## **TRAINING ACTIVITY 1. DISCOVERY**

1.1 Presentation Training Course



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The COL-CREATION Training Course has launched with the main objective of increasing the competences of Professionals in the Creative Industry on how to develop successful Business Models based on Collaboration supported by Co-Creation, innovative Sharing Economy Platforms and Open Innovation and promoting the proper use of these models and platforms as part of global and sustainable self-employment and entrepreneurship project.





- The Training Course is divided in several Experiential Training Activities, to be supported by the training materials that you can find in the Student Manual and additional assignments, questionnaires and other tools which are also available in the e-Training Platform.
- They include Face-to-Face (F2F) Sessions and Online Sessions to be implemented with the support of the e-Training Platform, with an estimated duration of 30 to 40 hours, although the training course is flexible and could be adapted to different duration, depending on the characteristics of the training group, availability or areas where the trainer would like to make more stress.





- Experiential Training Activities are based in collaboration among trainees and "learning by doing", where they put into practice the knowledge and tools along the training course, focusing in the development of creative solutions to real market problems while they develop the targeted collaborative competences
- In the COL-CREATION learning process, trainees will tackle in a team a realworld problem put forward by a client and will "col-create" a solution. To do so, we will use the methodology called Human-Centered design.





The Experiential Training Activities are structured as follows

- **1. DISCOVERY** (1 F2F + 1 Online Session).
- 2. DEVELOPING COLLABORATIVE AND TEAMWORK COMPETENCES (1 F2F + 1 Online Session).
- 3. HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN METHODOLOGY; INTRODUCTION, DIVISION OF LABOUR AND CLIENT BRIEFING (2 F2F + 2 Online Session).
- **4. FINDING THE PROBLEM; RESEARCH AND DEFINE** (2 F2F + 2 Online Session).
- **5. FINDING SOLUTIONS AND PROTOTYPE;** (2 F2F + 1 Online Session).
- 6. IMPLEMENTATION AND PRESENTATION (2 F2F + 2 Online Session).







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1.3 Creative Industries and Trends



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- Creative work is often presented as a model of the project-based and freelance economy. As a consequence, flexible and temporary cooperation often go hand in hand with relatively high levels of autonomy at work. Self-employment may include working for only one customer at least for a certain period of time. This blurs the boundaries between freelancing and dependent employment.
- Atypical and precarious forms of employment are generally becoming more frequent, as well as multiple (simultaneous) employments and new forms of self-employment. The growing insecurity and rising demands on employees require a continuous re-orientation in regard to knowledge, labour practices and labour relations, requiring the workers to act self-reliantly
- Creative work is strongly embedded in a social context and social connections among the creators and artists, as well as among businesses, are a constitutive aspect of the creative industry





- Research shows that technology and digitalisation in particular is the main driver in the creative industries in the future. The options for new business for creative people increase with increasing digitalisation. Digital competences are seen as the key element for adaption to the digital change – they open the door for new business models.
- ICTs enable outsourcing and relocation, facilitate cooperation over long distance and allow the digital delivery of immaterial products helping to overcome restrictions of transport giving room for new business models such as e-commerce and crowdworking platforms





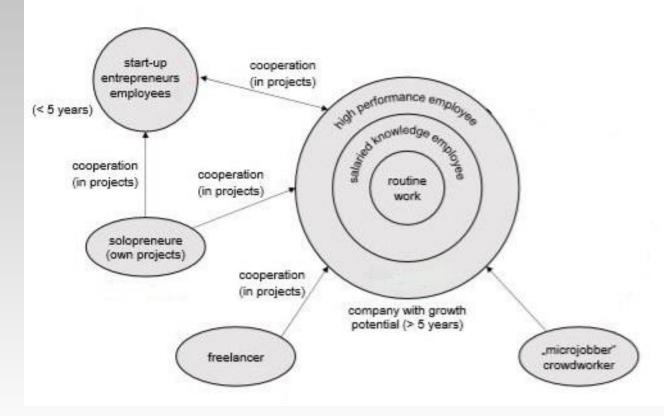
The central directions of the digital transformation impacts in the work in the creative industries through:

- Individualised products and services ("job lot 1").
- Marketing via digital channels (social media).
- Distribution via online-shops/online-channels.
- Routine-jobs are mostly automated.
- Real-time information increases efficiency.
- Logistic processes are automated.
- Cloud-computing becomes usual.
- High-demand on data privacy protection.
- Big data is central artificial intelligence, deep learning and data analytics deliver hints for (individualised) new products and services.





 The company of the future will be organised as a "fluid organisation" – often you can't differentiate who belongs to the enterprise and who doesn't: agencies, consultants, external experts are involved in business processes as well as permanent staff. A new innovation-ecosystem evolves







- The digitalisation creates 4 new modes of working:
- ➢Solopreneur
- ➢ High performance employee
- Salaried knowledge-worker
- Digital day-labourer or clickworker; Fulfils routine-functions. Mostly this kind of work is poorly paid.





- Opportunities for employees:
- Work-life-learn-balance becomes more and more important and can be put into practice much easier in the era of digitalisation.
- Digitalisation and platforms open prospects for working on one's own projects.
- Job change is easier.
- Assisting technologies offer more working opportunities for older employees.

#### • Challenges for employers:

- Recruiting may become more difficult requirements of employees are challenging and manifold.
- Organisation of work becomes more complex.
- Incentives gain importance for retention management.
- New organisational structures must reduce hierarchies and have to facilitate extensive participation of employees in development and decision-making processes.





- Crowdwork is currently still a relatively small phenomenon within the Creative Industries. This pertains to both the number of enterprises sourcing out creative work through crowdworking platforms and the number of creative workers who look for and take on jobs over such platforms. However, platforms like Upwork, Freelancer or 99 designs show great potential for growth and demand closer attention.
- Crowdwork can be seen as a form of outsourcing in which the working relationship is entirely digital, while sometimes being quite dispersed spatially. Typically, the cost is below the level for performing the respective task offline. The platforms present themselves as brokers who don't contribute to the tasks being fulfilled, but only bring together supply and demand





- In the Creative Industries, mainly two kinds of crowdwork can be found:
- ➤The allocation of work assignments can either be done through "pitching". This means that products more or less close to completion are submitted in a competition. Only the winner gets paid.
- Alternatively, a tender is issued with offers being submitted based on which one bidder is chosen and the assignment is completed after this process. Moreover, some platforms offer additional models of distribution like online shops where completed products (e.g., logos, video intros, other designs) can be purchased for a fixed price





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1.4 Collaboration, Co-Creation, Open Innovation, Collaborative Business Models



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- Collaboration can be defined as "the process of two or more people or organizations working together to complete a task or achieve a goal."
- Collaboration is well defined as "a strategic mode of integration in which two or more organizations co-operate on parts or all stages of production, from the initial phase of research to marketing and distribution. Collaborative agreements can be short-term or long-term and encompass a spectrum of co-operation that lies between outright merger/acquisition and arms-length market transaction"





- "A Business Model describes the rationale of how an organization creates, delivers and captures value" (Osterwalder, 2009).
- During the last decades changes in the competitive environment forced firms to adopt new business models increasingly focused on partnering with different actors within complex ecosystems. Competitiveness is not only between enterprises, but between enterprise networks.
- Collaboration is a necessary strategy, especially for SMEs, both of them to overcome their limitations of resources and to balance the size/power asymmetry. The strategy of collaboration is, in some cases, the only way to survive and compete in the market.





We can classify the collaborative business models into **Sharing, Specialization and Allocation**. Each of these models has specific characteristics for value creation, value capture and value delivery.

	Sharing	Specialization	Allocation
Value creation			
Economies of	Scale	Skill	Risk
Capabilities	Similar	Complementary	Overlapping
Relationship of the partners	Horizontal	Diagonal	Vertical
Value creation potential	Predictable	Unpredictable	Increased predictability
Value capture			
Mechanisms	Pre-agreed split	Each partner carries own revenue/cost	Incentives tied to performance
Value delivery			
Interdependence	Reciprocal	Pooled	Sequential
Level of integration	High	Low	Focused





#### **Example of the Sharing Model within the Creative Industries**

- The cooperation developed between print media company Grand and communication company Traffic&Co. Grand is focussed on design, they create flyers, magazines, books envelopes and stationery in their own design studio. But also: photography, print (offset or digital) and finishing. Traffic& Co is advising on a communication issues: designing and building websites, realizing a magazines or corporate film. But also, consultancy on a complete process of communication-strategy and execution.
- In this case the both partners see the advantage to share their network and clients to generate more profit. The two companies have different services but also similar services.
- Through the partnership they can give their customers more services. So, they can create the image of a total package to fore fill the needs of their customer. By using each other's network, they can offer services they (partly) do not deliver by themselves. They also share costs in supporting services as administration, sales, etc.





