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THE VALUE OF OPERATIONAL COOPERATION
from parntership to platforms

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No member has everything. Every member has something

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SHARE

Expertise, experience, tools and solutions across the Region

LEARN

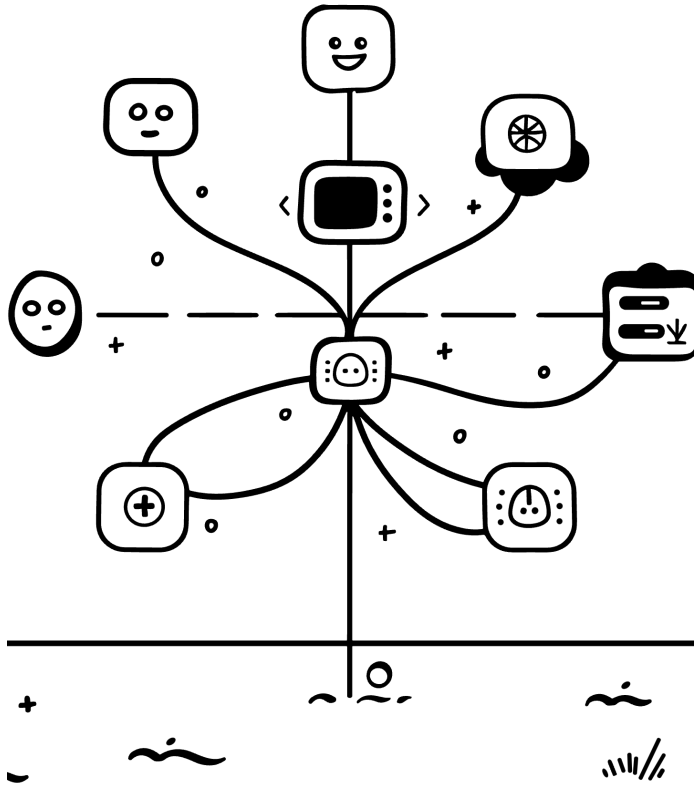
From different operational realities and approaches

CO-DEVELOP

Solutions to challenges we increasingly share

STRENGTHEN

National capabilities and the resilience of the Region as a whole



Regional cooperation is not a one-way transfer of capacity. It is **mutual reinforcement**.

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Turning into Action – an Example

RAVI exchange platform

1

I NEED

Ask for expertise, training, staff exchange, equipment or technical assistance

2

WE CONNECT

The platform matches needs with the right offers across RAVI Members

3

I CAN OFFER

Share knowledge, experience, training opportunities, tools and resources

A Practical Example



Armenia identified a need for support in developing its heat-health warning approach. Through the exchange mechanism, **Austria** contributed expertise —but this was not one-directional. Austria also learned: from Armenia's context, challenges and approach.

Practical mechanisms where members "talk" to members —asking, offering, connecting and learning from each other.

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