

Introduction

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Methods e-Guide

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About the project



What is the guide
about?



Who is this guide
for?



How to use this
guide?





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It also includes a toolkit for facilitators that guide you through the main concepts of action learning and how to deliver it in in-person, online or blended settings.

Finally, you'll find key highlights and lessons learned from our Community of Practice, which co-designed the programme and tested it in various European countries and learning contexts.



DISCO addresses the continuing professional development needs of guidance practitioners and career counsellors who are navigating significant challenges and changes in their work.

The project aims to enhance practitioners' digital competences and support providers of guidance and career counselling services in planning and implementing the necessary digital transformation.

This effort is part of a broader cultural shift in vocational education and training, ensuring that the digital transformation of the labour market is fully integrated into the daily practices of guidance staff.



The DISCO Methods e-Guide offers practical resources for trainers and learning facilitators to help organise and deliver our blended learning programme and action learning sets.

It provides the tools you need to support local action learning programmes based on the DISCO curriculum and learning materials



This guide is primarily designed for trainers and learning facilitators. However, it can also be valuable for other roles, including:

- Career counsellors and guidance practitioners
- Professionals working in community, youth, and non-formal learning settings, particularly those involved in guidance and mentoring roles.

Describe the problem you are going to solve and, above all, the reason why your idea is interesting



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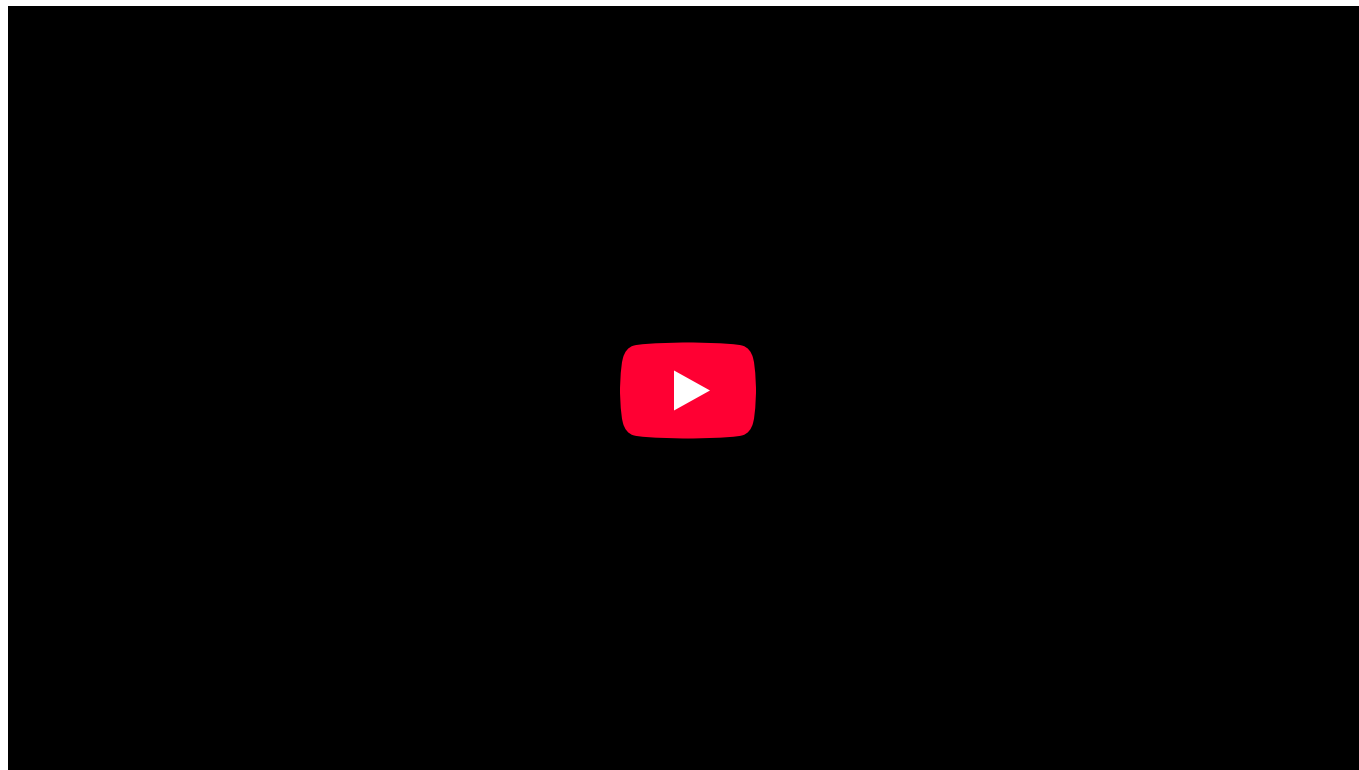
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Take a look !



What will you find in
the platform? +

How to use the
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Try here:





Each module can be completed independently or combined with others. Modules include carefully designed exercises to enhance the action learning experience, such as assignments, case studies, group discussions, idea generation, research and role plays.

By integrating online learning materials with virtual or in-person workshops and interactive, practical activities, learners can develop both the theoretical and practical aspects of digital guidance skills while also engaging in reflection and receiving feedback.



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What will you find in the platform?



