





# CIM – Competence Framework Deliverable 2.3

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## Creativity and Innovation Management in Higher Education

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### 1 Competence Framework

The CIM competence framework is a derived four field cluster based on different competence theories (e.g. Erpenbeck, Sauter 2014, REVEAL group 2016/2019). In the initial stage of the project it was decided that CIM competences should relate to the EntreComp model.

There are is a multitude of reason to combine Creativity and Innovation with an entrepreneurial study and teaching approach.

Firstly a competence always has to be contextualised. It has to be "acted out" which means that a competence can only be acquired and observed in a practical field – we call this the "Action field". In case of Creativity and Innovation Competences we related them to the field of "Entrepreneurship".

Secondly the EntreComp framework is the flagship of European Entrepreneurship Education thus the CIM approaches may create a high credibility and transferability when referring to this system.

Thirdly EntreComp is based on the entrepreneurial process and defines it as the process to turn ideas and opportunities with resources into action to create impact.



Fig. 1 EntreComp Conceptual Framework



As Fig, 1 shows EntreComp describes the creative and innovation process in the action field "Spotting ideas an opportunities".

Apart from these "field competence" there are a number of generic competences that play an important role in creativity and innovation processes. These competences have been analysed in the stocktaking phase and related to the EntreComp framework.

As figure 2 shows the EntreComp system consists of a set of 19 aspects:



Fig. 2: The EntreComp conceptual model

EntreComp describes Entrepreneurship as a combination of 19 "aspects" which describe the abilities of an entrepreneur along three main phases of the entrepreneurial process:

- Developing ideas and opportunities
- 2. Mobilising resources
- 3. Putting everything into action

This approach has been largely supported by the European Commission and it is certainly one of the most elaborated models on the issue. However, even as the EntreComp consortium





describes the 15 aspects as "competences" the CIM partnership disagrees in this regard since at least some of the points listed above are not competences along the following definition:

A competence is the ability to apply a synthesis of

- Knowledge,
- Skills and
- Attitudes

in a particular situation and in a particular quality<sup>1</sup>.

The problem of aspects like "Vision" or "Looking for opportunities" (among others) is that these aspects cannot be operationalised in such a way that they can be measured for validation purposes or trained/learned along a system of competence levels. This, however, is what the CIM project is looking for. Apart from this, CIM needs the operationalisation to connect its approach to EU Validation systems like ECVET or the European Qualification Framework.

Hence the workgroup in charge decided to blend the EntreComp with the LEVEL5 validation system which has been grounded on the aforementioned competence definition.

# **Enterpreneurial Competence Set**

### **Field Competences**

- 1. IT
- 2. Electronics
- 3. Engineering
- 4. Competences related to the entrepreneurial project

### **Organisational Competences**

- 1. Project Development
- 2. Resource Planning; Mobilising resources
- 3. Financial and economic literacy
- 4. Evaluation (Valuing ideas)
- 5. Networking
- 6. Flexibility

  Coping with ambiguity,
  uncertainty and risk

### **Social Competences**

- 1. Teamwork
- 2. Communication
- Leadership: Conflict resolution, Client orientation, Mobilising others

### **Personal Competences**

- 1. Vision & Creativity
- Problem Solving
- 3. Critical (Ethical and sustainable) thinking
- 4. Self awareness and self-efficacy
- 5. Looking for Opportunities, Taking initiative (Sense of initiative)
- 6. Learning through experience (*Learning2Learn*)

Fig: 3. CIM Competence framework (electronics and IT are exemplary field competences)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The definition has been coined by a consortium led by Research voor Beleid (2006) in the EU publication "Key competences for Adult Education".





In Fig. 3 the critical EntreComp aspects have been partly renamed or ordered under a fitting competence (like "Valuing Ideas" into "Evaluation").

The derived CIM competence set is a four field cluster<sup>2</sup> with 15 competences which can be listed as follows:

- 1. Spotting Ideas and Opportunities (as central CIM competence)
- 2. Entrepreneurship Competence (as general concept which can be applied in a potential Entrepreneurial practice project)
- 3. Problem solving
- 4. Leadership
- 5. Project Management
- 6. Planning and Resource Management
- 7. Intercultural Communication
- 8. Communication
- 9. Client orientation
- 10. (Intercultural) Teamwork
- 11. Flexibility/Adaptability
- 12. Critical thinking
- 13. Networking
- 14. Creativity
- 15. Evaluating/Reflecting

As outlined before, "Field Competences" refer to the specific field of study, hence they will not be described in the following chapters, except:

- The Competence to spot ideas and opportunities as it is the kernel action field for Creativity and Innovation Management and the trigger for the entrepreneurial process.
- According to EntreComp the Competence to spot ideas and opportunities consists of 5 sub-competences which will be operationalised in the CIM competence spider (in the assessment and validation process in the following WPs.

In the paper on hand, the 15 competences will be thoroughly described by:

- 1. Descriptions consisting of a competence summary and aspects what a learner should know, be able to do and respective attitudes related to this competences.
- 2. A reference system which clusters knowledge, skills and attitudes along 5 competence levels.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> based on different competence theories and models (e.g. Research voor Beleid (2006), Erpenbeck, Sauter 2014, REVEAL group 2016/2019) in combination with the EntreComp model.



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### **Competence descriptions & Reference Systems**

### 1 Competence to Spot Ideas and Opportunities

This Competence requires knowledge on different ideation and prototyping instruments and strategies, e.g. Spotting opportunities, Creating ideas, Working towards a Vision, Valuing ideas, Checking for Sustainability, etc. and how to apply them in different situations

A competent person should be able to Identify and seize opportunities to create value by exploring the social, cultural and economic landscape, Identify needs and challenges that need to be met and establish new connections and bring together scattered elements of the landscape to create opportunities to create value. He/she should be able to create and value Ideas and act responsibly.

A competent person is pro-active and motivated to take the initiative and has a positive attitude towards innovation, collaboration and is conscious and committed to ethical and sustainable development.

**Knowledge:** The learner knows

• different ideation and prototyping instruments and strategies, e.g. Spotting opportunities, Creating ideas, Working towards a Vision, Valuing ideas, Checking for Sustainability, etc. and how to apply them in different situations

Skills: The learner is able to

**Spot Opportunities** 

- Identify and seize opportunities to create value by exploring the social, cultural and economic land-scape
- Identify needs and challenges that need to be met
- Establish new connections and bring together scattered elements of the landscape to create opportunities to create value

Create and value Ideas
Creating





- Develop several ideas and opportunities to create value, including better solutions to existing and new challenges
- Explore and experiment with innovative approaches
- Combine knowledge and resources to achieve valuable effects

### Valuing

- Judge what value is in social, cultural and economic terms
   Recognise the potential an idea has for creating value and identify suitable ways of making the most out of it
- Assess the consequences of ideas that bring value and the effect of entrepreneurial action on the target community, the market, society and the environment

### Considering Sustainability and Ethics

- Reflect on how sustainable long-term social, cultural and economic goals are, and the course of action chosen
- Act responsibly
- Imagine the future
- Develop a vision to turn ideas into action
- Visualise future scenarios to help guide effort and action

### Attitudes: The learner...

- is pro-active and motivated to take the initiative in order to reach a goal
- is willing to undertake risks to achieve his/her vision
- values autonomy and accepts the risk to fail
- has a positive attitude towards innovation and development
- appreciates collaboration and respects others
- has an ethical consciousness

## **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Competence to create ideas and opportunities**

		KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES
L	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description
5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Knowing how to transfer idea creation skills and concepts into other contexts. Knowing how to help other people act successfully in different entrepreneurial structures in this respect.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Being able to transfer ideation and prototyping strategies into new business contexts. Actively planning and creating new entrepreneurial activities based on ideating and prototyping.	Incorpora- tion	Having internalised ideation and prototyping as a fundamental personal entrepreneurship mindset.  Being an inspiration for others in their ideation and prototyping activities.
4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	(implicit prototyping approaches and tools.		Deliberately searching for and selecting appropriate ideation and prototyping techniques and instruments for the own business. Creating and executing an ideation and prototyping strategy for the own context and professional domain.	Self- regulation, Commit- ment	Being determined and pro-active in using and improving ideation and prototyping in the own environment.  Finding it important to be creative in this respect.
3	Knowing how	Knowing different ideation and prototyping approaches, techniques related to:  Spotting opportunities Creating ideas Working towards a Vision Valuing ideas Checking for Sustainability. Theoretically knowing how to act along an ideation and prototyping concept.	Deciding/ selecting	Taking part in ideation and prototyping activities as they are offered by others in safe (undisturbed) contexts. Choosing singular ideation and prototyping tools from a given (known) portfolio	Motivation/ appreciatio n	Valuing ideation and prototyping in general. Being motivated to develop own ideation and prototyping competences and visions.
2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Having basic knowledge on creativity and innovation. Knowing that idea creation, a multiperspective view on the ideas and the check of ideas is an essential part of the product/service and business development. Understanding basic aspects of the ideation and prototyping.	Using, imitating	Occasionally taking part in non structured activities related to the creating of ideas.  Carrying out ideating actions when being instructed to.	Perspective taking	Being curious and interested in ideating and prototyping and spotting of opportunities.
1	Knowing what	Knowing that entrepreneurship is based on innovation and the creation of ideas.	Perceiving	Perceiving and recognising the concept of creating ideas and opportunities without taking further steps.	Self- orientation	Perceiving the concept of creating ideas and opportunities without relating it to oneself.

