

DT.Uni in pictures and words

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Kick-off meeting Lublin

October 2017







“DT.Uni is much more than a single project. Our three years of hard work has already made a difference.

Universities are more open, students are more creative and teachers are prepared for new challenges. I’m proud that I could lead the most creative, fascinating and experienced design thinkers I’ve ever met.”

Joanna, UMCS

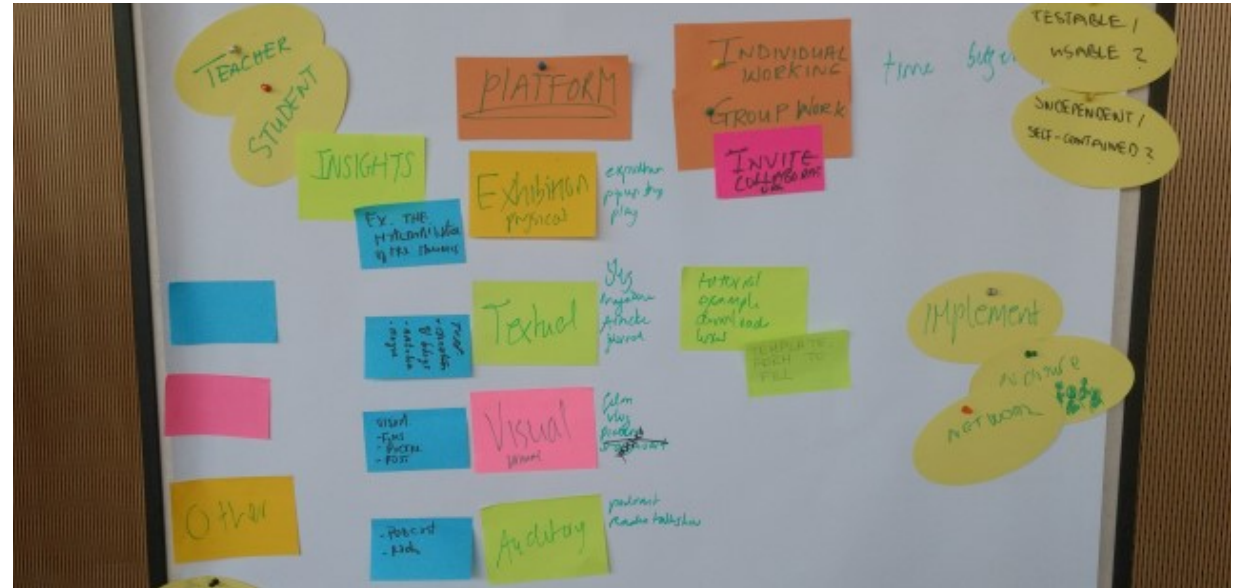
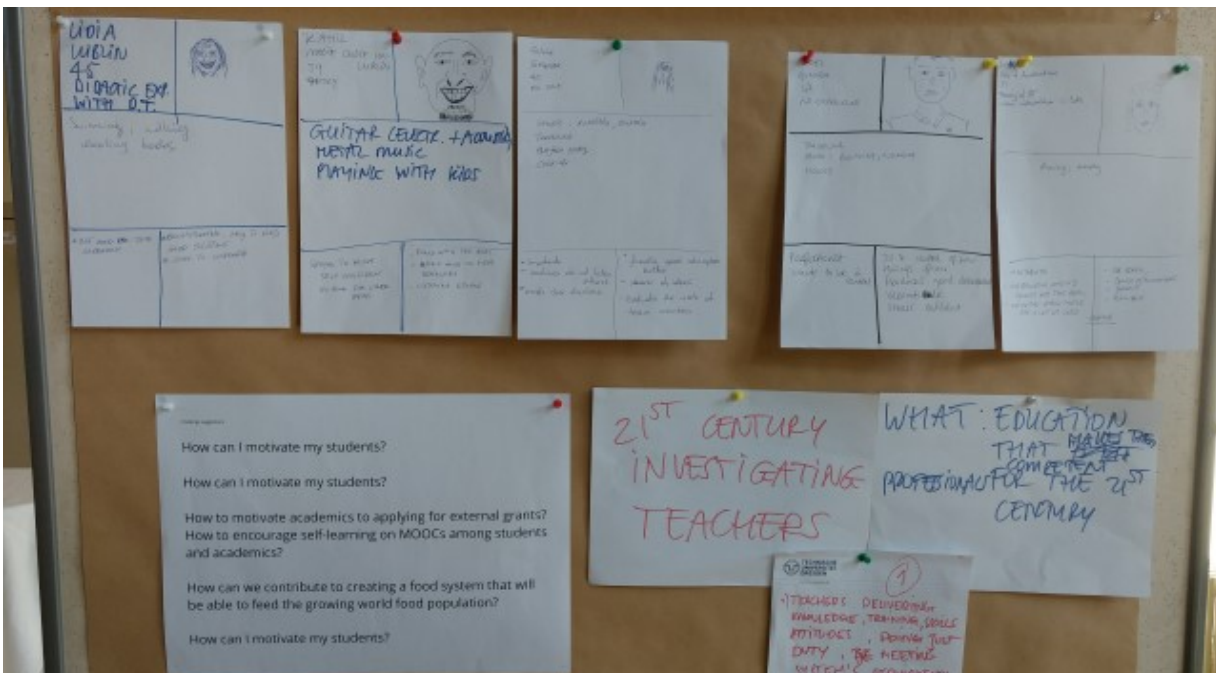
“DT.Uni was a great, challenging and inspiring adventure. Many thanks to the dream team – a bunch of experts from different corners of Europe, who made implementation of the project such a wonderful experience. I believe that DT.Uni products will be excellent tools to spread design thinking throughout academic communities and beyond long after the project ends and our consortium will create even more ventures together.”