#### **Example of the Specialization Model within the Creative Industries**

- Rodix and Infostart are working from different business disciplines but they developed "Real Games" for urban promotion. Rodix by publishing municipal information guides and Infostart by interactive information systems, both aimed at the tourist visitor.
- By the development of Real Games, both companies ensured a new communication product that gives direction to the existing business activities in the future. The companies believe that communication will increasingly focus on the experience of the product than on its function.
- The product "Real games" connects the tourist destinations in a city. The city will be offered to the visitor more as a whole instead of each destination individually.
- The product "Real games" has a game form element as a basis, making it challenging for children and young
  people and in the wake of the elderly to use the game as a guideline to visit the sights and attractions of a city.
  It is a combination of using interactive information connected to information guides in print.





#### **Example of the Allocation Model within the Creative Industries**

Safety-Print is a company specialized in secure printed products, such as the national school exams for secondary education. They work together with Security Logistics that have services on storage and distribution of materials that need to be secured. Safety-Print has, due to security problems with exams in schools, started to cooperate with their partner to deliver "just in time" the exams to the schools. Safety-print is responsible for securing all activities in the printing company until the secured printing product leaves the company premises. Security Logistics is responsible to store and deliver the exams at the schools on the right moment. This ensures that there is no chance that the content of the exams can leak out at an early stage or that exams can be stolen, so that exam candidates can benefit. The organization with the best competences bears the right risks in this collaboration.





Research has distilled a core set of **competencies and capabilities for collaborative practice**; an ability to work skillfully across boundaries, to frame the operating context in a way that prepares members for joint working, and the nimbleness to work with an emerging set of norms, roles and values.

Getting things done through others	Analysis and planning	Driving the process	Personal attributes
Communication skills Relationship skills Build and maintain Nurturing Leadership skills Process catalyst Group Process skills Change Management skills Negotiation skills (interest based) Deal constructively with conflict	Listening and learning Problem assessment Strategic planning Strategic relationship building Work planning Performance measurement and evaluation Alignment of top down and bottom up processes	Vision setting Resources Linking and leveraging relationships Getting 'buy-in' from members Energise and mobilise Building coalitions Modelling elaborative practice Community building Managing relationships/ expectations Assignment of tasks and	Able to 'read' interactions and exchanges Trustworthy Sense of humour Empathy (step in shoes) Flexibility Patience Perseverance Commitment Cooperative spirit Strong personal presence Politically astute/savvy

people





- The term "**Co-Creation**" is not fully homogeneous in the literature. In the framework of the "COL-CREATION" project several definitions will apply.
- "Co-Creation" is a process which brings various stakeholders together and they engage with solving a problem and finding a solution to it, create something or look for an innovation. The process may involve stakeholders from different social groups or backgrounds (e.g., policymakers and representatives of a business sector or simply citizens) and different techniques can be used like open discussions, exchange of best practices, exchange of knowledge, collaboration, etc.
- "Co-Creation" is the collaborative development of new value (concepts, solutions, products and services) together with experts and/or stakeholders (such as customers, suppliers etc.)
- There are some equivalences to the term "Co-Creation" that could better sound in the framework of the Creative Industries, like "Co-Design" or "Participatory Design", focusing in the cooperation between designers and other creative professionals while Co-Creation seems to be a broader innovation management tool that could be implemented by any company of any sector.





• **Open-innovation** is about bringing external ideas or input to an innovation process and is described as *"combining internal and external ideas as well as internal and external paths to market to advance the development of new technologies".* 

Closed Innovation Principles	Open Innovation Principles	
The smart people in the field work for us.	Not all the smart people work for us, so owe must find and tap into the	
	knowledge and expertise of bright individuals outside our company.	
To profit from R&D, we must discover it, develop it, and ship it	External R&D can create significant value: internal R&D is needed to claim	
ourselves.	some portion of that value.	
If we discover it ourselves, we will get it to the market first.	We don't have to originate the research to profit from it.	
The company that gets an innovation to the market first will win.	Building a better business model is better than getting to the market first.	
If we create the most and the best ideas in the industry, we will	If we make the best use of internal and external ideas, we will win.	
win.		
We should control our intellectual property (IP) so that our	We should profit from others' use of our IP, and we should buy others' IP	
competitors don't profit from our ideas	whenever it advances our business model.	





- Collaboration in the creative industry is indeed very important. The creative industry is characterized by many SMEs and Freelancers. They lack resources to leverage their creativity to bring successful products to the (global) market. Bigger companies and multinationals do have the possibilities to bring creative products to the market, however often lack creativity and entrepreneurial spirit. Collaboration between these heterogeneous parties could therefore create interesting opportunities for both parties. Other heterogeneous collaborations can be established with cultural institutions, knowledge institutes, etc.
- There are heterogeneous collaborations in the creative industry;
- a) between different type of partners: e.g., Freelancers, SME, start-ups, large corporations, knowledge institutes, cultural institutes
- b) between partners from different disciplines.
- c) with different positions in the value chain/on different topics: e.g., concept development, marketing and customer involvement, supply chain, etc.





Important **problems** recognized in collaborations in the creative industry are:

- a) economic valuation of creative/cultural value is difficult since this value is to a great extent intangible, which often rises problems with the protection of Intellectual Property or in the attraction of money.
- b) differences in culture and approach between partners (e.g., formality, hierarchy, scale).
- The collaboration problems are not incidental but structural.
- Important enablers for collaborations in the creative industry seem to be development environments (like co-working labs), networks (like social networks), and communication and trust (versus formalization, contracts and Intellectual Property management).





The next aspects have been identified as critical for the management of collaborative business models and co-creation in the creative industry.

- Communication & Trust Having a network; a network allows the professionals to tap into new knowledge, and it can create brokerage opportunity by linking people, firms, or technologies to create new products.
- Intellectual property rights (IPR).
- Budget management.
- Heterogeneity in size and discipline.





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## **TRAINING ACTIVITY 1. DISCOVERY**

### 1.5 Online Platforms/Sharing Economy



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### Online Platforms/Sharing Economy

- Online platforms provide employers or customers with access to a large pool of labour, qualifications and creativity but also the opportunity to profit from higher flexibility, often lower costs without long-term commitment to the workforce.
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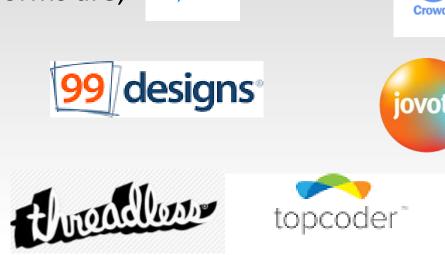
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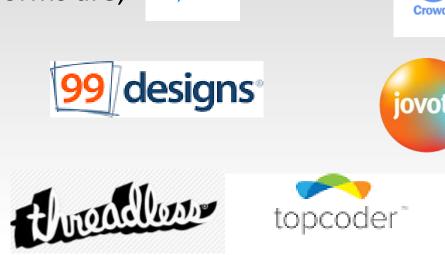
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# TRAINING ACTIVITY 2. DEVELOPING COLLABORATIVE AND TEAMWORK COMPETENCES

#### 2.1 Collaborative Skills



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## X & Y Group Dynamic





- "A team is a small number of people with complementary skills who are committed to a common purpose, performance goals, and approach for which they hold themselves mutually accountable."
- Team dynamics are critical for organizational success. Without positive team dynamics, your business or project can't fully leverage the potential of your employees or partners and tap into their skills and experience.
- No two teams are exactly the same, so improving team dynamics starts with identifying any issues and formulating a tailored strategy for your team.