# a. Subcompetence 1: Spotting opportunities

L	-	LEVEL5 Titles	LEVEL5 Hints	EntreComp Hints	EntreComp Titles	Identify, create and seize opportunities	Focus on challenges	Uncover needs	Analyse the context
5	5	Developing, constructing, transferring	Strategy Versatility Incorporati on	Contributing substantially Taking responsibility for contributing to complex developments in a specific field	Driving transformation, innovation and growth: Transform Expand	<ul> <li>I can judge opportunities for creating value and decide whether to follow these up at different levels of the system I am working in (for example, micro, meso or macro).</li> <li>I can spot and quickly take advantage of an opportunity.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can cluster different opportunities or identify synergies among different opportunities to make the most out of them.</li> <li>I can define opportunities where I can maintain a competitive advantage.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can produce a 'roadmap' which matches the needs with the actions needed to deal with them and helps me create value.</li> <li>I can design projects which aim to anticipate future needs.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can monitor relevant trends and see how they create threats and new opportunities to create value.</li> <li>I can promote a culture within my organisation open to spotting the weak signals of change, leading to new opportunities for creating value.</li> </ul>
4	ļ	Discovering new contexts Developing Acting independently	Pro- Activity Applied knowledge Disturbed/ new contexts	Taking responsibility for making decisions and working with others.  With some guidance and together with others.	Taking responsibility Reinforce Improve	<ul> <li>I can describe different analytical approaches to identify entrepreneurial opportunities.</li> <li>I can use my knowledge and understanding of the context to make opportunities to create value</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can take apart established practices and challenge mainstream thought to create opportunities and look at challenges in different ways.</li> <li>I can judge the right time to take an opportunity to create value.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can carry out a needs analysis involving relevant stakeholders.</li> <li>I can identify challenges related to the contrasting needs and interests of different stakeholders.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can identify the boundaries of the system that are relevant to my (or my team's) value-creating activity.</li> <li>I can analyse an existing value-creation activity by looking at it as a whole and identifying opportunities to develop it further.</li> </ul>
3	3	Deciding/ selecting	Theory knowledge Known/ prepared contexts	On my own and together with my peers. Taking and sharing some responsibilities.	Building independence Experiment Dare	<ul> <li>I can explain what makes an opportunity to create value.</li> <li>I can proactively look for opportunities to create value, including out of necessity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can identify opportunities to solve problems in alternative ways.</li> <li>I can redefine the description of a challenge, so that alternative opportunities address it may become apparent.</li> </ul>	I can explain that different groups may have different needs.  I can establish which user group, and which needs, I want to tackle through creating value.	I can tell the difference between contexts for creating value (e.g., communities and informal networks, existing organisations, the market).      I can identify my personal, social and professional opportunities for creating value, both in existing organisations or new ventures.
2	2	Using, imitating	Applying under super- vision Exercising	Under direct supervision. With support from others, some autonomy, with my peers.	Relying on support from others Discover Explore	<ul> <li>I can find opportunities to help others.</li> <li>I can recognise opportunities to create value in my community and surroundings.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can find different examples of challenges that need solutions.</li> <li>I can recognise challenges in my community and surroundings that I can contribute to solving.</li> </ul>	I can find examples of groups who have benefited from a solution to a given problem.	I can tell the difference between different areas where value can be created (e.g. at home, in the community, in the environment, or in the economy or society).

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		Trying out					I can identify needs in my community and surroundings that have not been met.	I can recognise the different roles the public, private and third sectors play in my region or country
1	Perceiving	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start

# b. Subcompetence 2: Creating ideas

L	LEVEL5 Titles	LEVEL5 Hints	EntreComp Hints	EntreComp Titles	Be curious and open.	Develop ideas.	Define problems	Design value	Be innovative
5	Developing, constructing, transferring	Strategy Versatility Incorporati on	Contributing substantially Taking responsibility for contributing to complex developments in a specific field	Driving transformation, innovation and growth: Transform Expand		<ul> <li>I can design new processes to involve stakeholders in generating, developing and testing ideas that create value.</li> <li>I can tailor a variety of ways of involving stakeholders to suit the needs of my value-creating activity.</li> </ul>	I can use a mix of creative techniques to keep generat-ing value over time.  I can initiate, develop, manage and complete a creative project.	I can design and put in place innovative processes to create value.  I can apply different design approaches to create value through new products, processes or services.	I can manage innovation processes that respond to emerging needs and make the most of opportunities as they become available.  I can identify the steps needed to research the potential for an innovative idea in light of its development into an existing enterprise, a new venture or an oppor-tunity for social change.
4	Discovering new contexts Developing Acting independently	Pro- Activity Applied knowledge Disturbed/ new contexts	Taking responsibility for making decisions and working with others. With some guidance and together with others.	Taking responsibility Reinforce Improve	I can combine my understanding of different contexts to transfer knowledge, ideas and solutions across different areas.  I can actively search for new solutions that improve the value-creating process.	<ul> <li>I can set up processes to involve stake-holders in finding, developing and testing ideas.</li> <li>I can describe different techniques to test innovative ideas with end users.</li> </ul>	I can help others create value by encouraging experimentation and using creative techniques to approach problems and generate solutions.  I can describe and explain different approaches to shaping openended problems and different problem-solving strategies.	I can develop and deliver value in stages, launching with the core features of my (or my team's) idea and progressively adding more.  I can create (alone or with others) products or services that solve my problems and my needs.	I can describe different levels of innovation (for example, incremental, breakthrough or transformation-al) and their role in value-creating activities.  I can describe how innovations diffuse in society, culture and the market.



3	3	Deciding/ selecting	Theory knowledge Known/ prepared contexts	On my own and together with my peers. Taking and sharing some responsibilities.	Building independence Experiment Dare	I can actively search for new solutions that meet my needs. I can experiment with my skills and competences in situations that are new to me.	<ul> <li>I can test the value of my solutions with end users.</li> <li>I can experiment with different techniques to generate alternative solutions to problems, using available resources in an effective way.</li> </ul>	I can reshape open-ended problems to fit my skills. I can take part in group dynamics aimed at defining open-ended prob-lems.	I can assemble, test and progressively refine proto-types that simulate the value I want to create.  I can identify the basic functions that a prototype should have to illustrate the value of my idea.	I can judge if an idea, product or process is innovative or just new to me.  I can tell the difference between types of innovations (for example, process versus product innovation and social innova-tion, incre-mental versus disruptive innovation).
2	2	Using, imitating	Applying under super- vision Exercising Trying out	Under direct supervision. With support from others, some autonomy, with my peers.	Relying on support from others Discover Explore	I can explore new ways to make use of existing resources. I can show that I am curious about new things.	<ul> <li>Alone and as part of a team, I can develop ideas that create value for others.</li> <li>I can develop ideas that solve problems that are relevant to me and my surroundings.</li> </ul>	I can explore open-ended problems in many ways so as to generate multiple solutions.  I can approach open-ended problems (problems with many solutions) with curiosity.	I can improve existing products, services and processes so that they better meet my needs or those of my peers and the community.  I can assemble objects that create value for me and others.	I can describe how some innovations have transformed society.  I can find examples of innovative products, services and solutions.
1		Perceiving	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start