Module 1 - Summary Online Communication

Click to go module 1



Module 2 - Summary Designing Blended Guidance Formats

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Module 3- Summary Digital resources and tools

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Module 4 - Summary Safety & Regulations in Blended Guidance

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Self- Assesment Tool



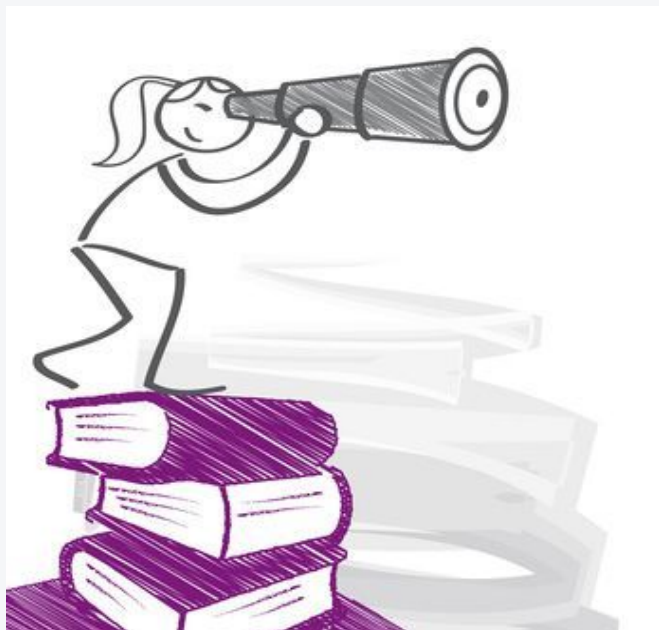


Self Assessment

Explore a variety of engaging activities from all our modules. Enhance your skills and knowledge with practical exercises designed to support your learning journey.

[Access to the tool](#)

What is action learning?



Set your learning goals



Start with an ice-braker



How to run face-to-face sessions



How to run online sessions



How to run blended sessions



Don't forget to reflect with your learners





What is action learning?

Action Learning is a practical, **hands-on way** to tackle real-world challenges while building leadership, teamwork, and critical thinking skills. Instead of just talking about problems, **participants take action, reflect on their experiences, and collaborate to find meaningful solutions**

Discover the key aspects here:

[Click here](#)

Why Action Learning Works?




- Builds leadership and problem-solving skills
- Boosts teamwork and collaboration
- Encourages innovation and adaptability


How it Works ?



Learning by doing

Commitment to Action




Facilitator or Coach Support




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Real-World Problem-Solving

Focuses on solving real challenges with no easy answers. Emphasizes practical, actionable outcomes over theory. Encourages creative thinking to develop effective solutions



Small, Diverse Groups (Action Learning Sets)

Participants work in small, mixed-background teams. Different perspectives lead to more creative problem-solving. Collaboration helps build a supportive learning environment.



Questioning and Reflection

Thoughtful questions challenge assumptions and open new ideas. Reflection helps participants learn from their actions. Encourages a deeper understanding of decision-making




A Path to Success


Setting learning goals is important if you want to deliver successful and sustainable training to your target group.


Conclusions:

Setting learning goals provides a structured approach to acquiring new knowledge and skills. By defining clear objectives, following a strategic plan, and maintaining motivation, you can make consistent progress and achieve success in your participants' learning journey.



Why Set Learning Goals?




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How to set Effective Learning Goals?



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Face to face sessions

Digital Tools



Before

How Can Digital Tools Be Used for Preparation?



During

Discover Digital Tools During a Career Guidance Session



After

Explore Digital Tools After a Career Guidance Session



How it worked in Bulgaria



After exploring how digital tools can assist in preparing for a career guidance session, let's dive into how they can enhance the session itself!

Visual Aids

Tools like PowerPoint, Canva, and Prezi can be used to create visually engaging presentations that explain concepts or career pathways effectively. Additionally, interactive whiteboards like Miro can facilitate brainstorming and collaborative planning during the session.

Virtual Reality (VR) & Augmented Reality (AR)

VR and AR tools offer immersive experiences by simulating real-world scenarios. These can expose clients to a specific field of interest or provide opportunities to practice their skills in virtual workplace environments—all within a controlled setting

Job Search Platforms

Platforms such as Glassdoor, Indeed, and LinkedIn can be explored during the session to offer real-time insights into the job market. Clients can learn about salary expectations, required skills, and available job opportunities tailored to their interests.

CV Creation and Enhancement Tools

Tools like Zety and other CV builders can be introduced to clients, enabling them to craft or refine their resumes with professional templates and actionable advice directly during the session. Strengths and skills are really important to be included in the CV of the client and the results from skill assessments completed before the session can be a point of reference!



By integrating these digital tools into career guidance sessions, counsellors can deliver a more dynamic, engaging, and resourceful experience tailored to the client's needs



Digital tools can continue to support both the counsellor and the client even after the session has concluded. Here's how they can be utilized effectively

Follow-Ups

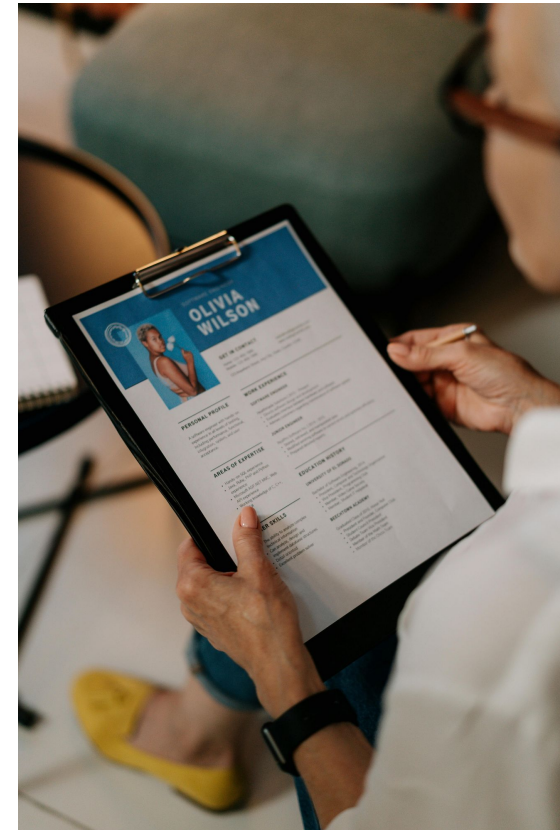
Shared platforms like Google Drive can be used to provide meeting summaries, share important documents, or outline action plans. These platforms facilitate ongoing collaboration, combining the benefits of in-person interaction with the convenience of digital accessibility.