Olga, UMCS

Academic training event - Dresden

April 2018









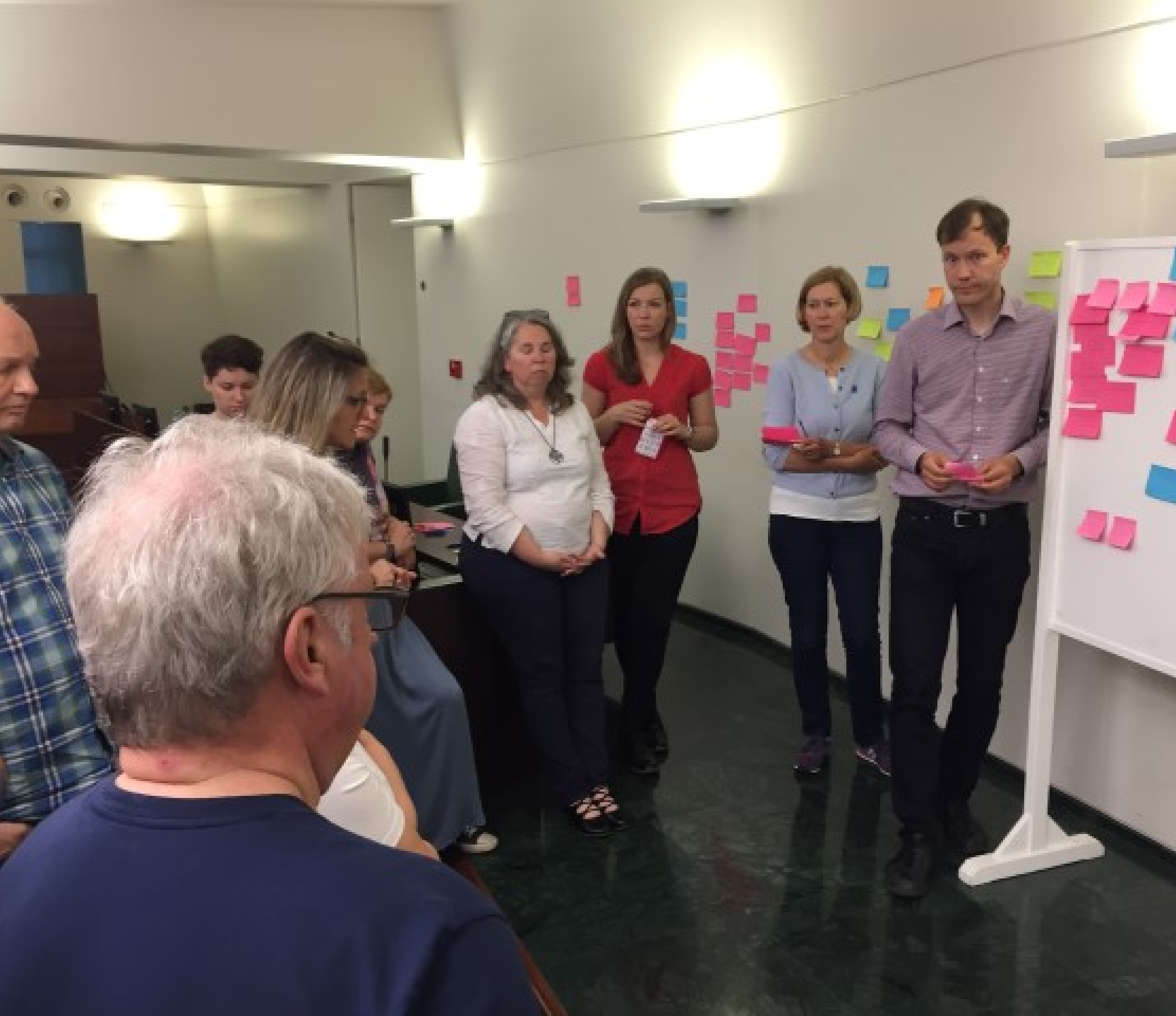
“My experience at the DT workshop in Dresden was one of the best of my working life. Understanding how to get design thinking to work in the classroom, meeting people from all over Europe, our charming and knowledgeable hosts, Robert, Christian and Pierre, as well as getting to know the wonderful city of Dresden. All added up to an incredible week!!!”