# c. Subcompetence 3: Visioning

ı	L	LEVEL5 Titles	LEVEL5 Hints	EntreComp Hints	EntreComp Titles	Imagine	Think strategically.	Guide action	
	5	Developing, constructing, transferring	Strategy Versatility Incorporati on	Contributing substantially Taking responsibility for contributing to complex developments in a specific field	Driving transformation, innovation and growth: Transform Expand	<ul> <li>I can show different audiences the benefits of my vision during turbulent times</li> <li>I can develop (alone or with others) and compare different future scenarios.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can encourage enthusiasm and a sense of belonging around a convincing vision.</li> <li>I can plan backwards from my vision to design the necessary strategy to achieve it.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can create (alone or with others) a 'roadmap' based on my vision for creating value.</li> <li>I can identify challenges related to my (or my team's) vision, while respecting the different levels of the system and the variety of stakeholders affected.</li> </ul>	•



4	Discoverin new contex Developin Acting independen	Applied knowledge Disturbed/	Taking responsibility for making decisions and working with others. With some guidance and together with others.	Taking responsibility Reinforce Improve	I can discuss my (or my team's) strategic vision for creating value.  I can use my understanding of the context to identify different strategic visions for creating value.	I can prepare a vision statement for my (or my team's) value-creating activity that guides internal decision-making throughout the whole process of creating value.  I can explain the role of a vision statement for strategic planning.	<ul> <li>I can promote initiatives for change and transformation that contribute to my vision.</li> <li>I can identify the changes needed to achieve my vision.</li> </ul>	•
3	Deciding/ selecting	Theory knowledge Known/ prepared contexts	On my own and together with my peers.  Taking and sharing some responsibilities.	Building independence Experiment Dare	<ul> <li>I can build future scenarios around my value-creating activity.</li> <li>I can develop (alone or with others) an inspiring vision for the future that involves others.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I am aware of what is needed to build a vision.</li> <li>I can explain what a vision is and what purpose it serves</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can decide what type of vision for creating value I would like to contribute to.</li> <li>My vision for creating value drives me to make the effort to turn ideas into action.</li> </ul>	•
2	Using, imitating	Applying under super- vision Exercising Trying out	Under direct supervision. With support from others, some autonomy, with my peers.	Relying on support from others Discover Explore	I can develop simple future scenarios where value is created for my community and surroundings.  I can imagine a desirable future.	•	•	•
1	Perceiving	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	

# d. Subcompetence 4: Valuing Ideas

L	LEVEL5 LEVEL5 EntreComp Er Titles Hints Hints	EntreComp Titles Recognise the value of ideas.	Share and protect ideas.		
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5	Developing, constructing, transferring	Strategy Versatility Incorporati on	Contributing substantially  Taking responsibility for contributing to complex developments in a specific field	Driving transformation, innovation and growth: Transform Expand	I can state the value of a new idea from different stakeholders' perspectives.  I can develop strategies to effectively make the most of opportunities to create value in my organisation or venture.	<ul> <li>I can develop a strategy on intellectual property rights that is tailored to the age of my portfolio.</li> <li>I can develop a tailored strategy on intellectual property rights that deals with geographic requirements.</li> </ul>	•	•
4	Discovering new contexts Developing Acting independently	Pro- Activity Applied knowledge Disturbed/ new contexts	Taking responsibility for making decisions and working with others. With some guidance and together with others.	Taking responsibility Reinforce Improve	<ul> <li>I can break down a value chain into its different parts and identify how value is added in each part.</li> <li>I recognise the many forms of value that could be created through entrepreneurship, such as social, cultural or economic value.</li> </ul>	When creating ideas with others, I can outline a dissemination and exploitation agreement that benefits all partners involved.      I can tell the difference between trademarks, registered design rights, patents, geographical indications, trade secrets, confidentiality agreements and copyright licences, including open, publicdomain licences such as creative commons	•	•
3	Deciding/ selecting	Theory knowledge Known/ prepared contexts	On my own and together with my peers. Taking and sharing some responsibilities.	Building independence Experiment Dare	I can decide which type of value I want to act on and then choose the most appropriate pathway to do so.  I can tell the difference between social, cultural and economic value.	<ul> <li>I can choose the most appropriate licence for the purpose of sharing and protecting the value created by my ideas.</li> <li>I can tell the difference between types of licences that can be used to share ideas and protect rights.</li> </ul>	•	•
2	Using, imitating	Applying under super- vision Exercising Trying out	Under direct supervision. With support from others, some autonomy, with my peers.	Relying on support from others Discover Explore	<ul> <li>I can show how different groups, such as firms and institutions, create value in my community and surroundings.</li> <li>I can find examples of ideas that have value for myself and others.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can explain that ideas can be shared and circulated for the benefit of every-one or can be protected by certain rights, for example, copyrights or patents.</li> <li>I can clarify that other people's ideas can be used and acted on, while respecting their rights.</li> </ul>	•	•
1	Perceiving	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start		



# e. Subcompetence 5: Ethical and sustainable thinking

L	LEVEL5 Titles	LEVEL5 Hints	EntreComp Hints	EntreComp Titles	Behave ethically	Think sustainably	Assess impact	Be accountable.
5	Developing, constructing, transferring	Strategy Versatility Incorporati on	Contributing substantially Taking responsibility for contributing to complex developments in a specific field	Driving transformation, innovation and growth: Transform Expand	I take action against unethical behaviour. I make it my priority to make sure that ethical behaviour is respected and promoted in my area of influence.	I can contribute to self-regulation discussions within my sector of operations. I can choose adequate methods for analysing environmental impact based on their advantages and disadvantages.	I can carry out impact assessment, impact monitoring, and impact evaluation on my value-creating activity.  I can choose 'measure indicators' to monitor and assess the impact of my value-creating activity.	I can design ways to be accountable to all of our stakeholders.  I can use the accountability methods that hold me responsible to our internal and external stakeholders.
4	Discovering new contexts Developing Acting independently	Pro- Activity Applied knowledge Disturbed/ new contexts	Taking responsibility for making decisions and working with others.  With some guidance and together with others.	Taking responsibility Reinforce Improve	I can take responsibility for promoting ethical behaviour in my area of influence, (for example, by promoting gender balance highlighting inequalities and any lack of integrity)  I can argue that ideas for creating value should be supported by ethics and values relating to gender, equality, fairness, social justice and environmental sustainability.	<ul> <li>I can discuss the relationship between society and technical developments, relating to their implications for the environ-ment.</li> <li>I can discuss the impact an organisation has on the environ-ment (and vice versa).</li> </ul>	I can define the purpose of the impact assessment, impact monitoring, and evaluation of impact.  I can analyse the implications of my value-creating activity within the boundaries of the system I am working in.	<ul> <li>I can discuss a range of accountability methods for both functional and strategic accountability.</li> <li>I can tell the difference between input, output, outcomes and impact.</li> </ul>
3	Deciding/ selecting	Theory knowledge Known/ prepared contexts	On my own and together with my peers. Taking and sharing some responsibilities.	Building independence Experiment Dare	I am driven by honesty and integrity when taking decisions. I can apply ethical thinking to consumption and production processes.	<ul> <li>I can produce a clear problem statement when faced with practices that are not sustainable.</li> <li>I can identify practices that are not sustainable and their implications for the environment.</li> </ul>	I can identify stakeholders who are affected by the change brought about by my (or my team's) value-creating activity, including stakeholders who cannot speak up (for example, future generations, climate or nature).  I can identify the impact that taking up opportunities will have on me and my team, on the target group and on the surrounding community.	I can tell the difference between accounting for use of resources and accounting for the impact of my value- creating activity on stakeholders and the environment.

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2	Using, imitating	Applying under super- vision Exercising Trying out	Under direct supervision. With support from others, some autonomy, with my peers.	Relying on support from others Discover Explore	I can describe in my own words the importance of integrity and ethical values. I can recognise behaviours that show integrity, honesty, responsibility, courage and commitment.	I can recognise examples of environmentally friendly behaviour by companies that creates value for society as a whole.      I can list examples of environmentally friendly behav-iour that benefits a community.	I can tell the difference between the impact of a value-creating activity on the target community and the broader impact on society.  I can find and list examples of changes caused by human action in social, cultural, envi-ronmental or economic contexts.	•
1	Perceiving	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	Start	



### 2 Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship refers to a learner's competence to turn ideas into action. It includes a number of sub-competences such as creativity, innovation and risk-taking, as well as the ability to plan and manage projects in order to achieve the objectives. The learner is competent to apply different entrepreneurial skills and strategies in order to develop, organize, and manage an encounter he/she wants to achieve, be it private, professional or a contribution to civic society. The learner is able to discover opportunities, to realize innovation, to exploit and use resources and to identify and bear risks. He/she knows to judge and plan entrepreneurial activities in regard to the given economic conditions, and how to act and react in different professional/ business situations. The learner is able to assess and evaluate risks, to convince others of his/her vision and to work both individually and in a team. He/she is able to communicate in a goal oriented way and to delegate tasks to others. The learner is ready to take over risks and responsibility and appreciates development and innovation. He/she values pro-active behaviour, collaboration and independence and complies to ethical standards for doing business. He/she is determined to take the necessary steps to achieve his/her vision.