Group leaders and team members can contribute to a **negative group dynamics**. Let's look at some of the most common problems that can occur:

- Weak leadership
- Excessive deference to authority:
- Blocking
- Groupthink
- Free riding
- Evaluation apprehension





Use these approaches to improve group dynamics:

- Know Your Team. Conduct a diagnosis and get to know your team
- Create a team charter. Define roles and responsibilities
- Enhance team culture
- Tackle problems quickly
- Break down barriers
- Build and focus on communication;
- Pay attention





Based on Patrick Lencioni's there are 5 key elements to a cohesive team. In order of importance, they are:

- Trust
- Healthy conflict
- Commitment
- Accountability
- Results focus





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# TRAINING ACTIVITY 2. DEVELOPING COLLABORATIVE AND TEAMWORK COMPETENCES

#### 2.3 Communication Skills



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# X & Y Group Dynamic





#### **Main Conclusions?**





#### **Communication Skills**

- a) Active and Empathic Listening
- b) Feedback
- c) Assertiveness





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- b) Feedback
- c) Assertiveness





#### **Active and Empathic Listening**

The 5 steps of the active or empathic listening:

- 1. Forget your point of view just for a moment:
- 2. Focus on his/her point of view:
- 3. Investigate his/her point of view until you understand it:
- 4. Show him or her that you have understood his/her point of view/feeling:
- 5. Look for an agreement, total or partial:

Now ... you can show your point of view.





#### Feedback

The Feedback consists, in the case of a team member, in giving opinions about the action or conduct of a teammate. The utility is twofold: to say which behavior is appropriate (to continue doing) or which is not (to correct). Therefore, it's a very powerful tool to apply in practice the coordination function within a team.

Be descriptive Be positive and balance; Be specific Say things in the right moment Make it useful To be requested Order it to the present and the future Admit that you can be in an error Check that they understand you Listen by system





#### Assertiveness

It is having the ability to defend one's rights without violating those of others under any circumstances. It's the appropriate behavior style for conflict management without damaging the relationship. Being assertive implies:

- Defend your rights and respect those of others.
- Express your opinions and views openly.
- Act in favor of my interests without feeling guilty.
- Knowing how to say NO when that is the answer you want or understand what you should give. Avoid being taken advantage of.

#### IF I AM ASSERTIVE, I KEEP MY SELF-ESTEEM. I RESPECT ME AND RESPECT OTHERS





#### Assertiveness

- Steps to be assertive in the management of a conflict
- Describe the situation, what is happening being objective and as descriptive as possible. Avoid judgments or assessments of the other's behavior (do not label).
- Say how you feel about this situation.
- Say what you have decided to do, or what you ask or suggest to the other person to do.
  - "WHEN IT HAPPENS ..., I FEEL ... I HAVE DECIDED OR I ASK YOU ...





Normally, being assertive in any situation requires five stages:

- 1. Describe the behavior ("When you behave like this ...")
- 2. Express feelings ("Before your intervention, I felt ...")
- 3. Emphasize ("I understand why you ...")
- 4. Negotiate a change ("I want you ...")
- 5. Indicate the consequences ("If you do that ...")





**Basic Styles of Interpersonal Conduct** 

- Aggressive Style
- Passive Style
- Assertive Style





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# TRAINING ACTIVITY 2. DEVELOPING COLLABORATIVE AND TEAMWORK COMPETENCES

#### 2.4 Team Building Skills



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## **A Competitive Tender Group Dynamic**





# **Team Building Skills**

#### **Main Conclusions?**





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#### **COL CREATION HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN METHOD**

#### Background Col-Creation



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#### Targetgroup

- Professionals with skills with(out) experience
- Persons with start qualification or basic knowhow
- Persons with experience/interest looking for new opportunities





#### Learning materials summary HCD

- 7 lessons ex student home-work
- Based on human-centered design / design thinking
- Students mostly work in groups and duo's
- Teacher acts mainly as a coach





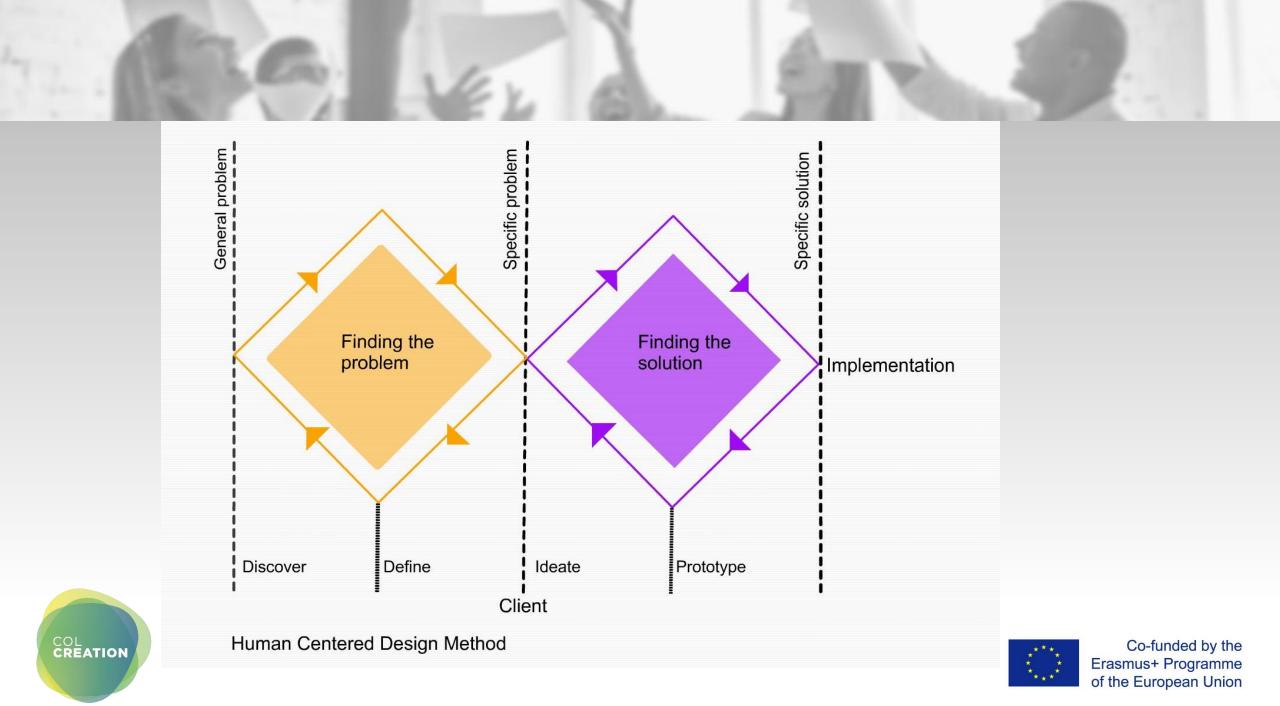


### Structure of the HCDM





		LEL				
		Design thinking	Focus topics	Client interaction		
	[	1: Introduction				
			2: Division of labour			
				3: Briefing		
		4: Find the problem				
		5: Find the solution				
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#### What is a wicked problem?

A **wicked problem** is a problem that is not straightforward to solve, due to a variety of reasons, like:

- incomplete or contradictory information,
- a complexity involving a variety of stakeholders,
- changing or unknown requirements,

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• a relation with other problems, obscuring the root cause.

Ideally, they are questions starting with 'How...'. They should not point towards one immediate solution but be open for wide interpretations.

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#### Good examples of wicked problems

- How can we improve the ecological footprint of print shops in region X?
- How can we spark an interest in art and design in school for learners between the ages of 12 and 16?
- How can we create more visibility for marketing agency Y?





# Getting to know each other, compose the team



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3: Briefing

6: Presentation

#### Getting to know each other

- Introduce yourself to a team mate (3 min.)
- This person makes a poster about you
- Reverse

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- Introduce each other to the whole team
- For each team member, identify two unique expertises.
- For the team, find **three shared expertises or ambitions**. Something that the whole team identifies with.