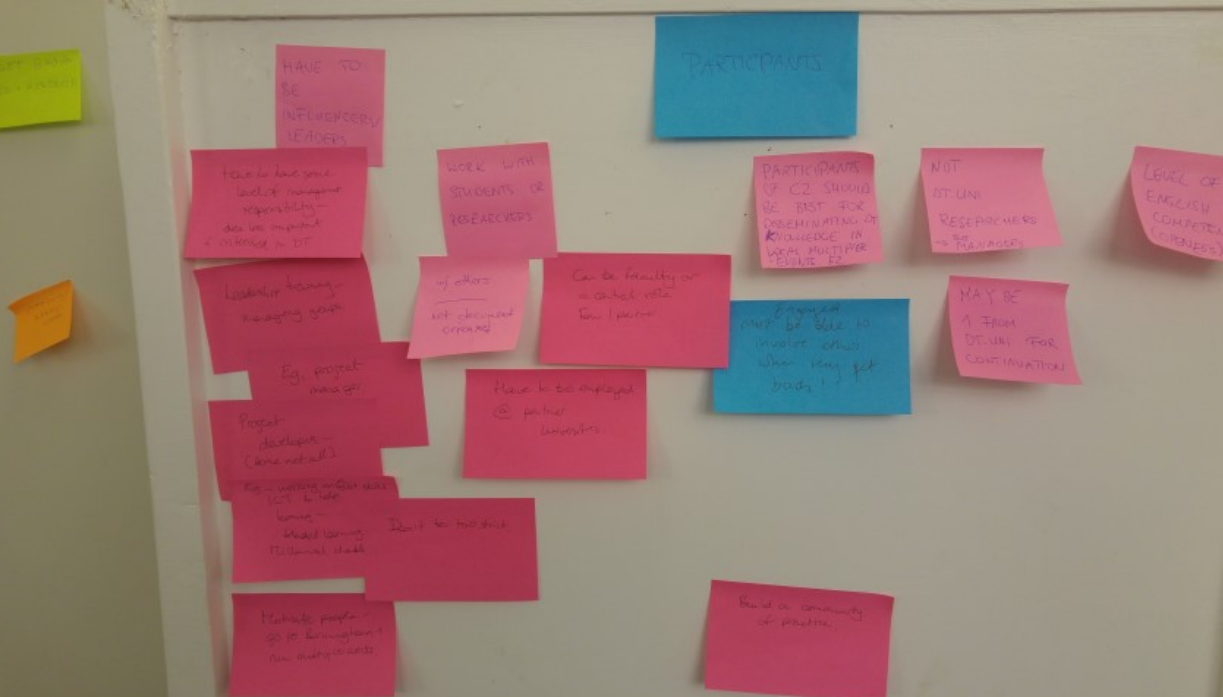
Kathryn, BCU

Partner meeting - Rome

May 2018







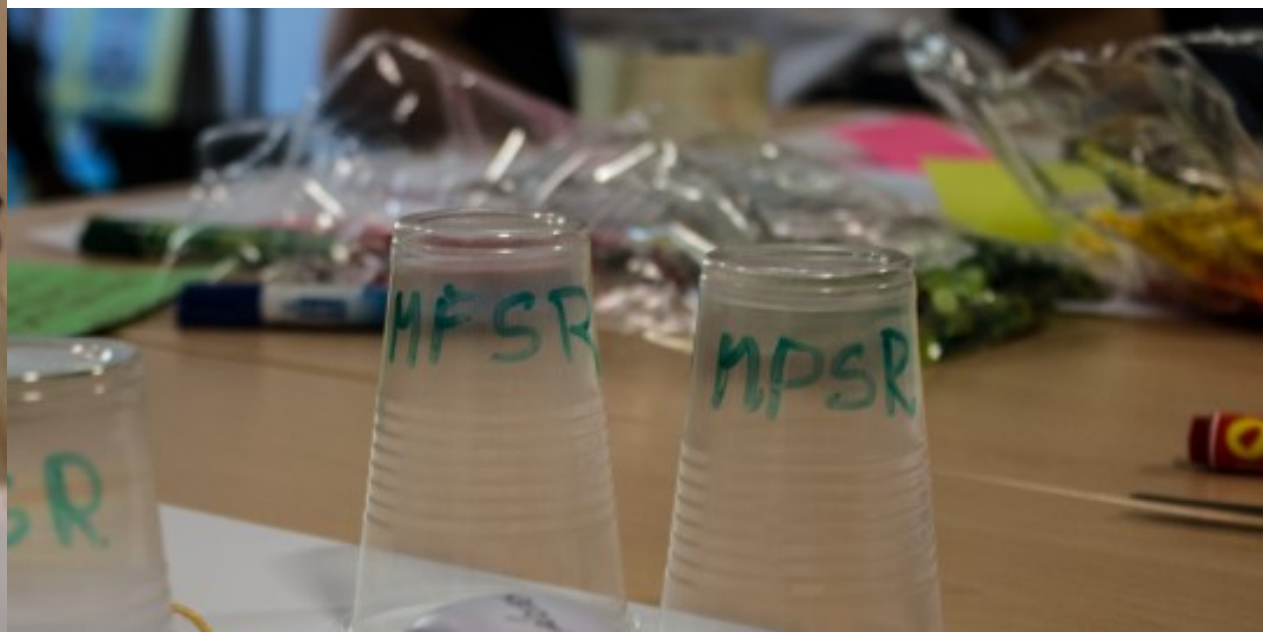


“Three reasons to love DT.Uni: 1) a fantastic group with smart people full of vitality with the desire to share their talents and skills; 2) unlike the stereotype of university staff as nerd people detached from the real world, thanks to DT approach, the partnership was pragmatic, creative and realistic; 3) a comprehensive vision of a university, as a complex world involving teachers, students and administrators in a collaborative way.”

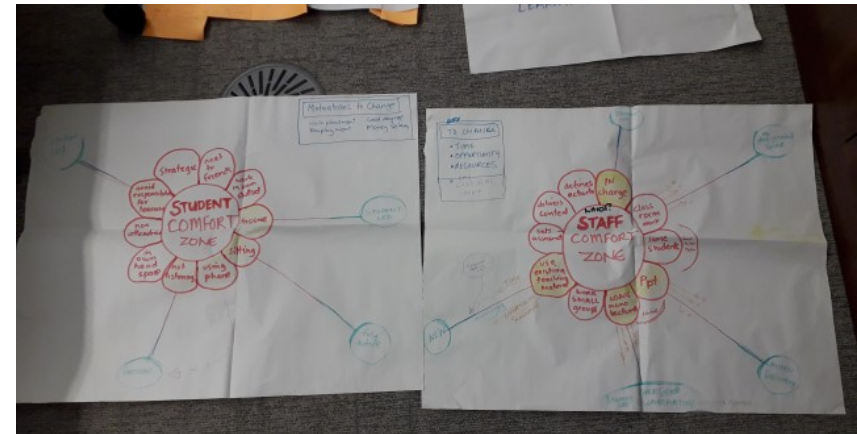
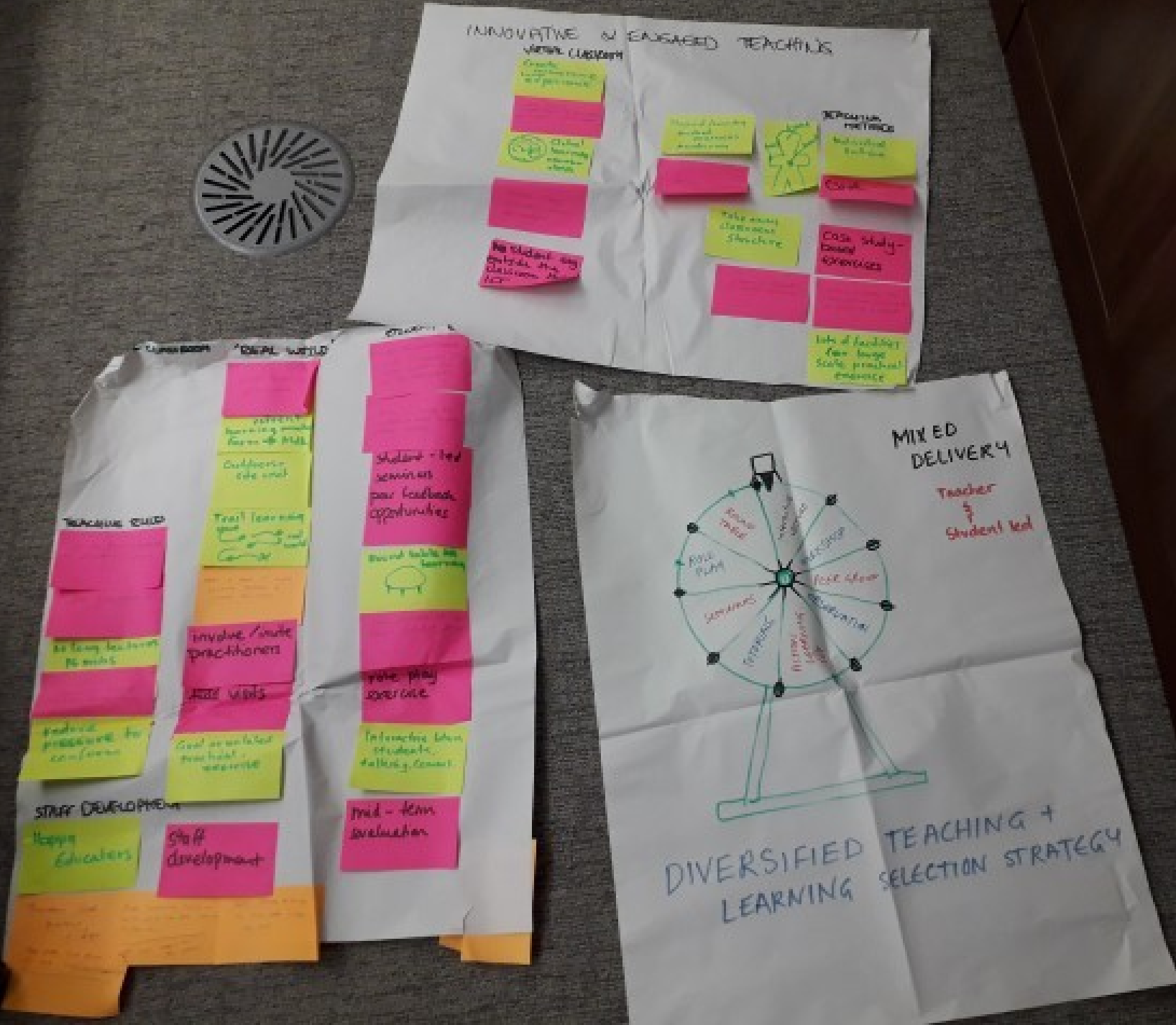
Silvia, Sapienza University of Rome

Multiplier events for academics

2018 - 2019







“In the time of a pandemic, there is a great need for implementing on-line teaching methods into all courses. As a participant of DT.Uni project, coordinated by UMCS, I was inspired to use design thinking techniques and methods in Instrumental Analysis laboratories, which were implemented on-line. My students were enthused using this approach on the Miro platform.”

Grzegorz, UMCS

Manager training event - Birmingham

November 2018





Idea communication sheet

Name: TEAM DAY

Slogan: Collaboration through diversity

Discovered problem/need: University employees need to collaborate but have trouble to do so.