### Knowledge: The learner...

- knows different entrepreneurial instruments and strategies, e.g. project management, controlling, marketing, etc. and how to apply them in different situations
- has knowledge about entrepreneurial competences (such as e.g. leadership, creativity, project management) and can apply them
- knows the principles of economics and the working of the contemporary economy
- knows how to identify opportunities for professional, personal or business activities
- knows how to select and involve collaboration partners

Skills: The learner...



- is able to apply different entrepreneurial instruments and strategies according to the situation and objectives to be met
- is able to identify or create new entrepreneurial activities and to promote his/her ideas towards others
- is able to assess and analyse chances and risks
- is able to lead others and to take over responsibilities
- is able to transfer knowledge and strategies into other contexts

### Attitudes: The learner...

- is pro-active and motivated to take the initiative in order to reach a goal
- is willing to undertake risks to achieve his/her vision
- values autonomy and accepts the risk to fail
- has a positive attitude towards innovation and development
- appreciates collaboration and respects others
- has an ethical consciousness

### **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Entrepreneurship**

		KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
L		Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description
į	5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Knowing how to transfer entrepreneurial skills and concepts into other contexts.  Knowing how to help other people act successfully in different entrepreneurial structures.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Being able to transfer business strategies into new contexts. Actively planning and creating new entrepreneurial activities.	Incorporation	Having internalised entrepreneurship as a fundamental personal mindset. Being an inspiration for others in their entrepreneurial activities.
2	4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Knowing when to apply the right instrument from the portfolio of different entrepreneurial approaches and instruments. Knowing when to use certain entrepreneurial strategies.	Discovering acting independently	Deliberately seeking entrepreneurial opportunities.  Searching for and selecting appropriate entrepreneurial techniques and instruments for the own business. Creating and executing an entrepreneurial strategy for the own context and professional domain.	Commitment	Being determined and pro-active in using and improving own entrepreneurial competences. Finding it important to be creative in this respect.
3	3	Knowing how	Knowing different entrepreneurial approaches, techniques and instruments to develop business and value. Theoretically knowing how to act along an entrepreneurial concept.	Deciding/ selecting	Taking part in entrepreneurial activities as they are offered by others in known and undisturbed contexts. Choosing singular entrepreneurial tools from a known portfolio	Motivation/ appreciation	Valuing entrepreneurship in general. Being motivated to develop own entrepreneurial competences and visions.
2	2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Knowing that through entrepreneurship one can develop an own business and become self-sustainable. Knowing that entrepreneurship includes social responsibility.	Using, imitating	Occasionally taking part in non structured entrepreneurial activities. Carrying out entrepreneurial actions when being instructed to.	Perspective taking	Being curious and interested in entrepreneurship and related concepts and opportunities.
,	1	Knowing what	Knowing that entrepreneurship is an essential concept that aims at developing a business.	Perceiving	Perceiving and recognising the concept of entrepreneurship without taking further steps.	Self- orientation	Perceiving the concept of entrepreneurship without relating it to oneself.

### 3 Problem solving

Problem solving is the identification of a problem and its facets, anticipating possible solutions and assessing their potential impact and consequences, and putting solutions into action. It involves applying logic, knowledge and reasons towards understanding the actual problem, and being able to plan and use different techniques/methods, experiences. Problem solving is comprised of actions, attitudes and knowledge, which are goal-directed in complex situations. Even if the final aim is clearly defined (but sometimes it is not), the problem solver might not be aware of all steps towards its achievement. The problems might vary in complexity and might require different resources or tools. Therefore, the process requires the knowledge of several problem solving techniques (or the skills to invent new ones) and the ability to apply them accordingly in the appropriate situation. The process of problem solving is comprised of complex actions like planning and reasoning and in order to be completed successfully the problem solver needs to be motivated, curious and eager.

### Knowledge: The learner...

- knows different problem solving techniques
- knows ways to modify and combine different problem solving techniques according to the specific problem
- knows how to transfer problem-solving knowledge to other situations and challenges
- knows which resources can be used to come to a solution

### **Skills:** The learner...

- is able to recognise when a problem has no immediate solution
- is able to define the concrete problem and its background
- is able to apply problem solving techniques
- is able to analyse the problem situation
- is able to plan and reason towards problem solution
- is able to combine and modify different problem solving techniques
- is able to discover new, complex solutions by him/herself





• is able to engage others to support the solution of a problem

### Attitudes: The learner...

- feels that problem solving competences are valuable
- is eager to find good solutions
- is curious
- is intrinsically motivated (to solve problems)
- is autonomous
- feels the need to help other people (in applying problem solving techniques)

## **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Problem solving**

		KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	
Ę	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Having a large portfolio of problem solving strategies to solve problems constructively and sustainably in different areas of life	Developing, constructing, transferring	Developing and inventing new creative strategies to solve problems.	Incorporation	Having internalised to strive for good, sustainable solutions in a compromise oriented way, and inspiring others to become better problem solvers.	
4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	how to actively use available resources.	Discovering acting independently	Actively expanding own strategies and experiences, through trial and consultation. Applying complex solutions to solve a problem.	Commitment	Being determined to find objectively good solutions for problems and to expand own competence in this regard.  Openness towards innovative approaches.	
3	Knowing how	Knowing how to solve a problem based on prior experiences. Recalling previous problems and comparing similar problems and strategies for solutions.	Deciding/ selecting	Applying known problem solving strategies.  Choosing between different (given) possibilities to solve the problem based on prior experience.	Motivation/ appreciation	Being motivated to further develop own competence to solve problems. Valuing good solutions for problems.	
2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Knowing why the problem exists and where it's originating from	Using, imitating	Approaching a problem as being instructed to or by imitating strategies of others.	Perspective taking	Taking interest in finding solutions for problems.	
,	Knowing what	Knowing there is a problem that needs to be solved to reach a goal.	Perceiving	Perceiving the problem without taking action.	Self- orientation	Only being interested in solving problems that relate to oneself.	

### 4 Leadership

The learner is competent in taking initiative, guiding and influencing others to help them achieve certain goals. He/she can demonstrate decision making skills and is capable to transfer these decisions into a team and to delegate tasks to efficiently reach the given goal. This involves e.g. being a good communicator, creating trust and relationships in the project team, identifying specific skills of team members and delegating tasks accordingly, facilitating team work, fostering collaboration, being open to new and different ideas. The learner is assertive and able to address and solve conflicts that hinder the work process. The learner has an attitude of respect and appreciation for diversity, is able to communicate in an assertive way based on self-confidence and to take responsibility for own actions or failures.

### Knowledge: The learner...

- knows different types of leadership interventions adequate for specific situations
- knows, why leadership is important to reach collaborative goals in a group or a team
- knows how to help other people in implementing leadership interventions
- knows how to motivate others to reach a goal
- knows how to organise work processes in different ways

### Skills: The learner...

- is able to develop his own leadership style and techniques as a leader and
- can apply it in different situations
- is capable to create and execute leadership strategies
- is able to take over responsibility
- is able to motivate others to reach a goal
- is able to take decisions
- is able to coordinate work processes and to communicate in an assertive way
- is able to delegate responsibility





### Attitudes: The learner...

- has a positive attitude towards leadership and is aware of its importance in specific situations
- finds it important that the other members of the group value leadership
- is motivated to develop own leadership competences
- values and respects others and appreciates teamwork
- feels responsible for the team, organisation and for accomplishing a goal
- is assertive about how to organize work
- is open to dialogue and to find common solutions for problems

### **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Leadership**

	KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
L	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description
5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Knowing which types of leadership interventions are adequate in specific situations. Knowing how to transfer leadership approaches to other areas of life.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Developing an individual leadership style and techniques as a leader and applying it adequately in different situations.	Incorporation	Having internalised to lead when needed, respecting others needs in team work and to encourage open dialogue. Inspiring others to become better leaders.
4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Knowing how and when certain actions/behaviours as leader will affect the group and its results. Knowing when and how to apply appropriate leadership measures to solve problems or take opportunities.	Discovering acting independently	Acting as a leader and trying out a range of different leadership styles. Applying them according to the situation and the objectives of the activity. Being able to coordinate work processes successfully.	Commitment	Feeling the need to be a good leader. Being determined to improve own leadership competences.
3	Knowing how	Knowing different leadership styles and techniques and how they are related to specific performances of a group and outcomes of a project. Knowing how to organise a process in a group to reach a goal	Deciding/ selecting	Taking the lead and applying specific leadership techniques which seem to be appropriate according to the perception of the situation based on own experiences.	Motivation/ appreciation	Valuing leadership and being motivated to develop own leadership competence.
2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Knowing why leadership is important to reach a goal in a group/team.  Knowing that different leadership styles exist and that different leadership approaches can affect the work of/in the group.	Using, imitating	Occasionally applying leadership concepts & actions (like taking responsibility, taking decision, delegating work) as copied from a role model or as being instructed to.	Perspective taking	Being interested in leadership and its potentials.  Anticipating which role leadership has in own life.
1	Knowing what	Knowing what leadership is, what competences and tasks leadership includes.	Perceiving	Recognising situations where leadership is either executed or needed.	Self- orientation	Only being interested in leadership when one is affected by it.