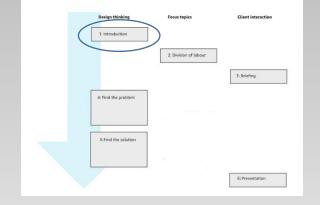


## Introduction and Briefing



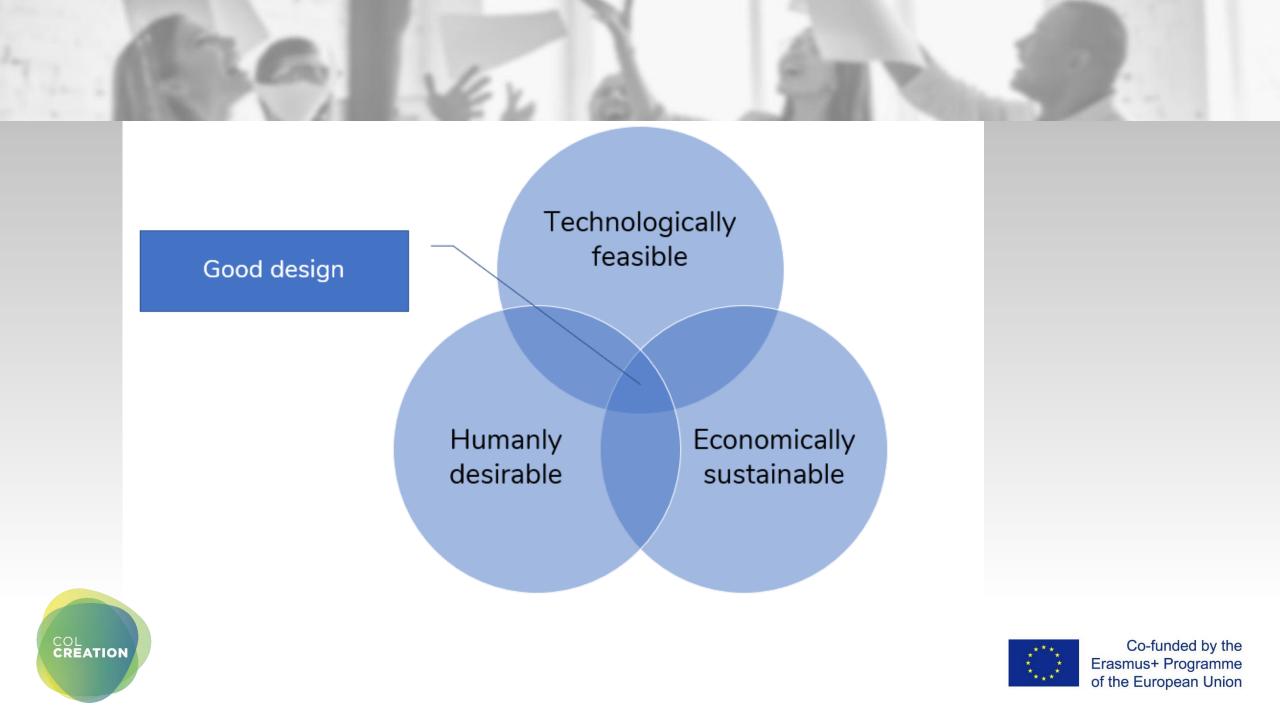


### Human-Centered Design











#### Designing the thing right.

### Designing the <u>right</u> thing!







#### "Research is the fuel for your ideas."

DesignKit: The Course for Human-Centered Design





#### Design challenge:

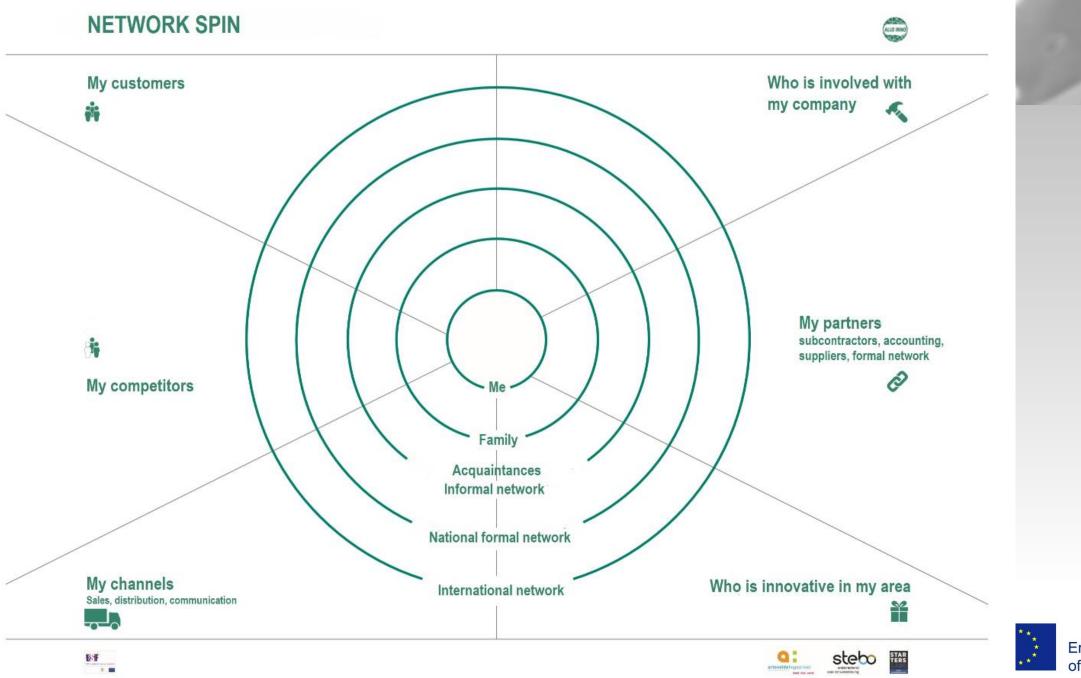
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## How might we improve

#### sustainability in everyday life?





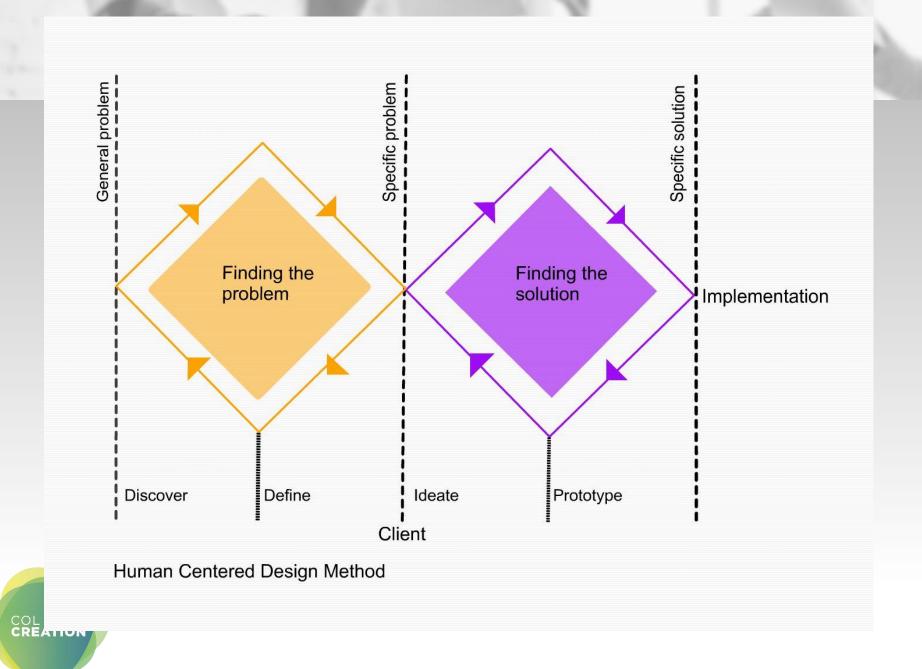




## Part 1: finding the problem











## 1A Discover





#### Explore for inspiration

In the Inspiration phase, you'll explore different ways to **understand people**. You'll observe and ask about their hopes, needs, feelings, and desires, all of which will **inspire ideas that improve lives**.





#### Where to look for inspiration











#### Who to learn from

**Extremes and outliers** can be as useful as the average user. Are you looking for representation or something special?







#### Understanding the whole person

- Understand values, needs, desires, aspirations.
- How do they spend their time and money? It shows their priorities.
- People are experts on their own lives.
   Don't judge. Don't steer.
  - Just listen and learn.

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#### Understanding context



- Empathize with people in their homes, workplace, or other natural surroundings.
- It helps them feel comfortable; it helps you understand them

better.