Solution: A special program on a regular basis for collaboration:

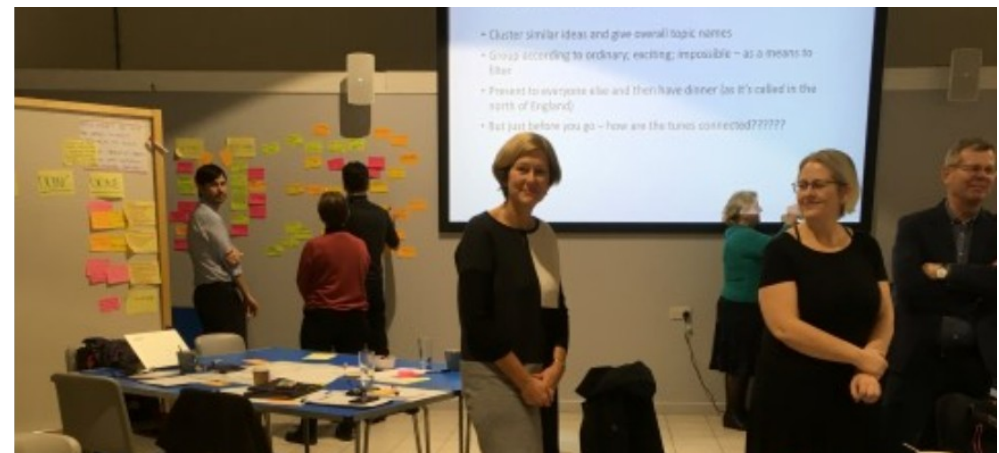
Social event

- team building work
- competition / sports
- counseling support

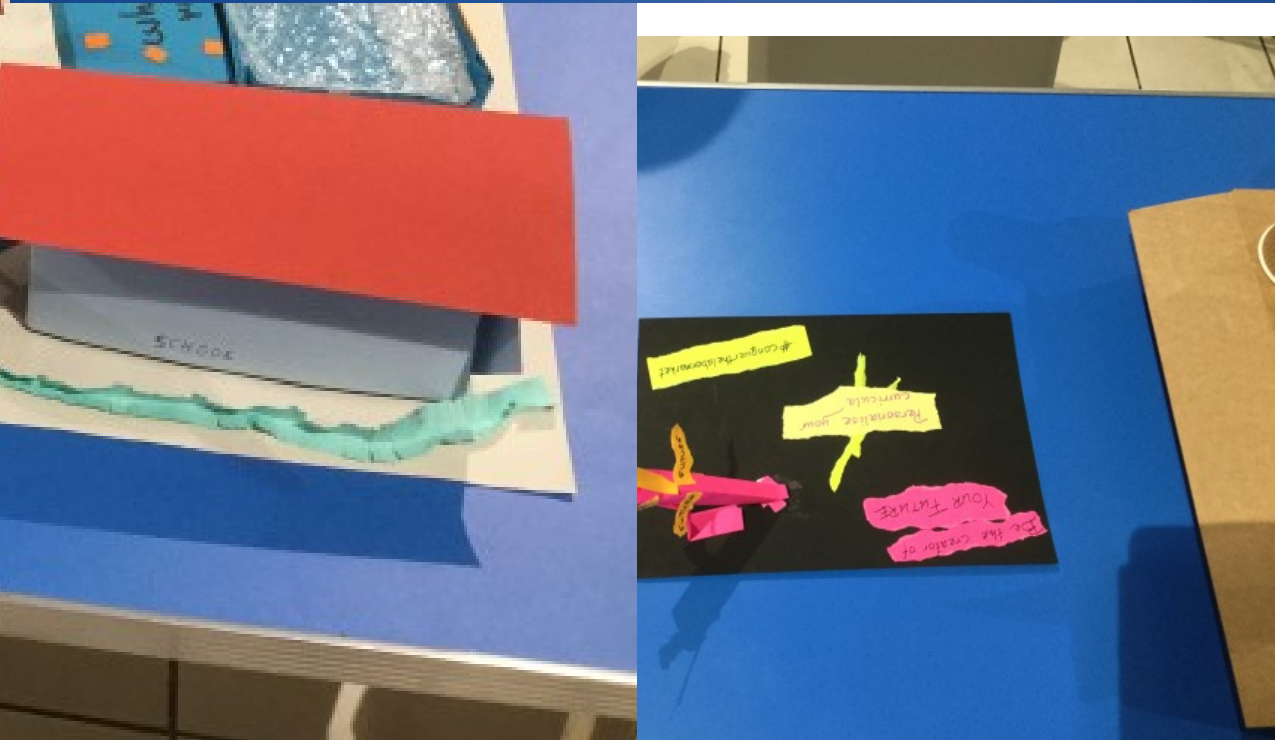
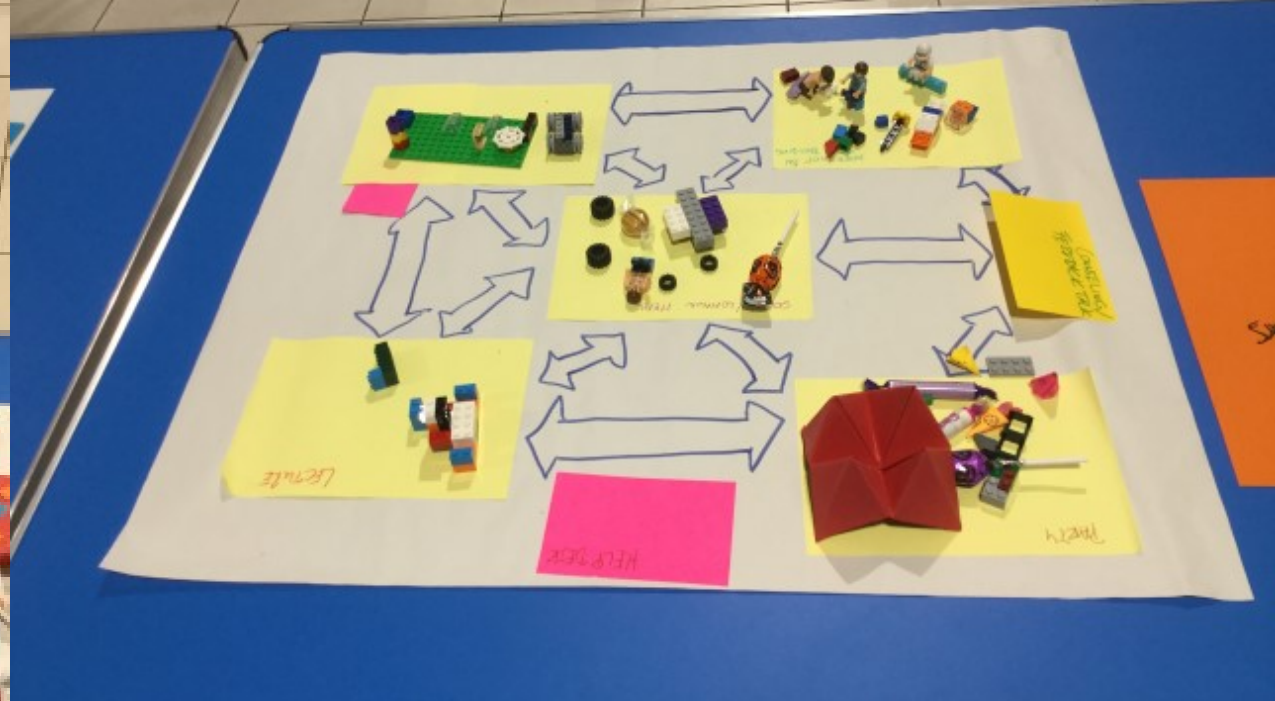
Benefit: Integrating all team members