### **5** Project Management

The learner is competent in executing projects in an efficient and successful way by structuring necessary project activities and applying a constant plan-do-check approach until the end of the project. The learner knows about project management theory and how to execute project activities and monitor their level of success and quality. He/she is able to act accordingly and adapt and develop strategies work in project teams or even lead them. He/she is aware of the advantages and disadvantages of turning a task or a venture into a project and to apply project management approaches respectively.

### Knowledge: The learner...

- knows about the core project processes and project phases
- knows about crosscutting tasks like dissemination, evaluation, monitoring and exploitation
- has knowledge of at least one project management approach and of variations in regard to other approaches
- has knowledge on how to plan project activities according to the objectives
- knows how to monitor the accomplishment and quality of sub-tasks
- knows when to assign more resources to open tasks
- knows how to structure a project
- knows how to transform a theoretical project plan into reality
- has the knowledge to develop projects along a strategic approach in the own professional environment

### **Skills:** The learner...

- is able to apply strategies and techniques to fulfil the tasks assigned to him/her by the project management
- is able to select certain project tasks according to the own abilities
- is able to plan and attribute project tasks to other (capable) team members
- is able to apply a plan-do-check procedure to monitor the project
- is versatile to connect other approaches like team building or diversity management to the own project team



Attitudes: The learner...

- is open towards applying project management approaches and techniques
- has a positive attitude towards project management
- is aware of the strengths and the weaknesses of project management
- integrates the concept into his/here professional values



### **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Project Management**

		KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
L	L	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description
ţ	5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Knowing how to assess which PM tools are adequate in any situation. Knowing how to plan new ventures with a strategic project management approach.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Strategically adapting and applying PM tools for new contexts. Discussing and sharing information about PM with other colleagues and experts.	Incorporation	Having internalised what to anticipate in steering projects. Inspiring others to improve their PM competences.
4	4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Knowing how different PM tools can be used in different phases of the life cycle of a project. Knowing how to apply them in project situations.	Discovering acting independently	Adapting certain project management tools to the specific context. Seeking for more specific information and applying other PM tools.	Commitment	Being determined to improve own PM competences and to prioritise it to other activities for this purpose.
3	3	Knowing how	Knowing different PM tools and instruments.	Deciding/ selecting	Actively applying specific tools for PM in project planning and implementation	Motivation/ appreciation	Valuing project management abilities and being motivated to develop and apply them.
2	2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Knowing that PM techniques are needed in order to successfully complete project work.	Using, imitating	Occasionally applying a few PM tools – offered by others – in parts the own project work.	Perspective taking	Being curious about different PM approaches and tools and their potential for the own work.
•	1	Knowing what	Knowing that PM exists as a methodology.	Perceiving	Recognising situations in which certain PM techniques and tools are used.	Self- orientation	Feeling the impulse to learn more on PM methodologies in a specific work situation.

### 6 Planning and Resource Management

The learner is competent in planning activities and resources related to his/her own projects or the projects that he/she is associated to. Learners knows about project planning theory, how to set up the project structure, activity planning, timing and connect this to available and required resources. He/she is able to act accordingly and adapt and develop strategies to set up plans in different projects contexts. He/she is aware of the advantages and disadvantages and has a positive but also critical attitude towards applying planning methodology in different professional and private life contexts.

### Knowledge: The learner...

- knows about the core project processes and project phases
- has knowledge of at least one project management approach and of variations in regard to other approaches
- knows how to brainstorm on a project idea
- knows how to combine project idea and project context (e.g. funding programme)
- knows how to structure a project according to the main work packages and ideas
- has knowledge on how to plan project activities according to the objectives
- knows which resources are necessary to accomplish the project
- knows how to assign the resources to the activities
- has the knowledge to develop projects along a strategic approach in the own professional environment

### **Skills:** The learner...

- is able to describe the plans in a realistic and understandable way
- is able to calculate and assign project activities and resources accordingly
- is able to execute planning tasks when being instructed by a planning team leader
- is able to adapt the design (if needed) to new context
- uses planning and resource management approaches comprehensively in the professional practice
- is able to connect PRM to other approaches (e.g. project management, teamwork etc.) in a versatile way





Attitudes: The learner...

- is open towards applying planning and resource management techniques
- has a positive attitude towards it
- is aware of the strengths and the weaknesses of resource management techniques
- integrates the concept into his/her professional values

## **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Planning and Resource Management**

		KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
L	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	
5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Profound knowledge on how to transfer planning and resource management methodologies into other contexts.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Adapting and further developing planning and resource management methodologies in the own (professional) context.	Incorporation	Having internalised to plan and manage resources in an effective and sustainable way. Inspiring others to apply resource management techniques.	
4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Practical knowledge on different planning and resource management methodologies and in which situations which tool is appropriate.	Discovering acting independently	Seeking for more specific information on planning and resource management methodologies and enlarging the own portfolio of tools.	Commitment	Feeling the need for implementing planning and resource management methodologies in the own context. Being determined to improve own competences regarding planning and resource management methodologies.	
3	Knowing how	Theoretical know-how on different planning and resource management methodologies.  Knowing how to apply them in project situations.	Deciding/ selecting	Actively applying specific tools in planning and implementation and resource controlling and optimisation.	Motivation/ appreciation	Appreciating the value of planning and resource management methodologies and being motivated to apply them.	
2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Understanding the reasons why appropriate planning is crucial for success.	Using, imitating	Occasionally planning actions and consciously allocating resources when being instructed to or following the example of others.	Perspective taking	Being curious about different approaches to manage resources and their potential for own work.	
1	Knowing what	Knowing that Planning and Resource Management is needed in projects.	Perceiving	Recognising situations where planning is needed without acting.	Self- orientation	Relating planning and resource management only to own resources.	

### 7 Intercultural Communication

Intercultural communication is the competence to respectfully, effectively and constructively communicate with people from different cultural backgrounds. The learner has knowledge about cultural diversity and how this is reflected in communication. He/she is competent in interacting with others and to establish a relation of trust and respect. He/she is able and to adapt to different communication needs that result from different cultural backgrounds. He/she has a positive attitude towards diversity and interacting with people from other cultures and is determined to avoid misunderstandings and resulting frustration. The learner is aware of his own cultural identity and knows how it affects his/her communication.

### Knowledge: The learner...

- has knowledge of ways to establish a relationship of trust and respect with others from different cultural backgrounds
- has knowledge of relevant intercultural communication techniques
- knows the benefits of diversity
- has knowledge of variations of certain cultures and how cultural imprints may influence communication styles, including the own cultural background
- has knowledge how to address culture related conflicts/misunderstandings

### Skills: The learner...

- is able to communicate in a clear fashion with others from different cultural background
- is able to integrate with colleagues and learners of different cultures
- is able to reflect own cultural imprints in his/her communication
- is able to exchange knowledge and experiences with persons with different cultural backgrounds
- is able to give and receive feedback to and from learners, staff organisations of different cultural background
- is able to tolerate and overcome difficulty, stress and frustration, because of intercultural misunderstandings
- is able to make him/herself understood
- is able to recognise culture based problems and misunderstandings and to adapt the own communication style accordingly



Attitudes: The learner...