Communication

Communication platforms such as email or WhatsApp facilitate official or instant interactions between the counsellor and client, ensuring smooth coordination and quick responses when needed, especially when being in the process of job hunting and interviews

Skill Enhancement

Platforms such as Coursera, Udemy, or LinkedIn Learning offer opportunities for lifelong learning and skill development. Both counsellors and clients can leverage these resources to stay updated and continuously grow in their respective fields.





Time Management & Organization

Platforms like Google Calendar or Calendly make it easier to schedule and manage appointments, ensuring both the counsellor and client stay on track and organized.

Assessment Tools

Clients can be invited to complete skill or interest assessments before the initial session. This provides the counsellor with valuable insights to tailor the session and create an effective action plan

Digital Forms

Tools like Google Forms allow counsellors to collect important information from clients ahead of time, reducing the need to gather these details during the session.



This streamlined approach not only saves time but also ensures that the in-person session is focused, productive, and personalized for the client.



Enhancing Career Counselling with Digital Tools in Physical Settings

Digital tools can significantly enhance career counselling sessions for both the counsellor and the client, even in a face-to-face setting. By strategically integrating these tools, the digital and physical environment can merge to create a seamless and more efficient experience. Let's explore how this can be achieved!

Ice-breakers



1

Skill Match-Up



2

**Three truths and
one lie**



3

**Names and
adjectives**



4

**Community
Agreement**



5


Collective display






Collective display


This is an exercise aims to allow ideas to emerge fostering curiosity and reflection in the group of learners..




Any



This can vary since the activity would be implemented throughout the whole duration of the training.



Setting: Both in-person and online



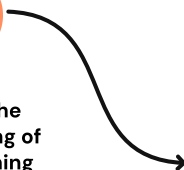
In-person: Paper sheet and markers.
Online: Digital board (such as Miro or similar)

Materials

1

Before the beginning of the training

the facilitator fixes a paper sheet on a wall or share a digital board with the learners – this will be the collective display. He/she should write on the paper / digital board one or more questions, or simply an open sentence, which introduce the topic(s) of the training.



2

How to run the activity?

During the welcoming of participants

before the actual start of the activities, they are asked to react to the collective display, answering the questions and sharing their ideas and thoughts. It is important to point out that the collective display can evolve. It is therefore crucial for it to be effective to go back to it multiple times during the day(s) and ask people to add, clarify, modify, underline what's written

Tips for the facilitator

As the collective display should be realised out of the official time of the training (before the actual starting, during breaks etc.), participation should not be considered as compulsory.


It is crucial to propose open, short, and accessible questions, and to avoid those with a “good or bad” answer. Consider something like “what should be our priorities moving forward?” Rather than “considering our capacities, what strategy should we put into place in order to meet our objectives and ensure the sustainability of our actions?”


However, it **is important that the facilitator triggers participants' curiosity by asking questions** like “and you, what do you think about it?” Or “does this sentence/thought trigger you/tell you something?” or “do you agree?”.





Names and adjectives

This ice – breaker will allow participants to learn something about each other a bit better before engaging!

 up to 12 participants

 120 –30 min

 **Setting:** Both in-person and online



Materials

No materials needed but in case the trainer wants to make it more interactive for physical context – pen and paper can be used for digital context laptop and internet connection.

How to run the activity?

Participants come up with an adjective to express how they are or feel. The adjective, such as "I'm Henri and I'm happy," must begin with the same letter as their name

Tips

-  In order to make it more interactive online, tools such as miro or mentimeter can be used where each participant can write their name and decided adjective so that it pops up on screen.





References





Skill Match-Up

This interactive icebreaker helps participants identify shared skills and goals, fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment. Participants will match their skills or areas of expertise with those of others in the group, promoting networking and setting the tone for teamwork. The activity can be adapted for in-person, online, or hybrid sessions.

