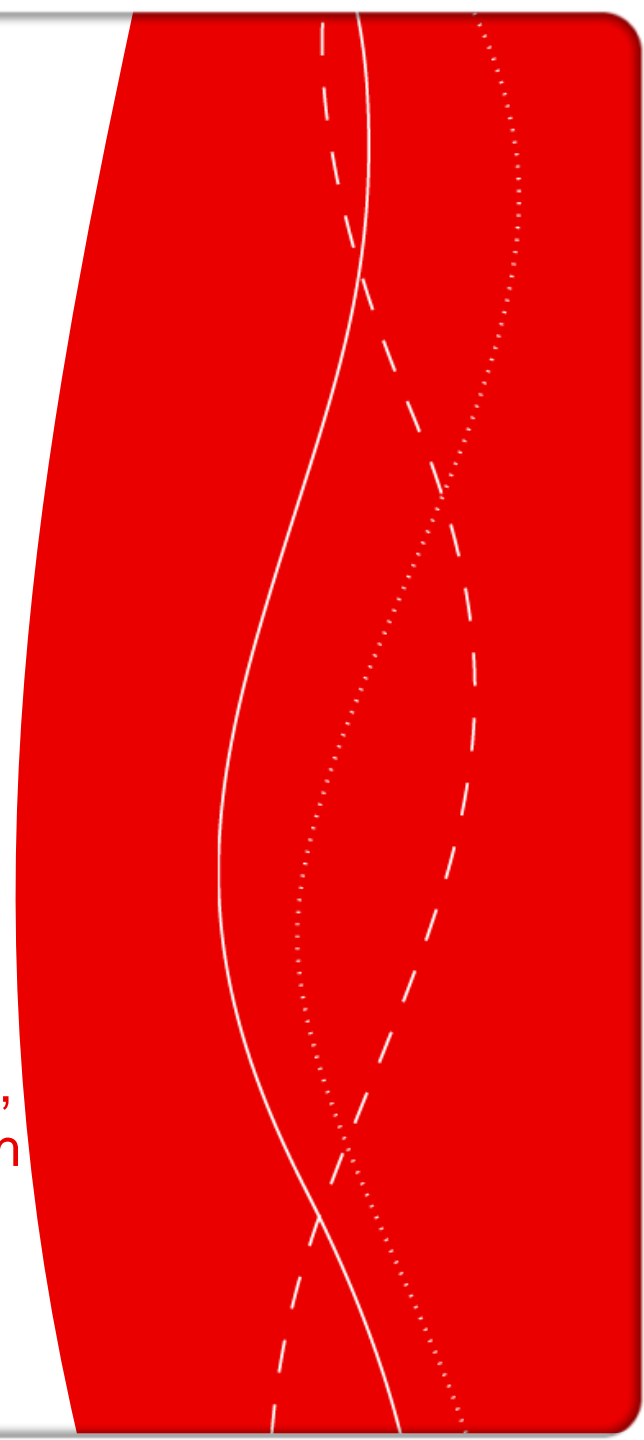




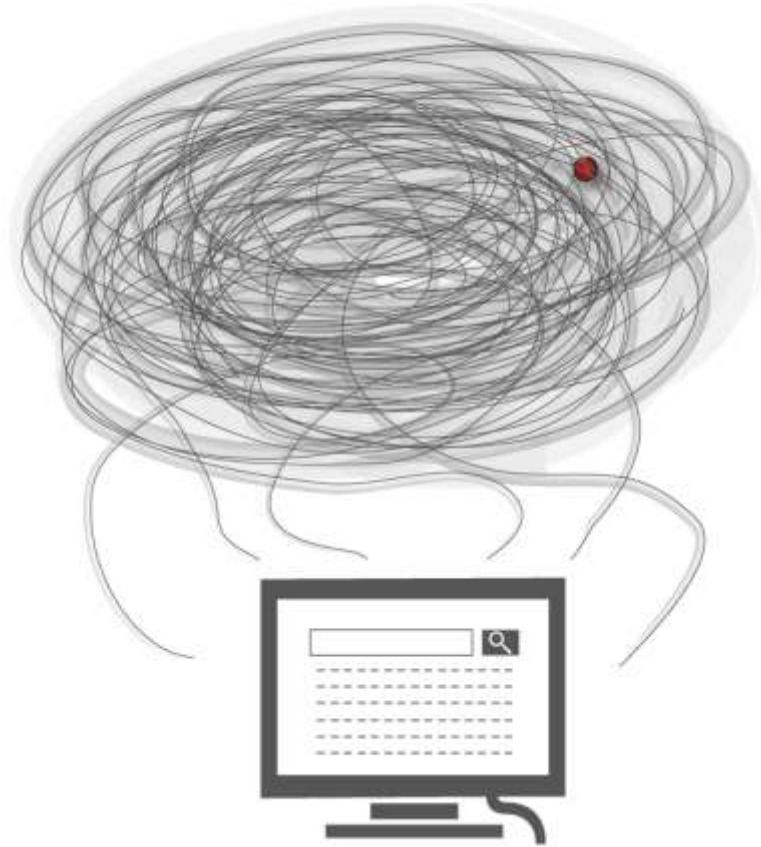
Soft infrastructures and databases

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