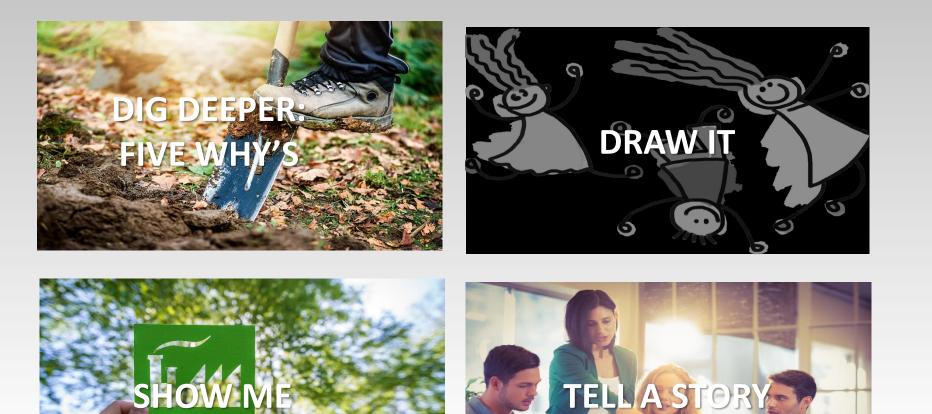
#### Interview exercise

Ask the person next to you: What is stopping you from being a more sustainable person?





#### Some interview techniques



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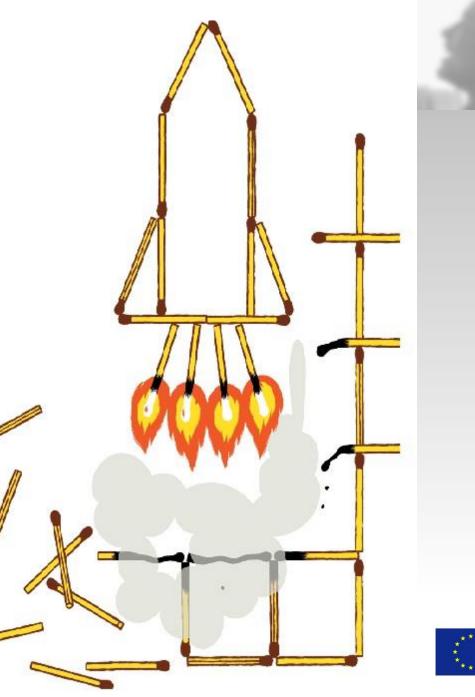
#### Interview exercise

Using the new techniques, ask the person next to you:

What is stopping you from being a more sustainable person?

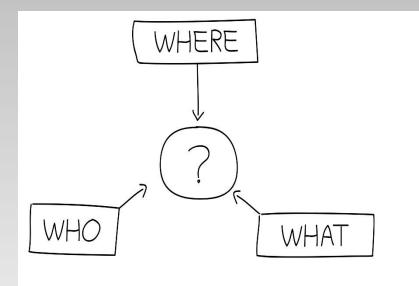
- Dig deeper
- Draw it
- Show it
- Tell a story







#### Plan your research



- Who do you want to talk to?
- Where might you find them?



What questions do you want to ask?



#### Tips

- Be pro-active, don't be shy.
- Introduce yourself and explain why you want to talk to them.
- Make the other feel comfortable.
- Respect their expertise.
- Capture what you learn.
- Ask before taking pictures.
- Improvise.

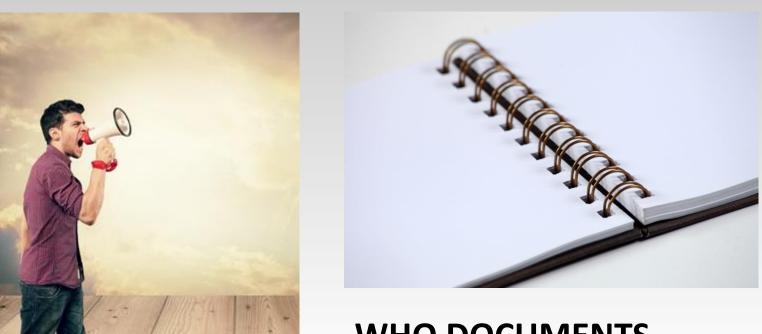
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#### Roles – agree before each interaction

#### **WHO LEADS**



#### WHO DOCUMENTS



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## Time to hit the road.

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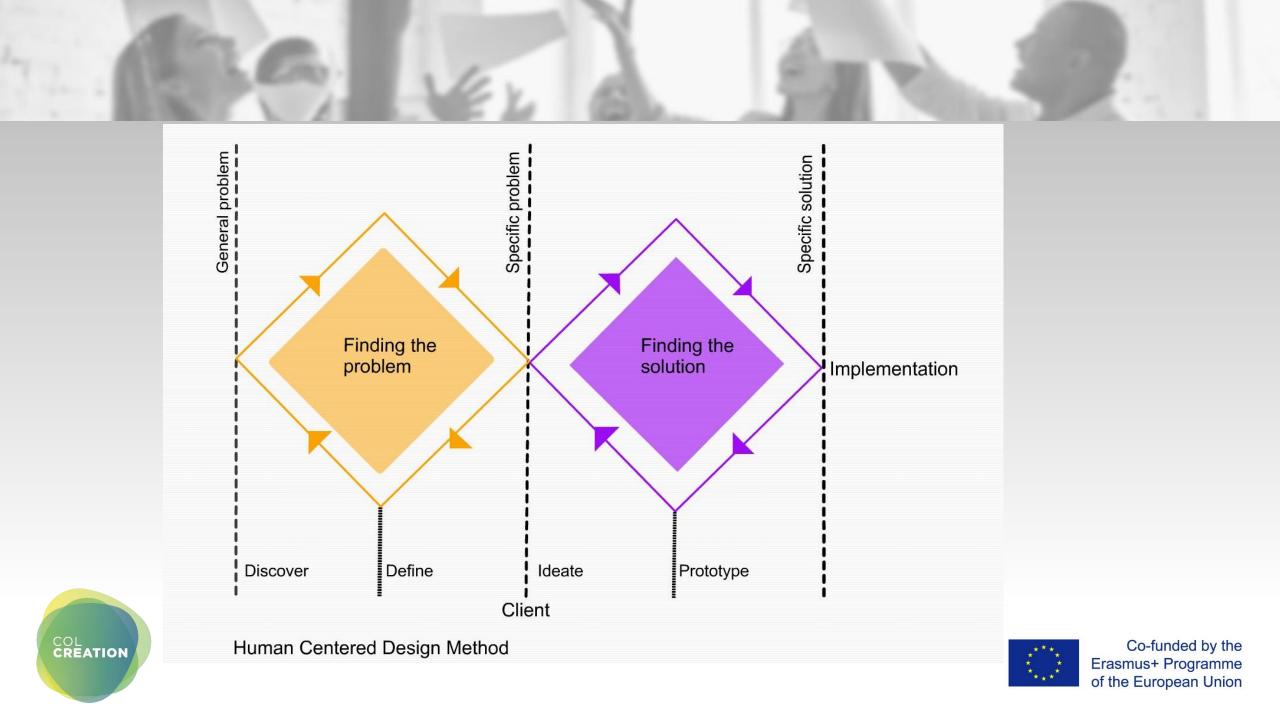




## 1B Define







#### Steps in synthesis

#### **Download** create a pile of results

Specific problems to solve How might we...

Thematise grouping Analyse gain insights





#### Download

- Discuss your interactions with the group
- Write down anything you find interesting, important, strange or surprising on a post-it.
- One post-it, one idea.
- Just create a whole bunch of post-it's. Don't worry about importance or structure.





#### Thematise and analyze



- Move post-its so that related topics are close to each other.
- Continue until you have between 5 and 10 clusters.
- Give your clusters a good title. These are your themes.
- Try to write one or two insights or conclusions per theme.