 8-10 participants

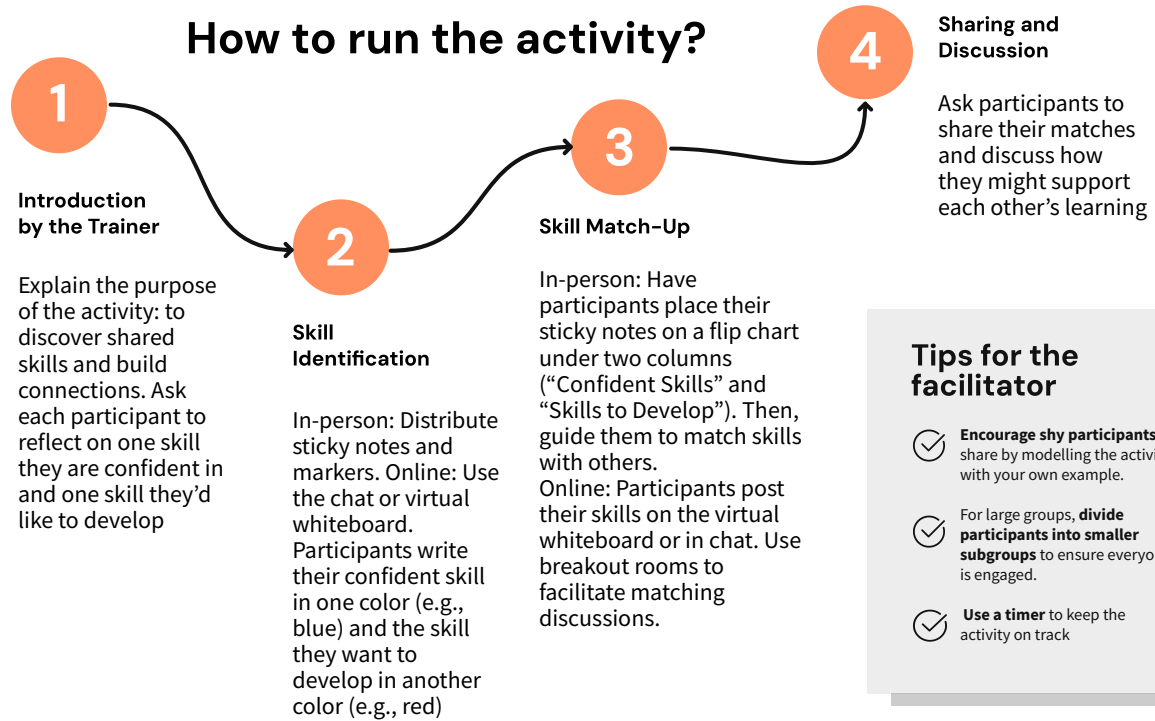
 15- 20 min

 **Setting:** Both in-person and online

 **Materials**

In-person: Sticky notes, markers, flip chart or whiteboard.
Online: Virtual whiteboard tool (e.g., Jamboard, Miro), chat or breakout room features

How to run the activity?




Tips for the facilitator


-  **Encourage shy participants** to share by modelling the activity with your own example.
-  For large groups, **divide participants into smaller subgroups** to ensure everyone is engaged.
-  **Use a timer** to keep the activity on track





Community Agreement

This is an exercise aiming to create a community agreement that meets the different needs of all the learners.

 Any

 30 min

 **Setting:** Both in-person and online

 **In-person:** Paper sheets and markers
Online: Digital board (such as Miro or similar)

Materials

How to run the activity?

1

Write each of the following questions on a separate flipchart / digital board:

- What do I need in order to learn?
- What do I need in order to participate well?
- What do I need in order to feel respected?

2

Divide the participants into groups and give each group a flipchart / digital board with one question

Ask them to discuss it for five minutes, making notes of their main points. Encourage participants to think about both abstract and practical needs

3

After five minutes, the flipcharts / digital boards should be swapped so that each group adds to the answers of the previous group.

This means that no flipchart / digital board belongs to any group, so they are developing the agreement collectively.

4

After each question has been answered, ask the groups to summarise the results and turn them into action statements. Each group presents these statements in plenary.

If everyone is happy with what has emerged, this is the community agreement for the group.

Tips for the facilitator





Feel free to adapt the questions to the context of the group you are working with.





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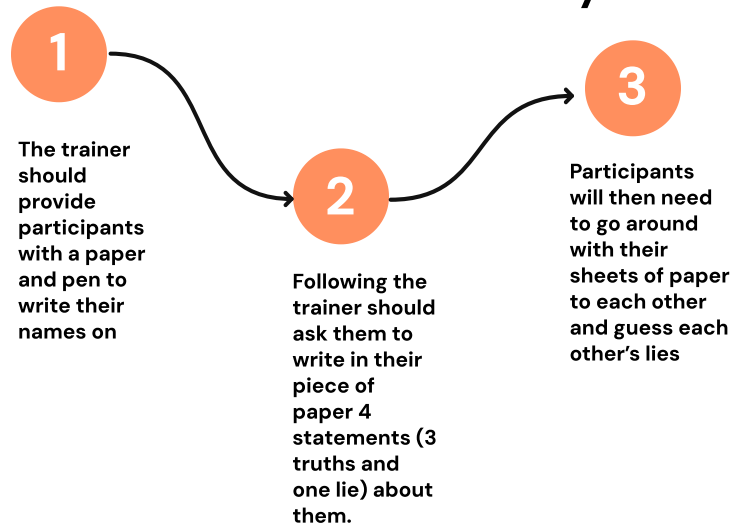
 120 -30 min

 **Setting:** Both in-person and online




 **In-person:** Sheet of paper & pens for each participant .
Online: laptop, internet connection

Materials

How to run the activity?



Tips

-  If the activity takes place physically participants, the trainer should ask in each round to have guesses in pairs on 2.
-  In case the activity takes place online then the trainer should go around all participants and they all tell their statements. Then the rest of the participants should guess which fact it's a lie.
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References

Online sessions



Preparing

the **online sessions**

When conducting your training sessions exclusively online, the most important thing to keep in mind and reflect on is what limits are going to be imposed on the activity by the participants not being in the same physical space. The following pointers are a good start:



During

the online sessions

Holding trainings online means tweaking some of the activities, as well as the way to carry them out.

How it worked in Cyprus

How it worked in Austria

How it worked in Greece

How it worked in Spain

During



"Contract"



At the beginning of the session, discuss a "contract" with the participants: a set of rules that everyone agrees to follow so that everyone feels safe participating. For example, outline the expectation of privacy (everything that happens in the session stays in the session), or even simple things like staying on mute when not speaking.



Participate actively

During the group discussions, encourage participants to have their cameras on (if possible), and to participate actively. At the same time, ask participants to keep their microphones muted while others are talking, to avoid background noise



Videoconferencing tools

If the participants need to test other videoconferencing tools, and thus drop out of the meeting, either make sure the participants know what time they have to come back to the shared call, or arrange for the participants to carry out the activity in their own time, after the training session has ended



Breaks

During parts of the activity where participants have to do some work on their own, encourage them to switch off their camera and their mics, to feel more at ease. Plan enough breaks, depending on the length of your training session. Keep in mind that following an online training is very tiring too!