- resolve conflicts before escalation
- more productivity
- Friendship / better work atmosphere









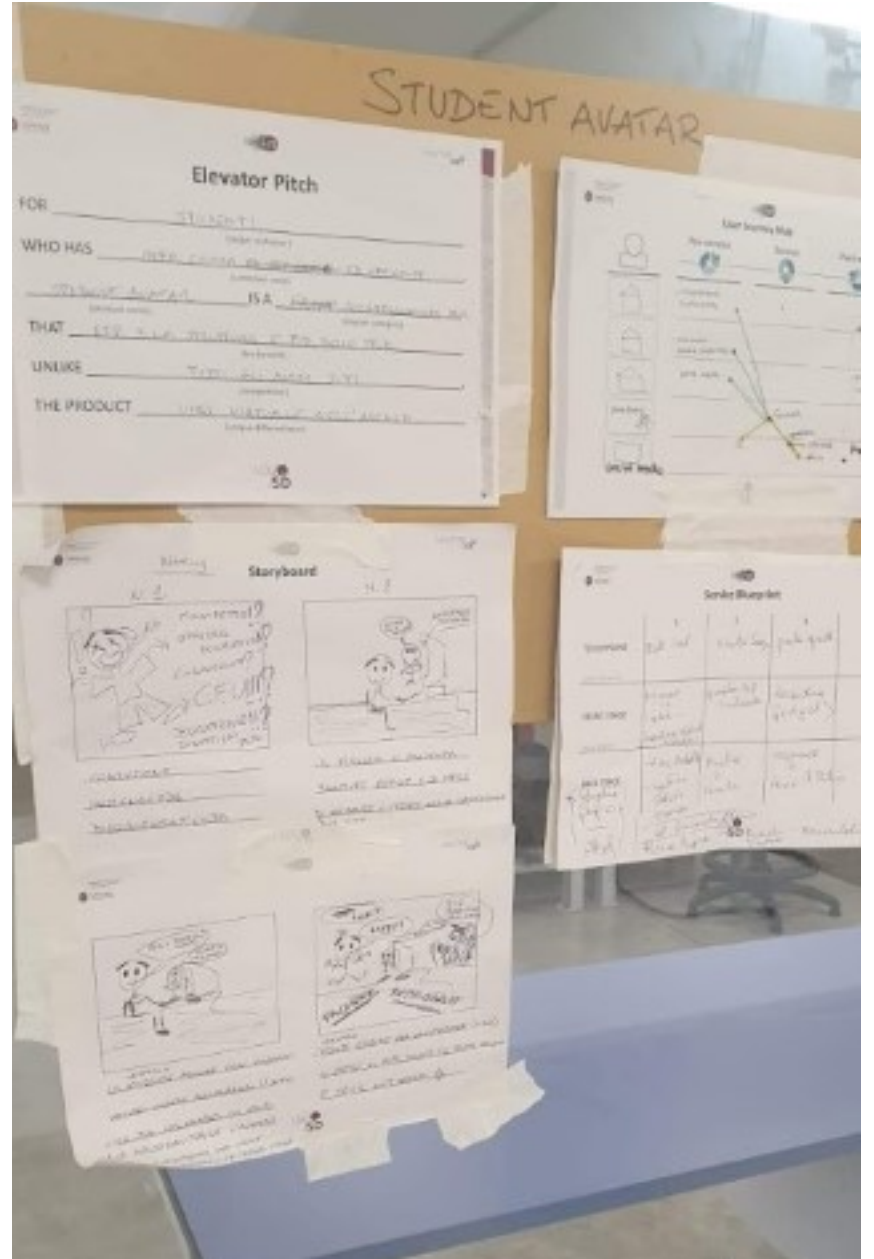


“I gained new experience and skills that have improved my pedagogical work. Design thinking tools make my teaching stimulating and are appreciated by students.”

Anna, UEBA

Multiplier events - managers

2019 - 2020







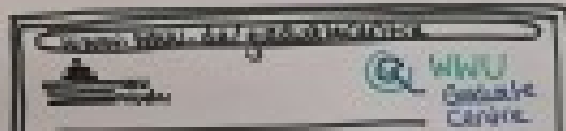
Agenda

- I Introduction
- II Presentations of homework
- III Time table



TIMETABLE (FAMNT CHAP)

	Math 1	Math 2	3	4	5	6
Task 1	•					
Task 2	•	•				



Einstein
❤️
CURRY

PHOTO

Name: Priyanka
Age: 32
Job: Postdoc in Maths

Sees acceptance, racism, sexism, opportunities, material, bad weather, infrastructure, bicycles, a good competence

Hears reputation, doing a good job (boss), good ideas, should learn more German, limits: you can't do it, not good enough, direct communication (harsh)

Goals excellent research, become professor, internat research network

Value security, create knowledge, quality of life, family

Motivation make a living, be independent, recognition as a Scientist, take care of his family

Says & Does I need funding, I need a school, I need a house, I am grateful to people + institutions

Thank you!

Is afraid of / Is angry about:

- dealing with unfair colleagues
- lack of integration + acceptance
- advancement in German language
- prejudice
- living conditions

Is happy about / wishes for:

- research facilities
- socializing + new friends
- travel + new experiences
- networks

Feels:

- homesickness
- isolation

Challenged - Strong - able



“Design thinking has the power to stimulate creativity and drive innovation. Thanks to the DT.Uni project, I have used the design thinking tools in my teaching process and I have become the trainer for ‘Grow with Google’. Further, we can inspire our country’s university teachers to be more creative and free.”

Veronika, UEBA

Partner meeting - Amsterdam

April 2019



“I want my students to have real impact, and contribute to societal challenges. That’s why I teach them design thinking, AND persuade them to not only focus on individual consumer needs but also on broader human and social themes that underlie a problem. Therefore, there is an even bigger future for design thinking when developed in conjunction with system thinking!”