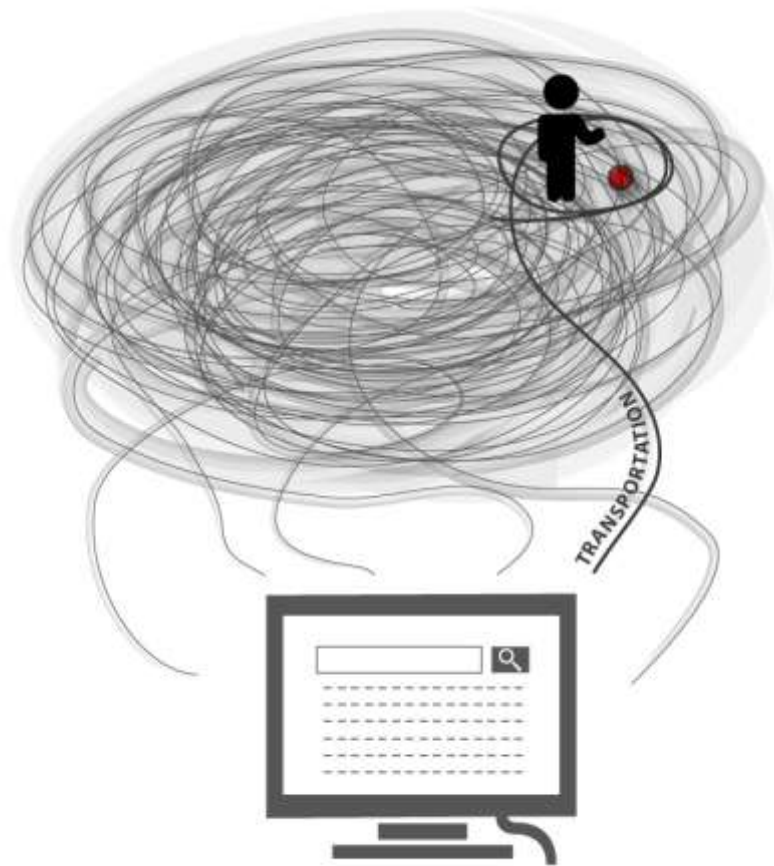
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It's there..... but where??