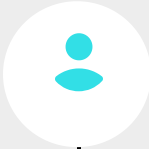
Preparing



videoconferencing tool



Use a videoconferencing tool you are familiar with, and that has all the functionalities you need



Ice breaker

Start with an energizer/ice breaker, to ensure the participants are ready to start carrying out the activities



White board

Use a shared whiteboard to keep notes. It can be a simple doc or a Padlet shared on your screen, or a whiteboard directly integrated in the videoconferencing tool you are using (for example, Zoom provides this option)



break-out rooms

If the activity calls for work in group, ensure that your videoconferencing tool has a break-out rooms function

Blended sessions

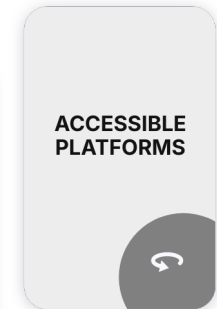
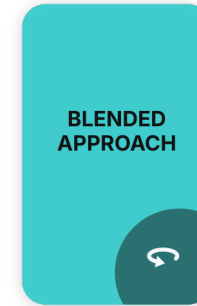
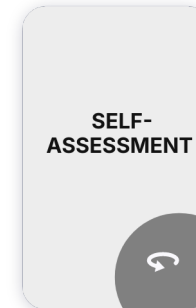


What is?



Blended learning combines the flexibility of digital with the effectiveness of in-person training, making it ideal for diverse group needs. A structured, interactive, and secure framework ensures both facilitators and participants excel while addressing modern challenges.

Best Practices in Blended Learning



Key advantages of Online Learning:

- **Flexibility:** Self-paced materials and interactive online sessions cater to diverse schedules.
- **Wider Reach:** Online sessions target a larger audience across geographic boundaries.
- **Practical Tools:** Gamified approaches and digital tools ensure engaging, accessible learning experiences.

Key advantages of Face-to-face Learning:

- **Human Connection:** Face-to-face sessions foster trust and collaboration.
- **Immediate Feedback:** Facilitators can adapt based on non-verbal cues and direct interactions.
- **Practical Activities:** Hands-on learning and tailored guidance enhance comprehension.

Challenges and Considerations

- **Technical Comfort:** Facilitators should use the developed methods blending digital and face-to-face sessions seamlessly.
- **Data Security:** Ensuring privacy and GDPR compliance in online environments is critical.
- **Customized Support:** Address unique job counselors' needs (e.g., disabilities, digital gaps) through adaptable methods



How it worked in Sweden



Closing part

of a learning session

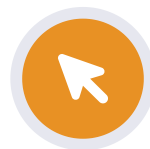
What is about? +

A well - structured closing +

A well -designed closing +



Reflection and peer review



Practical Tips

1 SUMMARIZE KEY POINTS +

2 ENCOURAGE REFLECTION +

3 FACILITATE A Q&A SESSION +

4 PROVIDE NEXT STEPS +

5 GATHER FEEDBACK +

Closing a learning session effectively is crucial to ensuring participants leave with clarity, motivation, and actionable insights. A well-thought-out conclusion reinforces the session's objectives and helps learners transition from knowledge acquisition to application.



The closing part of a learning session is a critical phase where the facilitator consolidates key learnings, reinforces objectives, and ensures participants leave with a clear understanding of the material. This stage serves as a bridge between learning and application, enabling learners to internalize concepts and prepare to apply them in real-world scenarios.



Reflection and peer review

Reflection and peer review are integral components of the learning process, fostering deeper understanding, critical thinking, and collaborative growth. These practices **allow learners to evaluate their own work and that of their peers, promoting accountability and continuous improvement.**



Both foster feedback and self-awareness, encouraging learners to take ownership of their growth. When structured with clear guidelines and constructive dialogue, they enhance learning effectiveness. Ultimately, these practices **empower individuals** to improve continuously and succeed in academic and professional settings.

Reflection

is a personal process that encourages individuals to think critically about their experiences, achievements, and challenges. It involves pausing to assess what was learned, how it was learned, and how it can be applied in future scenarios. Reflective activities, such as journaling, self-assessment, or guided questioning, provide learners with the opportunity to identify strengths, recognize areas for improvement, and set goals for further development. Questions like “What did I learn?” and “What could I do differently next time?” help create a mindset of growth and adaptability.

Peer review

on the other hand, leverages the insights and perspectives of others to enhance learning. By reviewing a peer’s work, learners develop analytical skills and a deeper understanding of quality standards. Constructive feedback, when delivered respectfully, helps peers identify areas of strength and opportunities for enhancement. The process also cultivates communication skills, empathy, and collaboration. Providing and receiving feedback fosters a sense of community and shared responsibility for learning outcomes




Gather Feedback

Use quick feedback tools like surveys, comment cards, or digital polls to gather insights on the session. This not only shows you value participant input but also helps improve future sessions.



Encourage Reflection

Invite learners to reflect on what they've gained from the session. Questions like "What was the most valuable thing you learned today?" or "How will you apply this knowledge?" encourage introspection and personal connection to the material.

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Finally, a well-designed conclusion creates a sense of accomplishment and closure. This could involve expressing gratitude for participation, sharing additional resources for further learning, or providing a moment of celebration, such as acknowledging individual contributions or milestones. The closing phase is not merely an end but a powerful transition point that ensures the learning session has lasting impact. When thoughtfully executed, it leaves participants feeling motivated, equipped, and ready to act on the knowledge and skills they have acquired.



Provide Next Steps

Offer clear, actionable steps that participants can take after the session. Whether it's a follow-up assignment, further reading, or a practical challenge, having a call to action helps reinforce learning and encourages implementation.



Facilitate a Q&A Session

Allow time for participants to ask questions or seek clarification. This ensures any lingering doubts are addressed and that learners leave with confidence in their understanding.



A well-structured closing begins with a review of the session's objectives. This allows participants to reflect on what they've achieved and identify any gaps in understanding. Summarizing the main points reinforces the key takeaways, helping learners retain critical information.