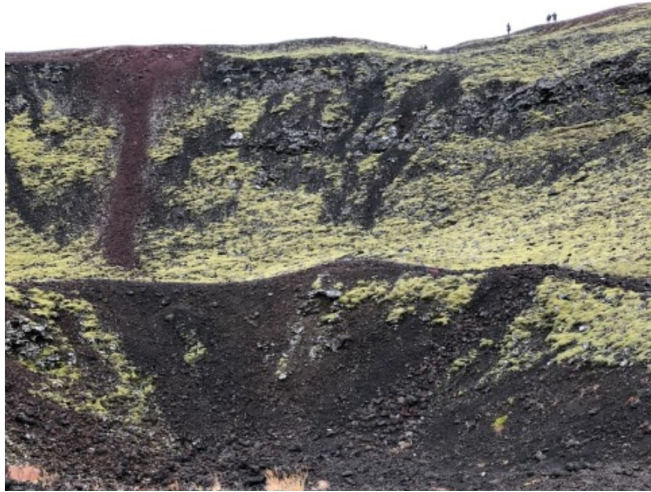
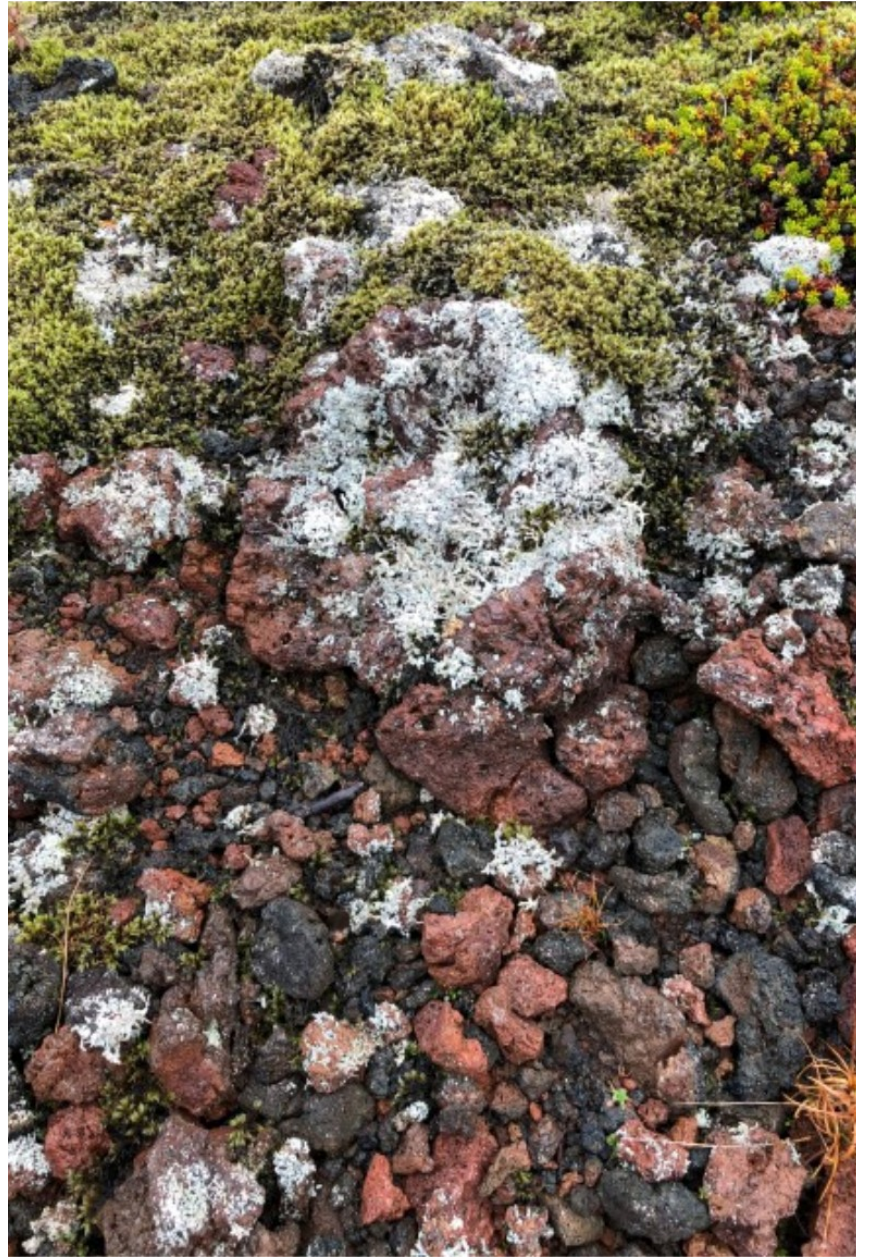
André, UvA

Partner meeting - Iceland

September 2019











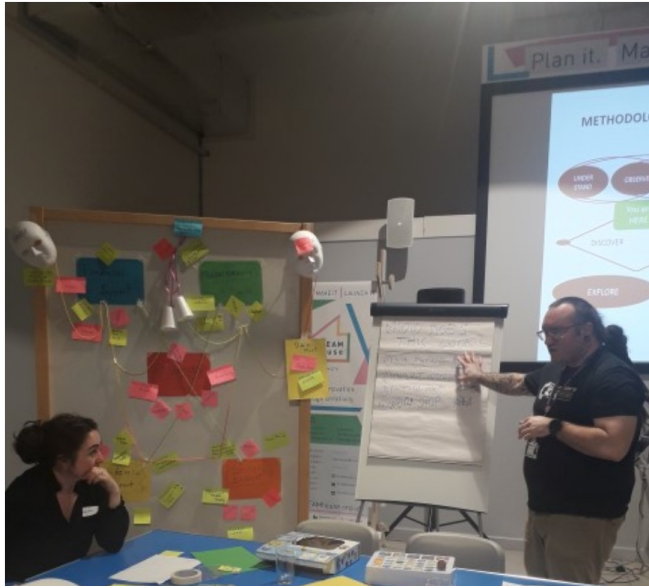
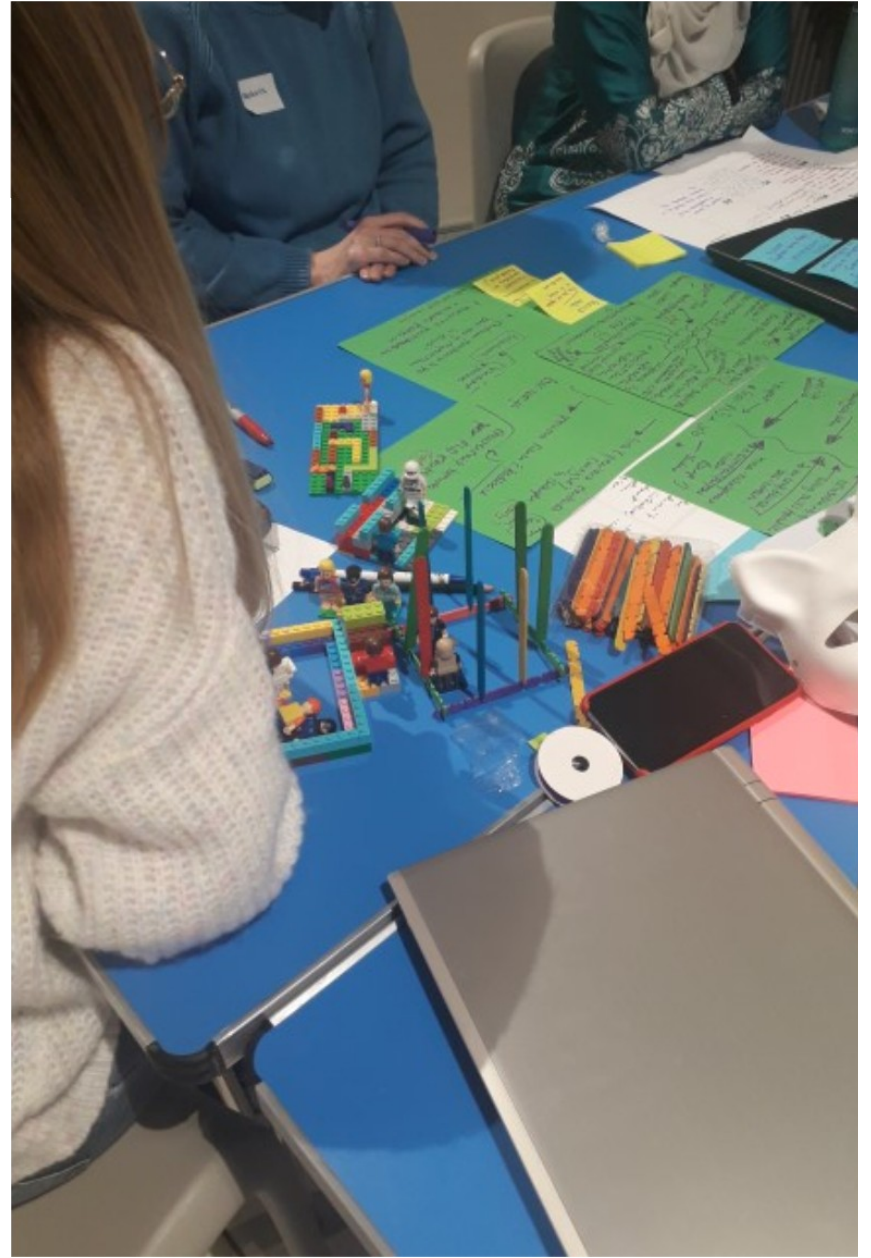