Infrastructures and databases increase the likelihood of finding and being found



Recommendations when starting a project

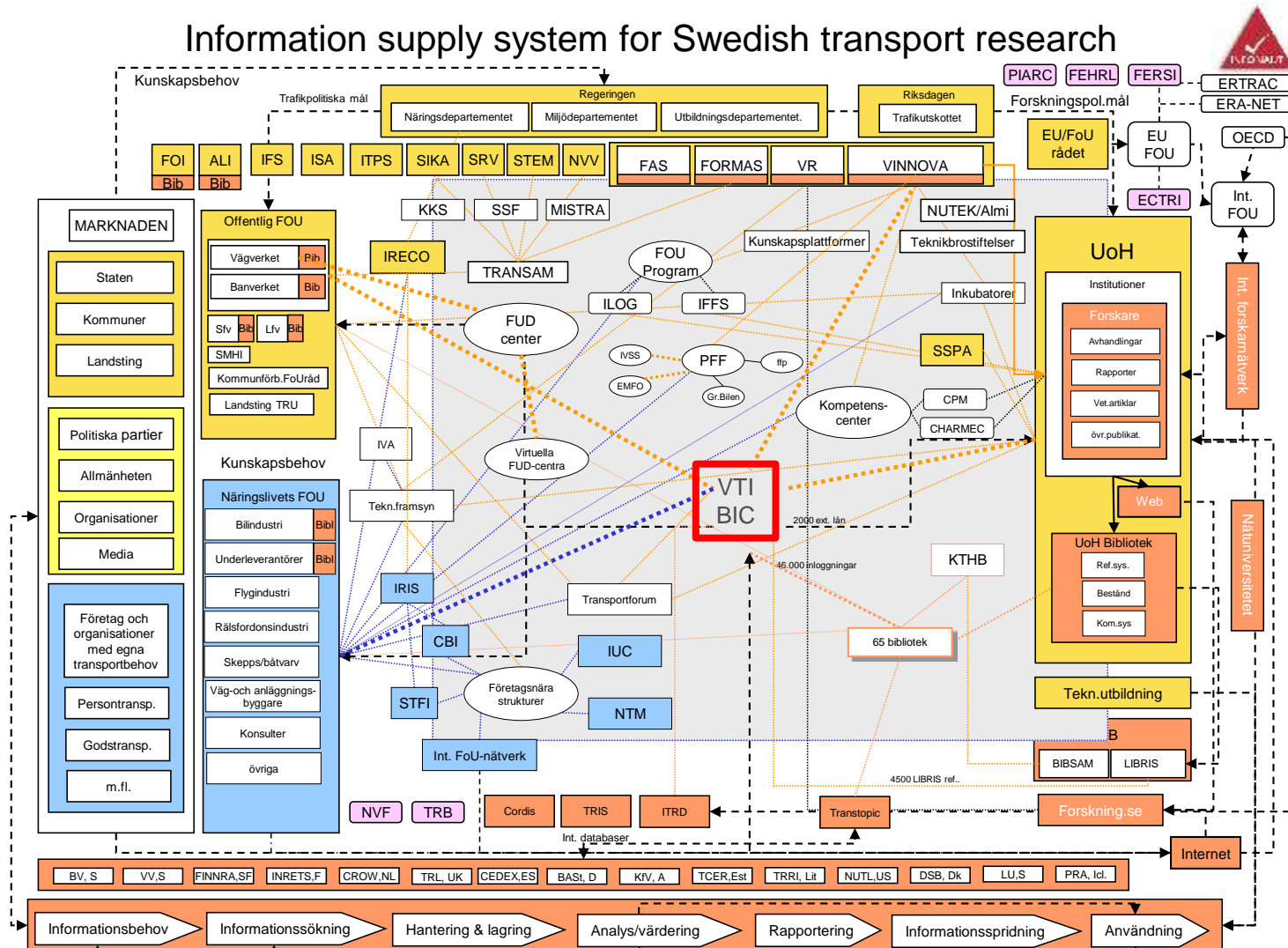
- Start with a comprehensive background check
- If information comes from non-validated sources - check the quality
- Optimize dissemination. Putting information on the internet is easy but it should also be found
- If you do not use already existing databases for input, structure and mark-up your information in a standardized/harmonized way
- Plan for sustainability: What will happen with the information after the project/programme has ended?
- Remember to include the cost of the above when applying for grants

Recommendations when funding a project

- Demand that an application include a comprehensive background check and make sure that it's been done before approval
- Encourage the use of already existing soft infrastructures and databases
- Check the information management plan: How will for instance the data and information be accessed after the project/programme has finished?
- Support these activities financially
- Remember that already existing soft infrastructures and databases need your support

Maybe involve an information professional...

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Transguide – a portal to Swedish transport research



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