Techniques such as creating mind maps, bullet-point summaries, or quick group discussions can be effective in this phase. Encouraging participant reflection is another essential aspect. This can be done through guided questions like, "What stood out to you today?" or "How will you apply what you've learned?" Such reflections personalize the learning experience, making it more relevant and meaningful.

Additionally, the closing should include a call to action, prompting learners to implement their newfound knowledge. Assignments, challenges, or actionable steps can help bridge the gap between theory and practice, ensuring continued engagement beyond the session.



Summarize Key Points

Begin by revisiting the main objectives and summarizing the key takeaways. Use tools like a slide recap, a whiteboard summary, or an interactive group discussion to reinforce the material. This helps participants consolidate their learning and ensures no critical information is overlooked.

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Explore our lessons
learned in the map





Context

Cyprus

Highlights

"The strong part of the platform for me is that each module is separated in very useful parts both theoretical and practical (case study, group discussion, activities etc.) so that the user can choose what would best fit their needs"
Quote from a participant

Sessions

Tools

How to run online sessions

Tools



The tools used during the session included Zoom as the platform as well as the DISCO self-assessment tool to compare the knowledge gained before and after.

Highlights



Participants were satisfied with the sessions and content presented and also expressed that the materials were useful for their professional context.

Context



Setting: Online

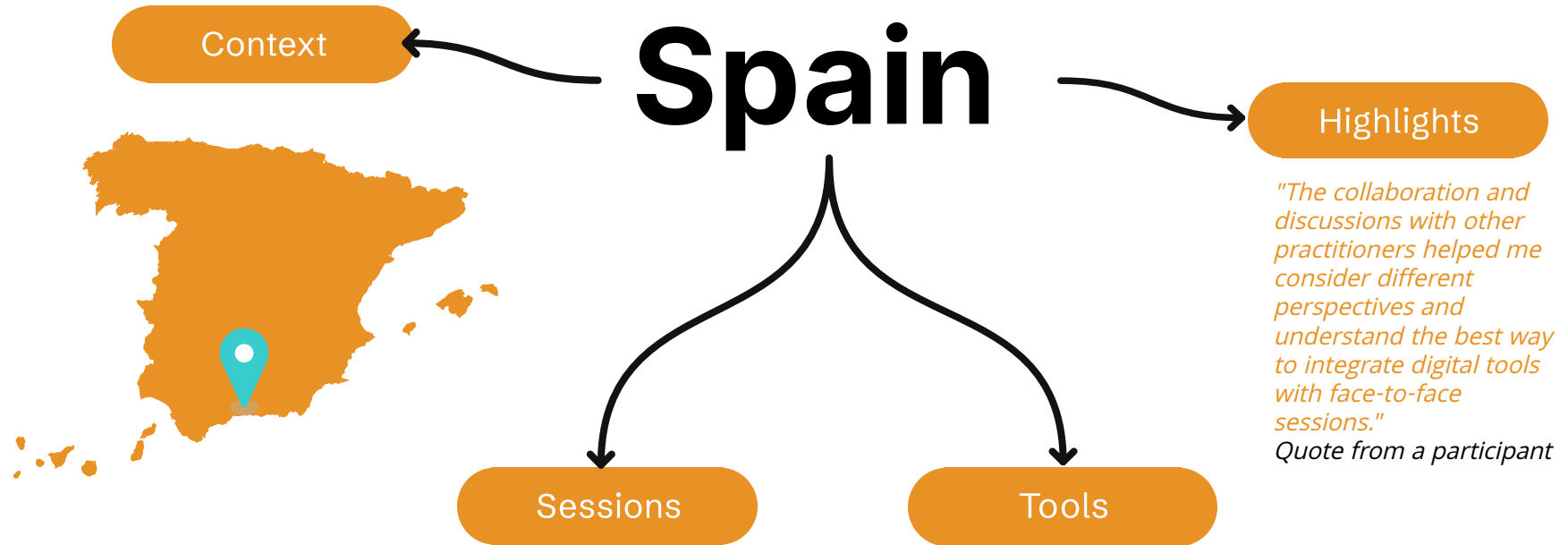
Profile of participants: Youth
Workers & Adult Trainers

Activities: 2 activities per module



Sessions

In the context of Cyprus, the local Action learning sets took place in Zoom to ensure accessibility, inclusivity and participation of all participants adapting a more discussion like setting.



How to run online sessions

Context

Setting: Online

Profile of participants: IAG
practitioners and mentors

Activities: Several activities in
Module 1 including case studies,
group discussions and role plays

Highlights



Participants appreciated the platform's user experience, discovered new digital tools and practices, and engaged in meaningful discussions that enriched their learning and collaboration.