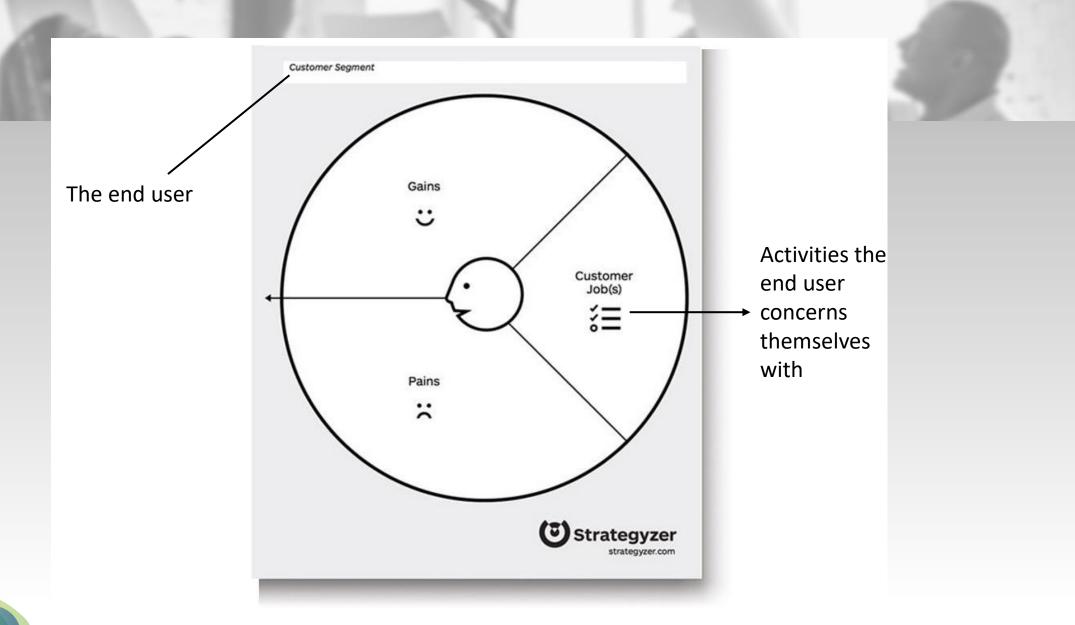
### Crafting 'How might we'- questions

- Identify the most interesting themes and insights
- Turn them into HMW questions.
- A good HMW is like a tap:
  - Too narrow?
    - Ask 'Why do we want this?'
  - Too broad?
    - Ask 'What's stopping us?'









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# 2 Finding the solution





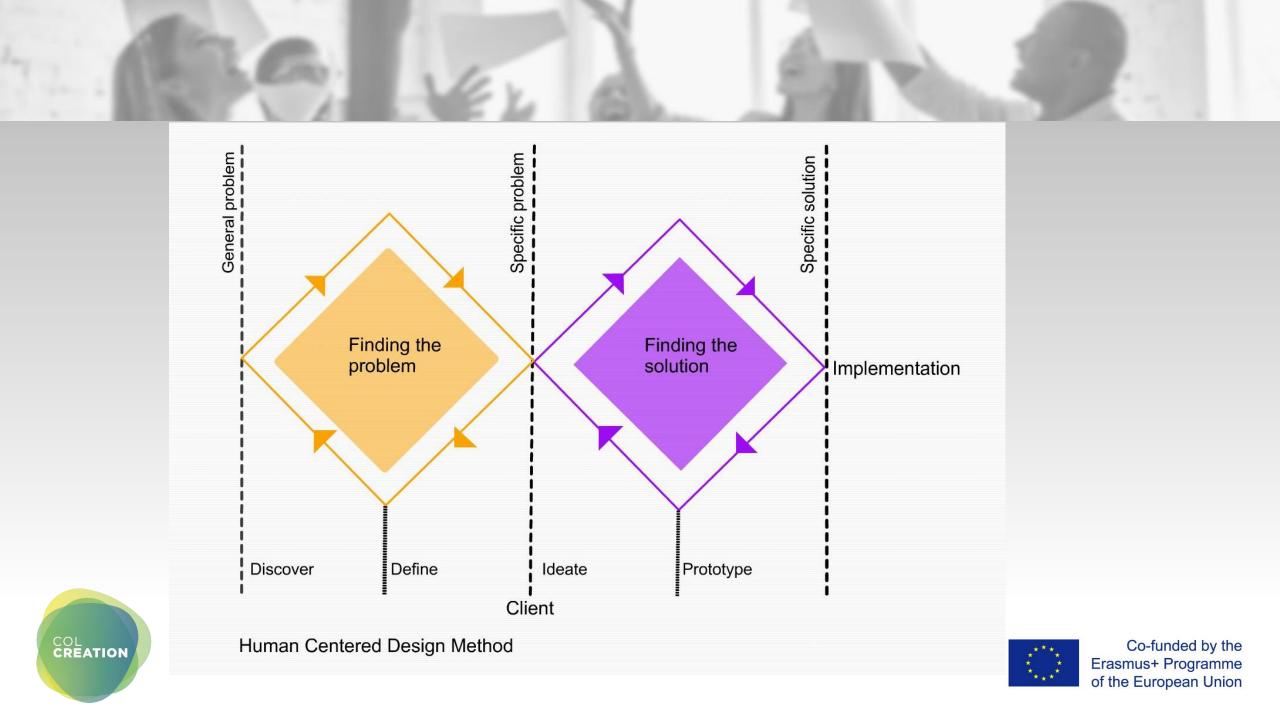
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# 2A Ideate







#### Brainstorm ideas for you to develop

• One HMW (How Might We) question at a time.









### Selecting ideas

- Select two to three ideas you feel might be useful. Try to include both blue and red ideas.
- Discuss each idea with your group. Give them a short title and get agreement on the following questions:
  - How this idea would contribute to the original design challenge.
  - The specific target group of the idea.
  - One or more ways the idea could be implemented.





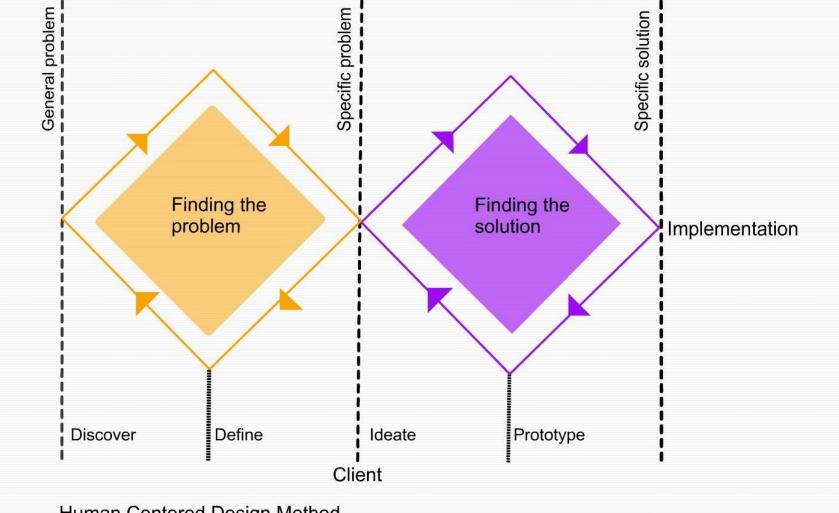


# 2B Prototype









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#### Prototype

• Try to create a prototype for at least one of your ideas.



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#### Prototype

- A fast and cheap version of (a part of) your solution.
- Brings an idea to life.
- Allows your target audience to try it out and detect problems.
- Continuous improvement.









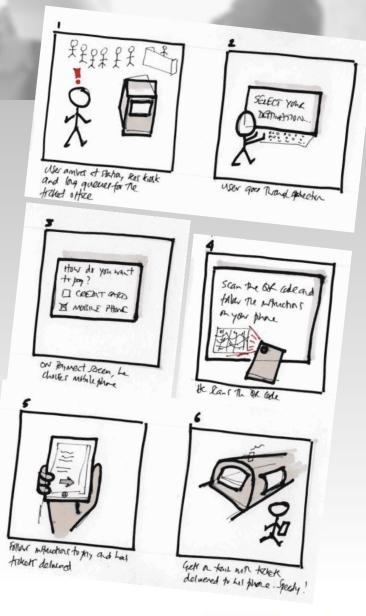
# Fail fast Fail cheap Fail often





#### Don't make it perfect!





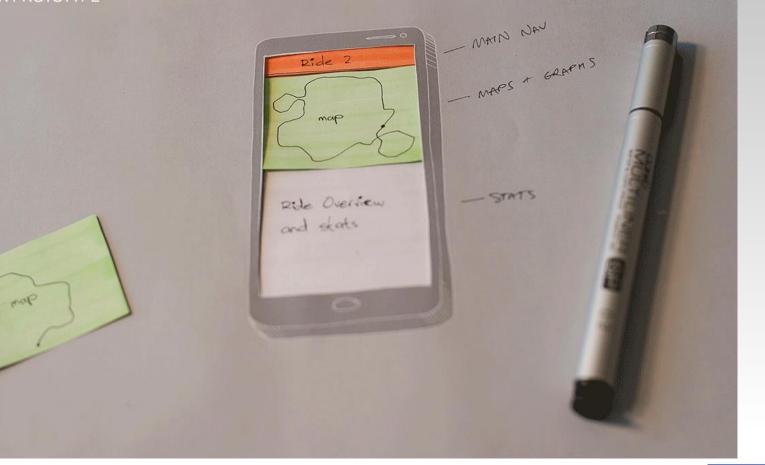


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#### Other prototyping ideas