- values integrity and diversity
- respects others and their different cultural backgrounds
- has a positive attitude towards interacting with people from different cultures
- wants to avoid culture based miscommunication
- wants to support others



### **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Intercultural Communication**

	KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description
5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Knowing own cultural frames of reference and various patterns of cultural differences.  Knowing strategies to communicate successfully with people from a variety of other cultures.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Being able to put oneself in the shoes of others and being able to apply a variety of intercultural approaches.  Developing own approaches to communicate with people from other cultures and supporting others to improve.	Incorporation	Having internalised how to overcome culture based obstacles in communication. Being aware that one's own culture shapes own reactions and being able to transcend that. Inspiring others to improve their intercultural communication.
4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Knowing about other cultures and understanding how cultural aspects can influence communication.  Knowing pitfalls of culture based misunderstandings and how to avoid them.  Applying specific exemplary theory in practice (during the exchange)	Discovering acting independently	Actively collecting information about communication features of other cultures and enriching one's own communication competence by transferring diverse elements to one's own context.  -> essay in the disturbed system	Commitment	Respecting and valuing expressions of cultural differences and being determined (committed) to overcome communication based obstacles between people from different cultural backgrounds.
3	Knowing how	Knowing how to anticipate certain cultural backgrounds and differences and how to adapt own communication accordingly.  - list of theory	Deciding/ selecting	Being able to apply basic strategies in intercultural communication, e.g. active listening, mirroring, perceiving non-verbal signs.  - List of practical learning actions, e.g. in prep scenarios	Motivation/ appreciation	Being aware that we have cultural values or assumptions that are different from others.  Respecting and valuing different communication styles and being motivated to improve own competence.
2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Knowing that one's own culture is central to what we see, how we make sense of what we see, and how we express ourselves and that others are influenced in the same way by their own culture.	Using, imitating	Communicating in a conscious way being aware of cultural backgrounds of other people.  Reacting to diversity following the example of others.	Perspective taking	Being curios towards cultural diversity and different communication styles.  Accepting different ways of communication and considering learning more about it.
1	Knowing what	Knowing that different cultures have different ways of communicating.	Perceiving	Recognising different styles of communication based on cultural backgrounds.	Self-orientation	Considering the benefits of culture sensible communication but feeling no need to become active in this respect.

### 8 Communication

The learner is competent in communicating with others in a target oriented way, is able to establish a relation of trust and shows integrity through his/her way to communicate. In the communication with others the learner is aware of different communication styles and techniques and that different situations and interlocutors require different styles and techniques of communication. Communication is used by the learner as a means for interaction and through appropriate communication the learner can identify problems, can discuss them and find and implement solutions.

Knowledge: The learner...

- has knowledge of the specific rules to communicate with his/her colleagues or other learners and beneficiaries
- has knowledge of relevant communication techniques
- has knowledge of the own role and context he/she acts in and knows which communication style is appropriate

Skills: The learner...

- is able to communicate in a clear fashion with colleagues, beneficiaries and stakeholders
- is able to communicate in a target oriented way
- is able to identify problems and find solutions together by using direct communication
- is able to give and receive feedback to and from beneficiaries, colleagues and stakeholders
- is able to use feedback in the improvement of his/her practice
- is able to distinguish between different communication styles
- is able to select appropriate communication styles according to goal and context

Attitudes: The learner...

• respects others and their different communication styles



- has a positive attitude towards communicating
- values open and reflective communication

## **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Communication**

	KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
L	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description
5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Having a strategic knowledge of communication.  Understanding unfamiliar communication styles and knowing how to guide other people to react and communicate appropriately in unknown situations.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Being able to communicate successfully in an unfamiliar situation. Being able to blend different communication styles and to adapt and transfer them into new contexts.  Supporting others to develop their communication competence.	Incorporation	Having internalised virtues of good communication and motivating/inspiring others to reflect about communication and to comprehend other persons' communication in order to create a respectful relationship
4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Knowing different communication styles and techniques and how to apply them knowledge in known practice situations.	Discovering acting independently	Being able to apply and understand different communication styles and codes suitable for context and situation. Actively expanding own communication competence by observing, researching and reflecting.	Commitment	Being determined to improve and to self- regulate for the sake of the communication and for the respect of others. Staying emotionally balanced in communication and in giving/receiving feedback.
3	Knowing how	Knowing that different people have different communication styles, dependent on their culture, personal background, etc. Understanding other ways of communication and expression, e.g. non-verbal communication.	Deciding/ selecting	Being able to communicate in a clear fashion with different groups according to their capabilities of understanding.  Choosing the right code to react according to the situation. Being able to give and receive feedback to and from others.	Motivation/ appreciation	Being motivated to improve own communication competence.  Appreciating the virtues of good communication and being open towards other communication styles.
2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Understanding that the efficiency of communication depends on c-skills Knowing why conscious communication is relevant.	Using, imitating	Applying communication codes of peers (e.g. in language and behaviour, using rites), imitating communication styles of others.	Perspective taking	Being curious to improve own communication competence. Being open towards other/new communication styles.
1	Knowing what	Knowing basic ways of communication in order to understand others and to make oneself understood.	Perceiving	Sending and receiving information without special awareness.	Self-orientation	Talking and listening without feeling the need to reflect on communication.

### 9 Client orientation

The learner is competent in interacting with clients, taking into account their specific needs. He/she knows how to identify different client profiles, backgrounds, desires and necessities. The learner is able to react accordingly, adapt and develop strategies to support clients. He/she is aware of the benefits of focusing on the clients' needs and requests and is determined to reach the clients' satisfaction.

Knowledge: The learner...

- has knowledge of different clients' behaviours and needs
- has knowledge of strategies and techniques to deal with clients
- has knowledge of communication techniques

Skills: The learner...

- is able to apply strategies and techniques to reach clients' satisfaction
- is able to adapt his/her own behaviour to better support clients
- is able to balance the interests of the client against those of the enterprise
- is able to adequately communicate with clients

- prioritizes clients' satisfaction to other tasks and obligations as well as own affects
- appreciates good quality in interaction
- is emphatic and has a positive attitude towards clients and his/her enterprise

## **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Client orientation**

		KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
I	L	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description
ļ	5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Intuitively knowing (or being able to acquire knowledge on) how to deal with any client in any context.  Knowing how to transfer knowledge about clients into other fields of life.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Actively planning and developing own/new client oriented strategies that are part of a larger approach, e.g. a (company's) vision or marketing strategy.	Incorporation	Having internalised to act for the benefit of the client, intuitively responding to different clients needs in adequate ways and inspiring others to value client orientation.
4	4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Knowing which actions are needed to help clients with specific demands for a large variety of situations and different types of clients.	Discovering acting independently	Actively researching and expanding own competence to adequately respond to clients in regard to the client's need and the specific situation.	Commitment	Being determined to improve own competence to serve clients and to adequately respond to their needs.
,	3	Knowing how	Knowing about the specific needs of clients and how the own behaviour and approach can be adapted to the needs of those clients in general.	Deciding/ selecting	Being able to select and apply the appropriate behaviour towards a customer in regard to his/her needs from a set of basic strategies.	Motivation/ appreciation	Valuing client orientation.  Being motivated to develop own competence to respond to clients according to their needs.
2	2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Knowing that there are different ways to deal with clients and that clients have different backgrounds and needs.	Using, imitating	Adapting the own behaviour towards the client when instructed to or by imitating others.	Perspective taking	Being curious and interested in the theme of supporting clients according to their specific needs.
	1	Knowing what	Knowing that clients behave differently and that client orientation is a suitable concept to deal with this.	Perceiving	Seeing and recognising different client behaviours without acting.	Self- orientation	Not relating the theme of client orientation to oneself and the own working life.

## 10 Teamworking

The learner is competent in interacting with others involved in the activities of the organisation and to collaborate to reach a common goal. The learner respects specific backgrounds, competences and skills of team/group members and has the ability to act as a team member. This involves communication skills like assertiveness, clarity and active listening, awareness of diversity in teams and potentials of teamwork. He/she has an attitude of appreciation for teamwork as efficient way of collaborating and source of creativity and is determined to contribute to the success of the entire team. He/she is aware of the roles and capabilities in the team and acts accordingly. He/she put any kind of action that turns ideas into facts, taking risks, organising activities.