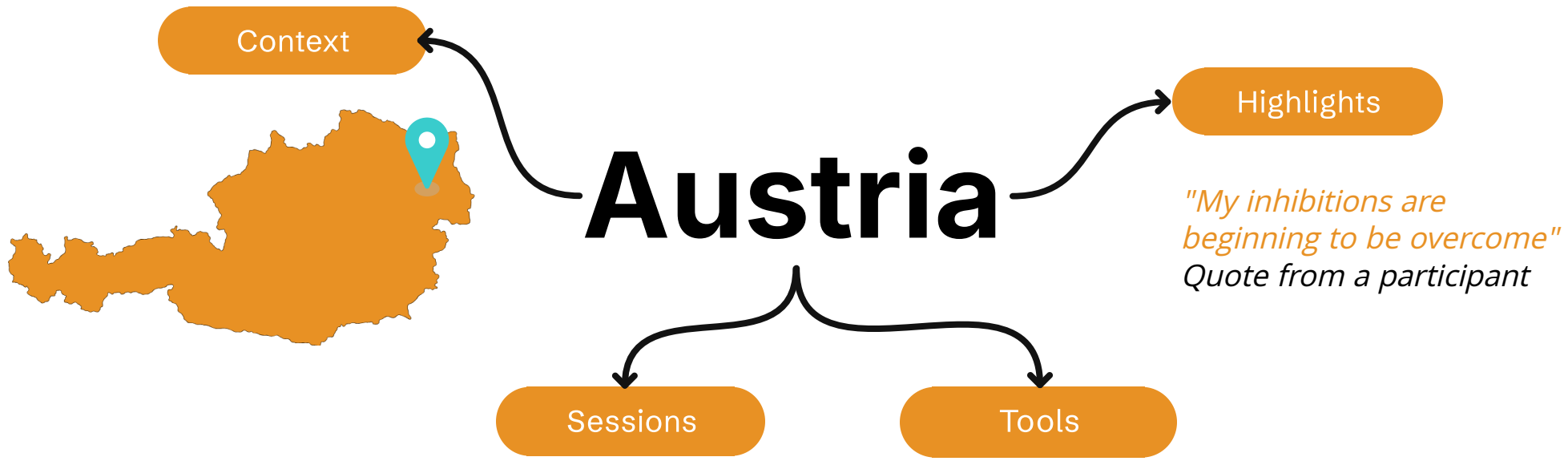
Tools

We used Microsoft Teams to host and promote the sessions, setting up webinars and a registration page. Miro served as a digital board to visualise discussion results during activities.



Sessions

The local Action Learning Set in Spain engaged practitioners in peer learning on Online Communication, fostering discussions on digital and in-person guidance while addressing socioeconomic disparities in client needs.



How to run online sessions



Highlights

The participants enjoyed trying out the activities and were eager to give feedback and join their views on to improve the activities. Some even said that they were interested in taking part in a seminar after the project and learn more about the four different learning areas represented by the modules.



Sessions

The 4 online workshops each one lasting 3 hours ere used in order to present the project and to test two activities in detail as well as to receive feedback on them

Context



Setting: Online

Profile of participants: Career
Guidance Counsellors

Activities: App. 2 activities per
module

Tools



The self-assessment tool was sent out to the participants so that they could check their knowledge in the four different fields.



Context



Bulgaria

Highlights

"I liked the Interactive communication, opportunities to share experiences, positive discussions"
Quote from a participant

Sessions

Tools

How to run a face to face session

Highlights



Participants find the activities interesting and they already use some of the tools.

Sessions



The session went fine as activities were modified to the need and the context of the participants.

Context



Setting: Face to face

Profile of participants: Recruiters
and guidance practitioners

Activities: Modules: Digital tools
and Online safety

Role plays, simulations and
assignments

Tools



Canva, Miro and Mindmeister



Greece



Context

Highlights

*"I really like the digital skills assessment. I never had any formal training on digital skills so it was very useful to have this frame of reference."
Quote from a participant*

Sessions

Tools

How to run online sessions

Sessions



The group was quite small (8 participants), so we decided not to use break-out rooms, and instead discussed as a whole group during the group exercises..

Tools



Zoom was used to conduct the session, with the integrated whiteboard used in the group reflection exercises.

Context



Setting: Online

Profile of participants: Adult
educators

Activities: Module 1 – Activity 3
and 6 , Module 3 – Activity 2 and 4

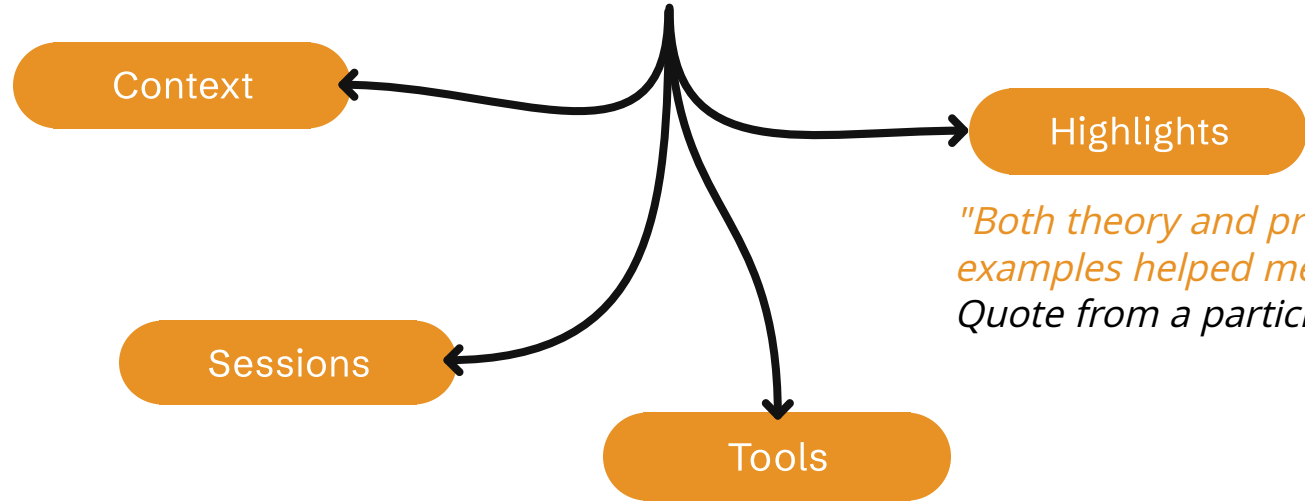
Highlights



The activities were enjoyed by the participants, who found them engaging and interesting. The activity around the evaluation of digital skills was especially appreciated, as a way to self-reflect.



Sweden



"Both theory and practical examples helped me a lot."
Quote from a participant

How to run blended sessions

Highlights



Feedback was positive, emphasizing the program's relevance in digital counselling, its structured approach, and the effective balance between theory and practical exercises. Participants found it valuable.

Tools



We used the platform, self-assessment tool, thematic modules, interactive activities, group discussions, breakout rooms, and peer learning to create an engaging and hands-on learning experience.