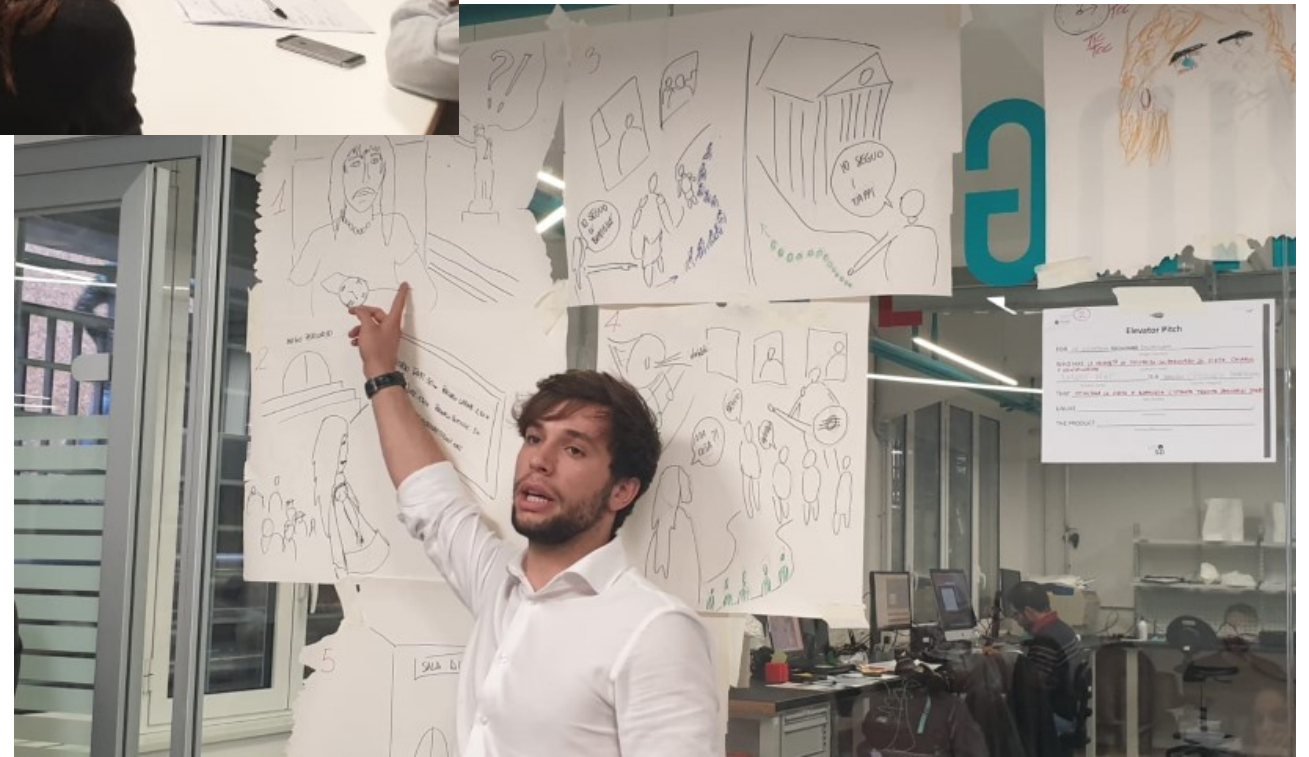
“The DT.Uni project has been an excellent opportunity to implement DT engaging academic staff and students in the same project. Further, participation from several EU countries and various disciplines has resulted in interdisciplinarity and internationality. This has been supplemented by a positive partnership attitude and engaging site visits at partners' wonderful locations.”