### Knowledge: The learner...

- has knowledge of ways to establish a team and make use of the different abilities of team members in order to reach a common goal
- has knowledge how to enhance team processes in different teams
- has knowledge about the rules of communication
- has knowledge about what to avoid to not disturb the atmosphere and workflow in a team

### Skills: The learner...

- is able to differentiate whether teamwork is the best way to accomplish a task
- is able to work in teams and act in teams according to his/her role
- is able to understand that specific tasks and roles of team members are based on their strengths and weaknesses
- has the ability to judge and identify one's strengths and weaknesses, and to assess and take risks as and when warranted, is essential
- is able to reflect the own role in a team

- has a positive attitude towards working together in a team
- inspires others to contribute to the team





- appreciates collaboration and diversity
- respects and supports team members



## **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Teamworking**

		KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
L	-	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description
5	5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Knowing how to enhance team processes in different teams. Knowing how to help other people act successfully in teams and to assign specific responsibilities to people keeping in mind their relevant skills.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Leading a team in a way that members are able to contribute to the best of their abilities, supporting them to do so. Being able to strategically develop a team.	Incorporation	Having internalised the "culture" of constructive team work and to accomplish goals through mutual support. Inspiring others to improve their teamwork skills.
4	1	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Having substantial knowledge on how and when to join/form a team. Understanding strength and weaknesses of team members. Knowing the importance of communication and how to coordinate workflows.	Discovering acting independently	Being able to assign and coordinate specific tasks and roles to team members on the basis of their strengths and weaknesses. Monitoring team processes. Trying out new roles for one-self.	Commitment	Feeling the importance to refrain from own preferences (e.g. in regard to procedures, own solution strategies, methods etc.) for the sake of the team and the teamwork. Being determined to be a good team worker.
3	3	Knowing how	Knowing the basic dynamics and demands of teamwork. Knowing how to engage in a coordinated work flow where the skills, qualities and limits of each member are taken into account in order to work efficiently.	Deciding/ selecting	Actively reaching out to join a team or help create a team. Contributing to the team process according to own strengths and needs for reaching the shared goal.	Motivation/ appreciation	Having a positive attitude towards working together in a team and to appreciate team diversity. Finding it important to have a 'team spirit'. Being motivated to develop own competence to successfully work in a team.
2	2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Knowing that teamwork is a more effective way to achieve results. Knowing it demands from individuals to coordinate their work considering individual competences and abilities.	Using, imitating	Contributing to team work when being invited or instructed to. Fulfilling assigned tasks in a team by following the example of others.	Perspective taking	Being interested in the potentials of team work and to learn more about it.
1	1	Knowing what	Knowing that teamwork is collaborating with others to reach a shared goal.	Perceiving	Recognising situations in which teamwork is feasible to reach goals.	Self- orientation	Seeing teamwork as something positive, but without considering developing own team work competence.

## 11 Flexibility/Adaptability

Flexibility is a competence that describes the ability to adapt to changing situations and demands in order to cope with variable circumstances. This involves knowledge of the fluidity of facts and the moving nature of life itself, about different contexts and environments as well as of own capabilities and a repertoire of behavioural strategies. Being open minded and trustful in own strengths, are attitudes that support the adaptability to changing situations and reduce stress that results from change.

Flexibility is also necessary to cope with ambiguity, uncertainty and risk, which is stated as an important element of entrepreneurial mindset in the EntreComp conceptual model.

### Knowledge: The learner...

- knows about requirements of different contexts and environments
- knows the benefits of being flexible
- knows the burdens of flexibility
- knows that things are dynamic and change is inherent in all areas of life
- knows adequate forms of behaviour for certain contexts
- knows how to adapt own strategies according to available or missing resources
- ...

### Skills: The learner...

- is able to transfer knowledge, skills and abilities to other contexts and environments
- is able to reflect observations and experiences and to draw conclusions in terms of how to adapt
- is able to adapt to changing (work) environments or changing constraints on (work) resources
- is able to operate in multicultural environments and to adapt new locations
- is able to anticipate new perspectives





- is able to select from a repertoire of different behaviours
- is able to accept and adapt to restrictions
- is able to allow others to be their way
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- is open to new perspectives, things, behaviours, situations,...
- is curious about learning, discovering new things
- is willing to change approaches or to try different approaches
- is willing to learn to adapt
- is motivated to benefit from flexibility, e.g. to fit in/be more comfortable/successful
- is resilient to the stress that might result from the pressure to adapt or changing situations and environments
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# REFERENCE SYSTEM – Flexibility/Adaptability

		KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
	L	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description
;	5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Knowing multiple adaptation strategies and knowing how to adapt to changing requirements in various contexts.  Analyzing the impact of changing ones behaviour.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Developing and applying tailored adaption strategies for any situation that lead to the best possible result.  Being able to perform adequately in unknown situations	Incorporation	Having incorporated to adapt to changing conditions and to let go of initial plans and procedures.  Inspiring others to become more flexible.
4	4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Knowing when and how to adapt the own behaviour, attitudes and thinking to changing conditions in order to cope with a situation.	Discovering acting independently	Developing own behavioural strategies and methods to adapt to changes and working on becoming more flexible.  Analysing situations and acting accordingly.	Commitment	Being determined to adapt to changing conditions for the sake of a good result.
;	3	Knowing how	Knowing how to be flexible. Knowing how to adapt the own behaviour, perception and thinking to changing circumstances.	Deciding/ selecting	Deciding how to adapt to changes based on familiar behaviours.  Adapting own behaviour to changing conditions in known situations.	Motivation/ appreciation	Valuing flexibility and adaptability.  Being motivated to improve own capability to adapt to changing conditions and to show flexibility.
:	2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Knowing why one should be flexible and that there are benefits and disadvantages of being flexible.	Using, imitating	Adapting to changing conditions when being asked to or as instructed or by imitating the behaviour of others.	Perspective taking	Being interested in how others behave in different situations.  Being interested to learn how to become more flexible.
	1	Knowing what	Knowing what it means to be flexible and that flexibility is expected in many working areas.	Perceiving	Perceiving situations that require being flexible (without acting).	Self- orientation	Not being interested in adapting to changing conditions.  Only considering adapting for personal benefit.

## 12 Critical Thinking

Critical thinking describes the competence to question an issue or a situation, an idea, assumption without accepting anything given at a face value. Critical thinking will identify and analyse the given issue/situation in a systematic way without automatically jumping to conclusions. The learner is curious to assess the given issue/situation and analyse the underlying arguments/ideas and is able to argue the considerations in an understandable way, to identify inconsistencies and errors when reasoning and reaching to a conclusion in a systematic way by applying experience and evaluating available information. It is the ability to go beyond the memorization, information recall and facts description, to analyse, evaluate, interpret, or synthetize information or experience in order to form or criticize an idea or argument and don't simply accept all the given information without questioning

Knowledge: The learner...

- has knowledge about the value of critical thinking
- has knowledge about different critical thinking methods
- has knowledge about the appropriate use of critical thinking
- has knowledge how to evaluate and respond to counterarguments

Skills: The learner...

- is able to analyse, evaluate, interpret, or synthetize information or experience
- is able to examine ideas, concepts or situations from multiple perspectives, including different cultural perspectives
- is able to develop well-reasoned, persuasive questions and arguments
- is able to respond to counterarguments
- is able to identifying themes or patterns and making abstract connections across subjects
- is able to accept criticism and submit his/her findings to repeat tests



- has curiosity to test information and to seek evidence, being open to new ideas
- has scepticism about non proven information, not believing every information he/she is confronted with
- has the humility to admit that his/her ideas may be wrong when facing new information, experience or evidence that states otherwise
- is willing to submit his/her ideas and experiments to peer review

## **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Critical thinking**

	KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
L	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description
5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Knowing how to apply critical thinking strategies in both in known and unknown situations.  Knowing how to strategically use critical arguments in various contexts.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Being able to recompose arguments or information after a critical assessment process, including new aspects that provide constructive insight to an unknown problem or a situation.  Thinking in coherent way to recognise critical aspects and to act accordingly.	Incorporation	Having internalised to assess issues in a critical way in order to identify and to process conclusions according to context and objectives before taking decisions.
4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Analysing more thoroughly, broadly and frequently, including validating source information in order to come to a holistic solution. Knowing when critical thinking is adequate.	Discovering acting independently	Researching for additional information and arguments on a given issue to include it into the analysis. Being able to explain the line of thought/results of the critical evaluation of an information or solution to others in an understandable way.	Commitment	Being determined to reach adequate and constructive conclusions through analysis and critical thinking. Being confident to engage with complex and/or unfamiliar problems and concepts.
3	Knowing how	Knowing how to look through different lenses and how to analyse diverse information in order to come to a constructive conclusion.	Deciding/ selecting	Applying different known strategies to look at an issue from different angles and questioning the given information.	Motivation/ appreciation	Being motivated to test and question own and others' judgements, opinions and ideas. Valuing critical thinking and being motivated to expand own competence to do so.
2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Knowing why it is important to anticipate different views on an issue.	Using, imitating	Taking different views on an issue only when instructed to or following the example of others.	Perspective taking	Having the openness to look at an issue from different perspectives. Being interested in seeing issues through different lenses.
1	Knowing what	Knowing that there may be different ideas or expressions on the same issue.	Perceiving	Perceiving that there are different possible ways of looking at issues.	Self- orientation	Being aware that there are different ideas but not necessarily willing to explore them.