Sessions



The DISCO program blended online and in-person sessions, adapting to participants through self-assessments, peer learning, and practical exercises, ensuring an interactive and inclusive learning experience.

Context



Setting: Blended

Profile of participants: Career counsellors, trainers and mentors.

Activities: 2 activities per module
(4 modules)



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Conclusions:

Setting learning goals provides a structured approach to acquiring new knowledge and skills. By defining clear objectives, following a strategic plan, and maintaining motivation, you can make consistent progress and achieve success in your participants' learning journey.

- **Clarity and Focus:** Clearly defined goals help you understand what you want the career counsellors achieve and how to design the learning journey. However, you need to find out if the defined learning goals match with the ones the participants have.
- **Motivation:** Defining learning goals and matching them with the ones the participants have keeps your target group engaged and committed to the training.
- **Measurable Progress:** Goals allow you to track your learners' improvements and make necessary adjustments to stay on course.
- **Efficient Use of Time:** By setting priorities, you can allocate your time and resources effectively, maximizing the practitioners' learning potential.



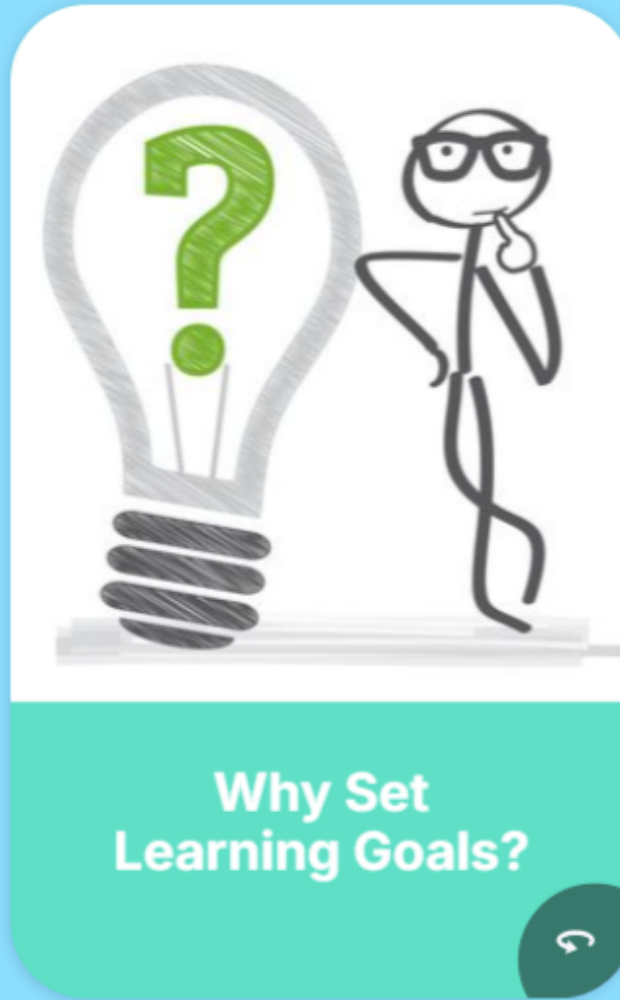
How to set Effective Learning Goals?

A Path to Success

Setting learning goals is important if you want to deliver successful and sustainable training to your target group.

Conclusions:

Setting learning goals provides a structured approach to acquiring new knowledge and skills. By defining clear objectives, following a strategic plan, and maintaining motivation, you can make consistent progress and achieve success in your participants' learning journey.



- 1. Identify Your Learning Objectives:** Determine what knowledge or skills your participants could acquire. Be specific about the desired outcomes.
- 2. Use the SMART Criteria:** Ensure your goals are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound. For example, instead of saying, "I want to learn some about online communication", a SMART goal would be, "I want to learn how to communicate effectively as a career counsellor within two months of training".
- 3. Break Down Goals into Manageable Steps:** Divide larger learning goals into smaller, actionable tasks to prevent the participants feeling overwhelmed.
- 4. Set a Timeline:** Establish deadlines for each milestone to maintain accountability and momentum.
- 5. Track Your Progress:** Regularly assess the achievements and make necessary adjustments to stay on track.
- 6. Stay Flexible and Adapt:** Be open to modifying your goals as you gain new insights or encounter challenges along the way.
- 7. Celebrate Achievements:** Acknowledge your participants' progress and reward them to maintain motivation.



What is action learning?

Action Learning is a practical, **hands-on way** to tackle real-world challenges while building leadership, teamwork, and critical thinking skills. Instead of just talking about problems, **participants take action, reflect on their experiences, and collaborate to find meaningful solutions**

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Why Action Learning Works?



- Builds leadership and problem-solving skills
- Boosts teamwork and collaboration
- Encourages innovation and adaptability

How it Works ?

- ✓ Participants gain skills by taking action, not just listening or reading.
- ✓ Mistakes and failures are seen as learning opportunities.
- ✓ Problem-solving happens in real time with real challenges.

Learning by doing

- ✓ Participants commit to implementing what they learn.
- ✓ Concrete actions are taken after each session.
- ✓ Results are reviewed, refined, and improved.

Commitment to action

- ✓ A facilitator keeps discussions focused and productive.
- ✓ Creates a safe space for learning and open dialogue.
- ✓ Encourages accountability and deeper reflection.

Commitment to action



Real-World Problem-Solving

Focuses on solving real challenges with no easy answers. Emphasizes practical, actionable outcomes over theory. Encourages creative thinking to develop effective solutions



Small, Diverse Groups (Action Learning Sets)

Participants work in small, mixed-background teams. Different perspectives lead to more creative problem-solving. Collaboration helps build a supportive learning environment.



Questioning and Reflection

Thoughtful questions challenge assumptions and open new ideas. Reflection helps participants learn from their actions. Encourages a deeper understanding of decision-making