- Use lego, use cardboxes
- Role-playing
- Fake newspaper article
- Promotion poster or video







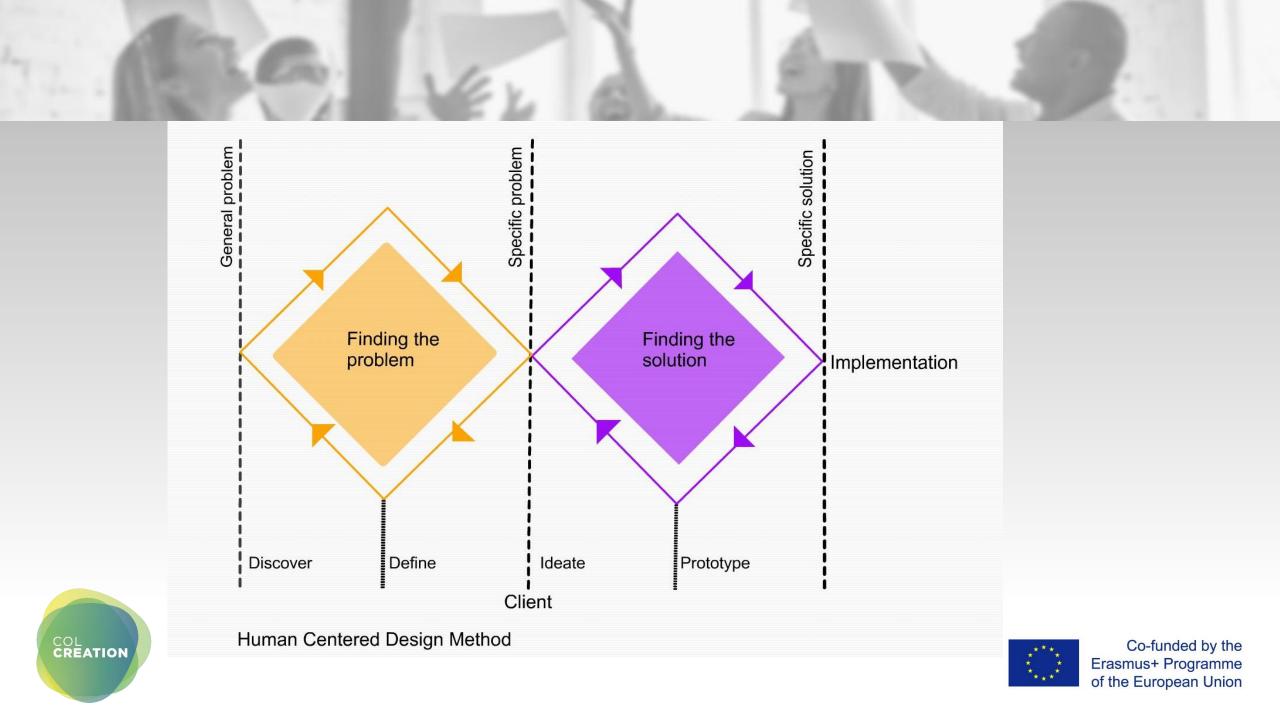
### Prototyping

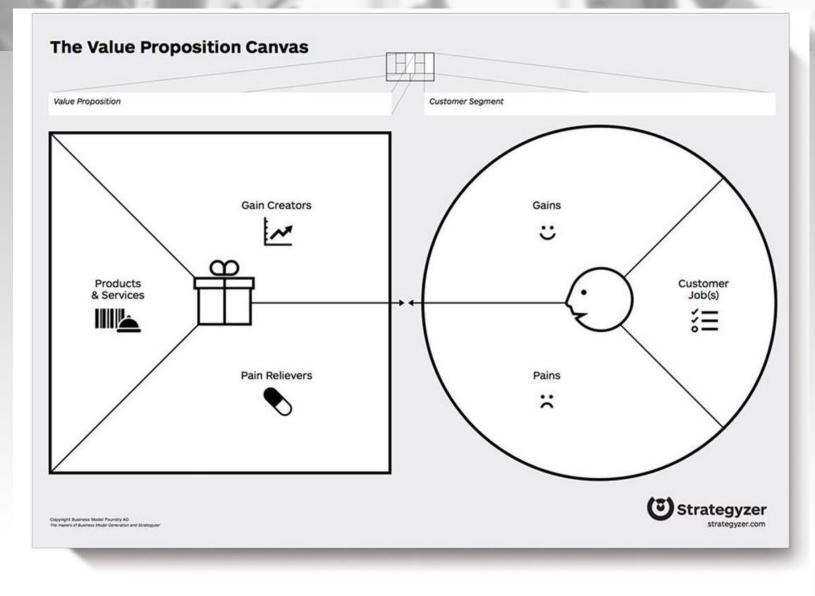
- Create at least one prototype of your idea.
- Go out and test it.









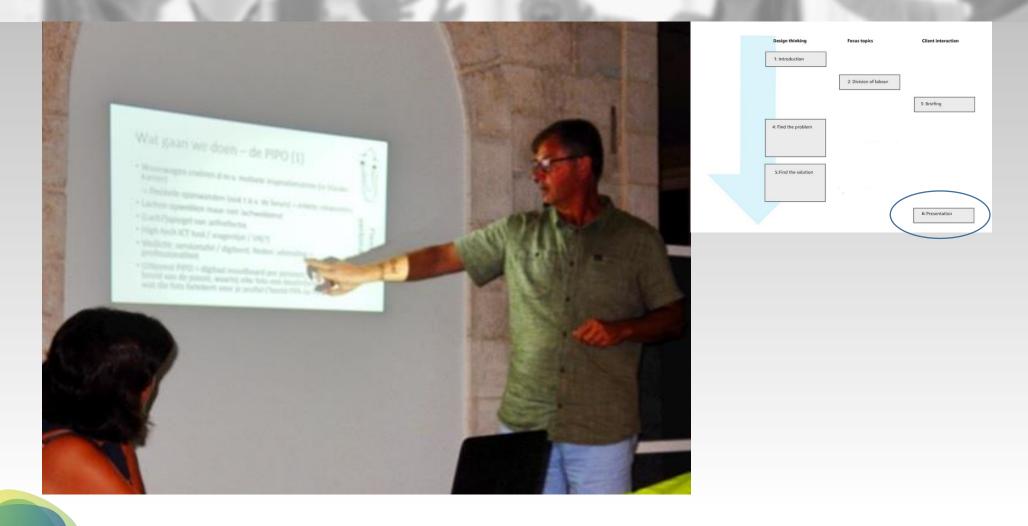




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# Presentation





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### Rules for a good presentation

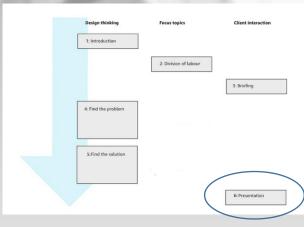
Be Entertaining – Speeches should be entertaining and informative
Slow Down – Nervous and inexperienced speakers tend to talk way to fast
Eye Contact – Match eye contact with everyone in the room
Project Your Voice – Nothing is worse than a speaker you can't hear
That's a Good Question" – You can use statements like, "that's a really good question," to buy yourself a few moments to organize your response
Put Yourself in the Audience – When writing a speech, see it from the audiences
Perspective

**Breathe In Not Out** – Feeling the urge to use presentation killers like 'um,' 'ah'? Replace those with a pause taking a short breath in

Speeches are About Stories – If your presentation is going to be a longer one,

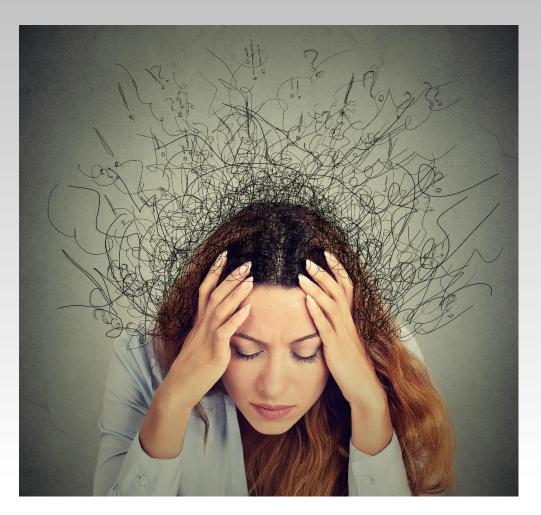
explain your points through short stories, quips and anecdotes

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### Questions on HCD Method?