## 13 Networking

The learner is competent in interacting with others involved in professional practice, is able to establish relationships and to build up a network of relevant contacts in his professional setting. In collaborating with colleagues and stakeholders, the learner has the ability to exchange knowledge and experience as well as to establish new contacts in a target oriented way. The learner is aware of his/her role in different context and knows feasible approaches to establish new contacts, taking into consideration the working contexts and roles of other stakeholders. He/she has internalised his/her own goals and recognises opportunities to promote these towards others.

Knowledge: The learner...

- has knowledge of ways to integrate networking into training activities
- has knowledge of relevant professional networks
- · has knowledge of different networking instruments and techniques

Skills: The learner...

- is able to collaborate closely with colleagues
- is able to exchange knowledge and experiences
- is able to use relevant networking tools
- is able to actively use and create new networking techniques to improve professional knowledge

- has a positive attitude towards collaborating with colleagues and stakeholders
- is interested in the exchange of knowledge and experiences
- is open towards different forms and opportunities of networking

## **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Networking**

	KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
L	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description
5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Knowing how to integrate networking into various activities and in the collaboration with colleagues and stakeholders.  Knowing how to help other people act successfully in different networking structures.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Actively planning and creating networking opportunities to improve knowledge and to establish new ways of collaboration others.  Being able to transfer networking approaches to other areas of life.	Incorporation	Having internalised to network at any occasion. Enjoying networking and inspiring others to improve their networking competence.
4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Knowing how and when to apply different networking techniques for concrete tasks or goals. Knowing how to act in different networking structures.	Discovering acting independently	Deliberately seeking networking opportunities and researching for new networking techniques. Choosing adequate networking techniques according to goals and interlocutors and to act appropriately.	Commitment	Feeling the need to be pro-active and creative in networking.  Being determined to improve networking competence.
3	Knowing how	Knowing different networking techniques and practices for sharing, learning, promoting ideas and building contacts.	Deciding/ selecting	Taking part in networking activities and applying basic networking techniques in a correct way to contribute to reaching a goal.	Motivation/ appreciation	Valuing networking in general.  Being motivated to improve own networking competence.
2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Knowing that through networking one can learn, build useful contacts and spread info to different target groups.	Using, imitating	Talking to others, trying to learn from them and building contacts following the example of others or when being instructed to.	Perspective taking	Being interested in the benefits of networking and considering learning more about it.
1	Knowing what	Knowing the concept of networking.	Perceiving	Seeing and recognising values and opportunities of networking for collaboration.	Self- orientation	Relating to networking in own life and for own benefits.



## 14 Creativity

The learner is able to approach new situations and challenges with open mind and flexibility. He/she is competent in actively joining creative processes (such as brainstorming) and applying different creative thinking techniques (e.g. lateral thinking, visual explorations, metaphors, analogies, drawing, etc.) to generate new solutions and approaches. He has a strong ability in identifying unique connections between different ideas.

Knowledge: The learner...

- · has knowledge of different creative thinking techniques
- has knowledge of how to guide others through creative processes

Skills: The learner...

- is able to see things from more than one perspective and is able to question the existing patterns
- is able to play an active role in collective creative processes
- is able to generate innovative solutions to unknown problems

Attitudes: The learner...

- has a positive attitude towards thinking out of the box
- inspire and motivate others to express and develop their own creativity in many different situations

## **Personal competence**



## **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Creativity**

		KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
L	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	
5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Knowing intuitively where and how creative thinking techniques can help solve a situation or problem. Knowing how to guide other people through the creative process.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Being able to extend creative strategies, developing own techniques to analyse things in different ways and coming up with new approaches to problems.	Incorporation	Having internalised to develop own creative approaches and solutions. Inspiring others to express and develop their creativity.	
4	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Knowing how to apply different creative thinking techniques in concrete situations. Knowing strategies to overcome attitudes and situations that can hamper creativity.	Discovering acting independently	Being able to play an active role in a creative process, such as brainstorming session, taking inspiration from others and finding new solutions and ideas by identifying unique connections between different ideas.	Commitment	Being determined to approach life in a creative way. Fostering flexibility and divergent thinking as supportive skills.	
3	Knowing how	Knowing different creative thinking techniques (e.g. lateral thinking, visual explorations, metaphors, analogies, drawing, etc.), knowing in which situations creative thinking is crucial.	Deciding/ selecting	Choosing autonomously different creative techniques according to the situation and showing the capacity to look at problems from different perspectives and figuring out alternative scenarios	Motivation/ appreciation	Feeling the need of perceiving things in different ways and being determined to exercise creativity in different contexts.	
2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Knowing about the role and benefits of creativity in daily activities. Knowing why creative thinking is important in the process of solving problems and generating new ideas.	Using, imitating	Applying some creative thinking techniques when being instructed to, being able to play an active role in brainstorming sessions.	Perspective taking	Being interested in expressing own creativity in problem solving situations without knowing how to do it.	
1	Knowing what	Knowing what creativity means and that creativity is not only an inborn ability expressed by a few talented people but a skill that can be learnt and wielded by everyone.	Perceiving	Recognising the usefulness of applying creative thinking in many daily activities	Self- orientation	Feeling that creativity can be useful when wanting to find innovative solutions or cope with unknown problems.	

## 15 Evaluating/Reflecting

The learner is competent in reflecting and (self-)evaluating strategies as an interactive learning process on the job. He/she is able to identify the appropriate evaluation methodologies to apply, according to the objectives and type of activities of the organization, and he/she can plan the different phases of the process (information gathering, processing, analysis, reporting) within an appropriate timing for the work plan of the organization.

Knowledge: The learner...

- has knowledge of a variety of evaluation tools and methods
- knows how and when to efficiently and effectively apply evaluation as a tool for stimulating reflection and learning processes
- knows how to use the results of the reflection and evaluation processes in a large perspective (e.g. for identifying further learning needs)

Skills: The learner...

- is able to apply a variety of evaluation tools and methods
- is able to develop own evaluation strategies
- is able to process in a methodologically correct way the results of the evaluation for different purposes
- is able to promote a participatory culture of evaluation in the organisation processes

Attitudes: The learner...

• recognizes the importance of evaluation and reflection for individual and organizational learning and inspires team members to improve their own evaluation competence

# **REFERENCE SYSTEM – Evaluating/Reflecting**

		KNOWLEDGE		SKILLS//CAPABILITIES		ATTITUDES/VALUES	
I	-	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description	Level Titles	Level description
ļ	5	Knowing where else (strategic transfer)	Knowing how to strategically integrate evaluation outcomes into the organisational and/or individual practice in order to achieve the collaborative goals.	Developing, constructing, transferring	Developing own evaluation and adaptation strategies and an on-going participatory culture of evaluation within the organisation, promoting (self-) evaluation to achieve envisaged goals.	Incorporation	Inspiring others to value evaluation, reflection and individual and organisational learning. Inspiring others to develop their evaluation competences.
2	1	Knowing when (implicit understanding)	Knowing when (time schedule) to organize different phases of the evaluation (information gathering, processing, analysis, reporting) appropriate to the work plan of the organisation in coordination with organisation leaders.	Discovering acting independently	Searching for evaluation techniques and independently applying the (self-)evaluation with appropriate techniques and methods, within the given purpose of the evaluation.	Commitment	Being determined to improve reflection and evaluation competences with respect to individual and organisational learning.
	3	Knowing how	Knowing how to organise (self-) evaluation as a reflective and interactive learning process. Knowing pertinent methods and techniques that can be introduced as an evaluation.	Deciding/ selecting	Making conscious choices on objectives, issues to evaluate; the methods and instruments of evaluation that seem more pertinent for the given case.	Motivation/ appreciation	Finding it important that team members/ colleagues value evaluation and reflection. Being motivated to improve own evaluations and reflection competence.
2	2	Knowing why (distant understanding)	Knowing why reflection and (self-)evaluation are important to facilitate individual and collective learning/ performance via evidence-based decision-making.	Using, imitating	Occasionally evaluating processes and products using existing models and techniques.	Perspective taking	Generally feeling that reflection and evaluation make sense in order to best achieve collaborative goals.
,	1	Knowing what	Knowing that evaluation is an important process to improve quality.	Perceiving	Recognising evaluation and reflection processes.	Self- orientation	Passive approach to evaluation and reflection, unless it refers to issues of personal relevance.