#### TRAINING ACTIVITY 6. IMPLEMENTATION AND PRESENTATION

#### 6.1. How to Build a Proper Marketing Strategy?



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### Definition of the Term "Marketing Strategy"

**Marketing** refers to *"any activities undertaken by a company to promote the buying or selling of a product or service. Marketing includes advertising, selling, and delivering products to consumers or other businesses".* 

**Marketing Strategy** represents the "business' overall game plan for reaching prospective consumers and turning them into customers of the products or services the business provides. It contains the company's value proposition, key brand messaging, data on target customer demographics, and other high-level elements".







### How to Build a Proper Marketing Strategy?

- Identify your goals What do you want your business to achieve now and in the future. Your goals must be always linked to sales, and they can be formulated as a percentage of the market, sales turnover, units of products sold or as profits.
- Identify your competitors Observing the competition helps you understand what your competitors are doing in terms of marketing, which are the products and services similar to yours and how they interact with their clients.
- Identify your customers Customer market analysis will help you to learn as much as you can about your target clients, e.g. who are they and what do they want.





#### How to Build a Proper Marketing Strategy?

#### • Identify your strengths (SWOT Analysis)

SWOT Analysis is practical method which is frequently used planning tool that examines the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats and assesses challenges and opportunities by both internal and external factors.



The SWOT analysis, if used correctly, can direct attention and reflection toward aspects of the context that may have been overlooked or underappreciated and the results can become substantial raw material for further product marketing.





### The Elements of the Marketing Mix

**Marketing Mix** is a general expression used to describe the various types of marketing decisions, which need to be taken to bring your product or service to the target market.

#### The 4 elements of the Marketing Mix are:

- Product Should meet the customers' specific expectations or needs.
- Price What you expect the customers to pay for your products.
- Placement How the product will be made available to your customers.
- Promotion Marketing strategies and communication techniques used to advertise your product to the targeted customers.







### The Role of Marketing Communication

**Marketing Communication** "refers to the means adopted by the companies to convey messages about the products and the brands they sell, either directly or indirectly to the customers with the intention to persuade them to purchase".

The proper usage of marketing communication will help you deliver your message in the most effective way, while at the same time will engage with the creation of good corporate image and retaining high level of customer satisfaction.





### The Role of Personal Branding

**Personal branding** refers to the "conscious and intentional effort to create and influence public perception of an individual by positioning them as an authority in their industry, elevating their credibility, and differentiating themselves from the competition, to ultimately advance their career, increase their circle of influence, and have a larger impact".

#### How can you benefit from the Personal branding?



- It will help you demonstrate the value of the products and services you offer;
- It will help you improve your online identity.







### The Role of Personal Branding

#### How to develop successful Personal brand?

- Make sure you have focus and specialization;
- Find out the values and the way of thinking of your target audiences;
- Believe in what you offer;
- Make sure you have online presence;
- Take care of all information about you in the Internet;
- Build your self-branding based on your interests.





### The Role of Personal Branding

#### Personal Branding Strategy Lessons with Bigfoot













### TRAINING ACTIVITY 6. IMPLEMENTATION AND PRESENTATION

#### 6.2. Fill in a BM canvas



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#### **Business Model Canvas (The Lean Canvas)**

The Business Model Canvas mostly serves as a check-list for your ideas, as it lists 9 aspects to think about. The most important is to have a plan for each of these aspects and make sure that they are coherent with each other.

- 1. Unique Value Proposition
- 2. Customer Segments
- 3. Channels
- 4. Unfair advantage

- 5. Problem & Solution
- 6. Key metrics
- 7. Cost structure
- 8. Revenue streams





#### Business Model Canvas (The Lean Canvas)

PROBLEM List your top 1-3 problems.	SOLUTION Duffine a possible solution for each problem.	UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION         Single, cleat: compelling message that safes why you are different and worth paying attention.         HIGH-LEVEL CONCEPT         List your X for Y analogy e.g. thu?lube = Flicht for videos.		UNFAIR ADVANTAGE Something that cannot easily be bought or capied.	CUSTOMER SEGMENTS List your target customers and coors.
EXISTING ALTERNATIVES Last how these problems are solved today:	KEY METRICS List the key numbers that full you how your business is doing.			24	EARLY ADOPTERS List the characteriatics of your ideal customers.
COST STRUCTURE List your fixed and variable costs.			REVENUE STRE		



Try to completely fill in the Lean Canvas with your team for your idea. If you run into problems or unknowns, investigate to find an answer. Make sure your canvas is coherent and logical.



#### **Business Model Canvas (The Lean Canvas)**

You can fill in the BMC by printing the table presented on the previous slide, or you can do this digitally, using one of the following online resources:

- <u>https://trello.com/b/Mj3ARCrP/business-model-canvas-template</u>
- https://miro.com/templates/business-model-canvas
- <u>https://next.canvanizer.com/demo/business-model-canvas</u>











#### TRAINING ACTIVITY 6. IMPLEMENTATION AND PRESENTATION

#### 6.3. How to Use the Unique Selling Proposition for the Promotion of Your Created Solution?



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#### Definition of the term "Unique selling proposition (USP)"



The Unique selling proposition is considered as marketing concept and a key element in branding, used for the very first time in the early 1940s explaining a pattern in successful advertising campaigns.

The USP in business is that *"special and unique thing that a company can offer to its customers and that no one else can offer, and at the same time it has to be a feature that highlights the most meaningful benefits to the clients"*.





#### Definition of the term "Unique selling proposition (USP)"

What is Unique selling proposition and what does it mean? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5IN2K5Lb4Q&feature=emb\_logo







### How to define your Unique selling proposition?

- Always put yourself in your customer's shoes Conduct a research among your clients and ask for their opinion on what they like or dislike about your product or service.
- Find what motivates your customers' buying decisions Try to understand which are customers' motives to buy and what are the most important aspects from their customer experience.
- **Define your strengths** Use the SWOT analysis in order to find which are the most important positive features of your product or service
- Formulate your Unique selling proposition Be simple, short and very clear, so that your audience can understand you.





### Example of Unique selling proposition

#### The Unique selling proposition of "DeBeers" Company:

In 1948, "DeBeers" company was a monopolist in diamond mining and trading, but the sales to individuals were not that common at that time. The reason for that was simple – during these years, the diamond ring was not a symbol of marriage and engagement. People did not see it as an appropriate gift or a sign of bonding between lovers. "DeBeers" decided to create their slogan "A diamond is forever" and this proved to be such a successful formulation of their USP, that later on, the "Advertising Age" magazine distinguished it as the most successful advertising slogan for 20th century.

Why the USP of "DeBeers" turned out to be so successful?





#### Example of Unique selling proposition in the Creative Industry

#### The Unique selling proposition of "Vistaprint" Company:

Vistaprint, a Cimpress company, helps small business owners create professionally designed, modern marketing tailored with the range of products they need to appear professional and prepared.

Their Mission is: "Where small entrepreneurs get big ideas". They have started to print business cards on 70x100 offset presses. They did this in an organization that focused on the business model "cost price leader". The organization was also focused on efficiency in which employees produced through strict rules for quality, the environment and working conditions. They are best known for their business cards and they have printed billions of these since Vistaprint was founded in 1995.

But today Vistaprint offers so much more: an extensive range of customizable marketing products for small entrepreneurs; expert ideas and assistance for those who could use some help; and a simple, intuitive process for those who know exactly what they want. Taken together, their customers can easily design a consistent, cohesive look that runs through their business, whether in a store, online, on location, or on the go. With that, they can come out confident, knowing that they are not inferior to the competition, and take matters into their own hands. So Vistaprint do not create only a challenge for their customers but an opportunity. And Vistaprint helps entrepreneurs seize their opportunities.



Why the USP of "Vistaprint" turned out to be so successful?