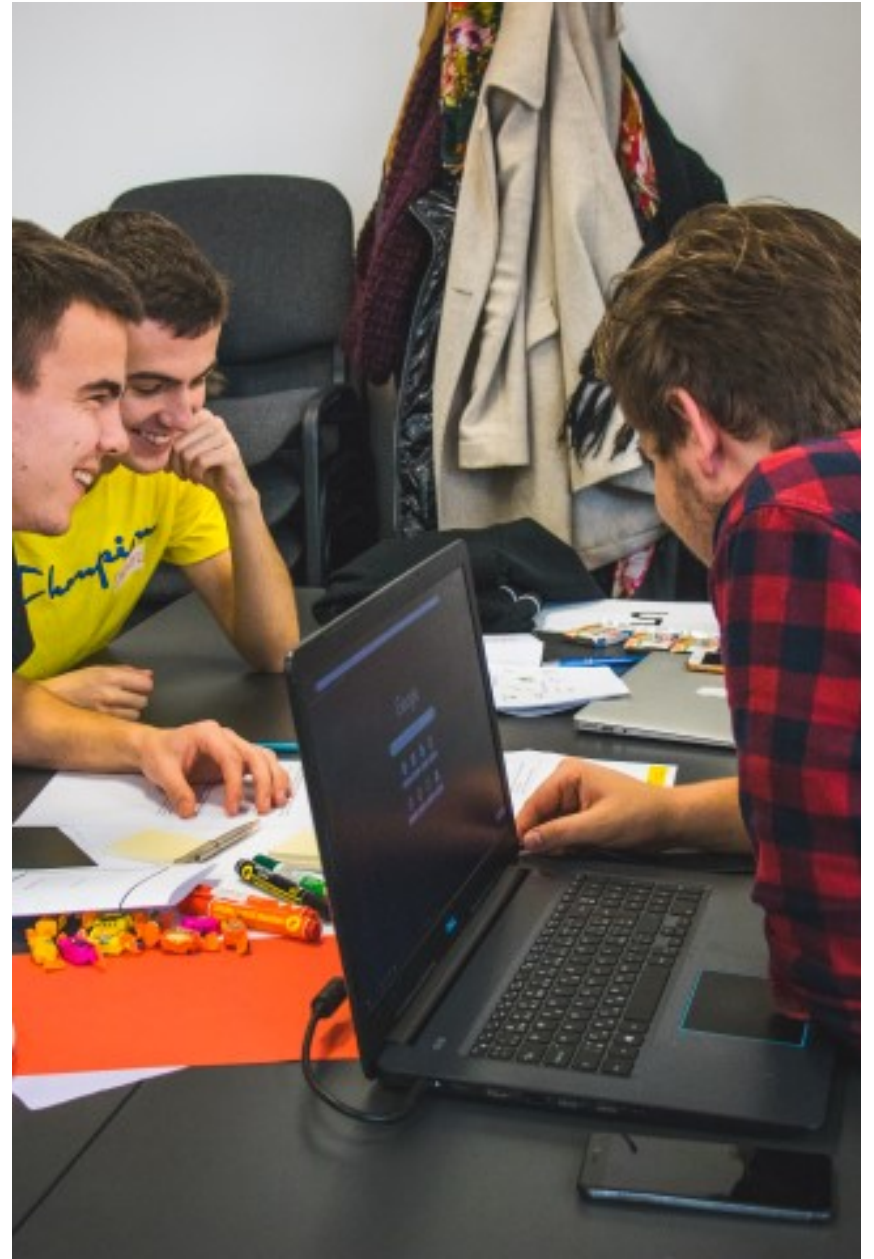
Marino, Sapienza University of Rome

Local student workshops

2019 - 2020







“Design thinking helps teachers to improve soft skills. They are more communicative, have a better relationship with students, improve pedagogical processes, are better motivated and like to improvise. Students communicate better, actively seek information, lead discussions, think in context and create original ideas. We have gone from passive students to active students.”

Brigita, UEBA

Student bootcamp - online

May 2020



Andre Nusselder-A...



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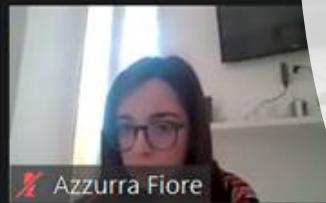
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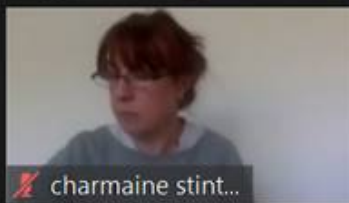
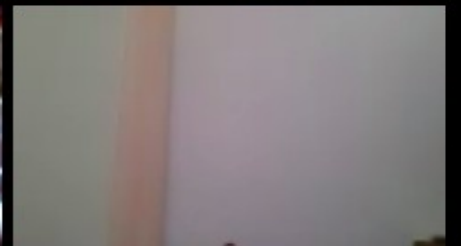
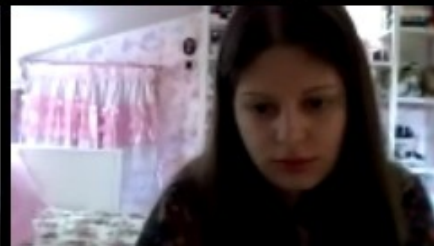
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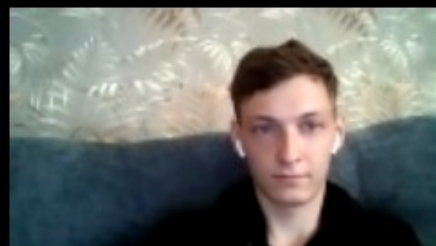
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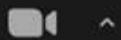
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Diana



Unmute



Stop Video



Security

3. Remember the future

- Imaginative thinking to define criteria for a successful design
 - Discover a clear and fresh understanding of what is important to users
 - Abstract the challenge from the current approach and context
- Individually.. imagine what your product or service will have done to make users happy (or successful or safe or secure or smart)
- Write this as Tweets or Newspaper headlines (10 min.)
- Team: then discuss these outcomes as a team and consider potential patterns or themes (10 min.)



4. Framing questions

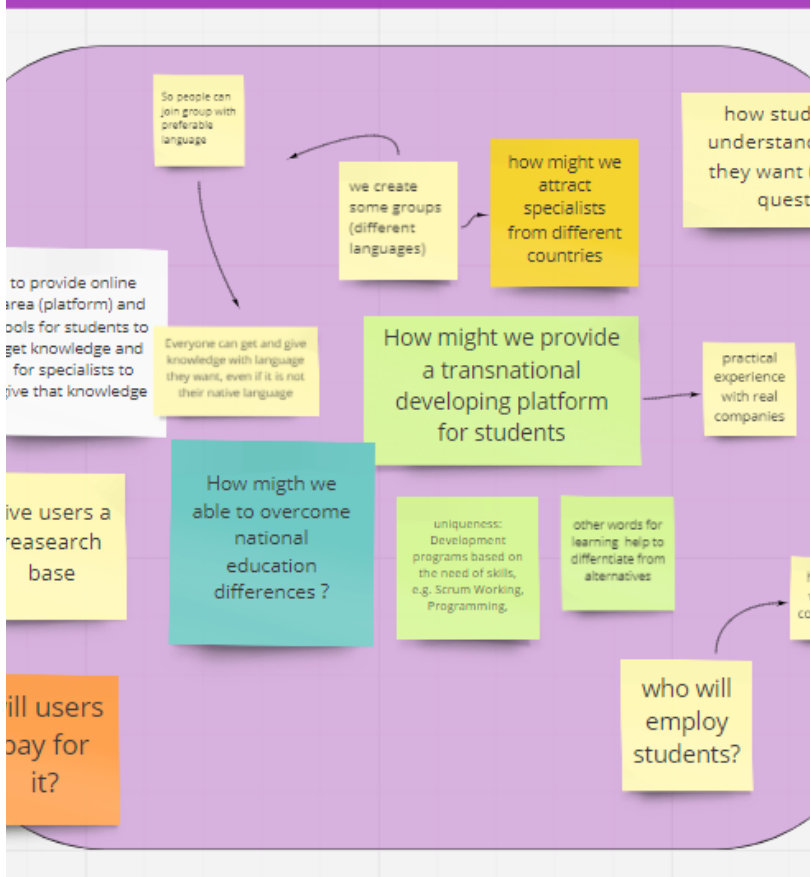
Preliminary description of the problem: delimit/define the problem sufficiently to start examining its broader system/field

Doing field research requires clarifying the problem you aim to investigate want to understand both the User and the System that is causing (current) behavior. If you're not sure where to go try use the following format:

"What accounts for the current situation in [field] and what issues do [stakeholders] have here?"

discuss first; then define how your team currently sees the problem

How might we' question that can be used later on in the design process (this 'How might we' question is explicitly meant for brainstorming, i.e. generating all sorts of ideas on how to solve the problem)



5. Field explorations - preparation

by the research activities that your design team must execute to find out what may be causing the current situation, and what forces could be causing the current situation.

document Field research: things to consider to develop the preparatory question (and research) 6a. Field research things to consider.docx

you return on 7 May, be prepared to share the responses to the last 3 questions

arch/Gather all sorts of information on the problem

Q: can you get to the following step - possibly by using a concept map?:

Organize and structure knowledge and find underlying themes to understand the bigger picture...

do all the data mean?

For the following questions:

What is the goal of this research?

do you need to target?

How accessible and doable is it (audience/location)?

What kind of contextual research will you conduct?

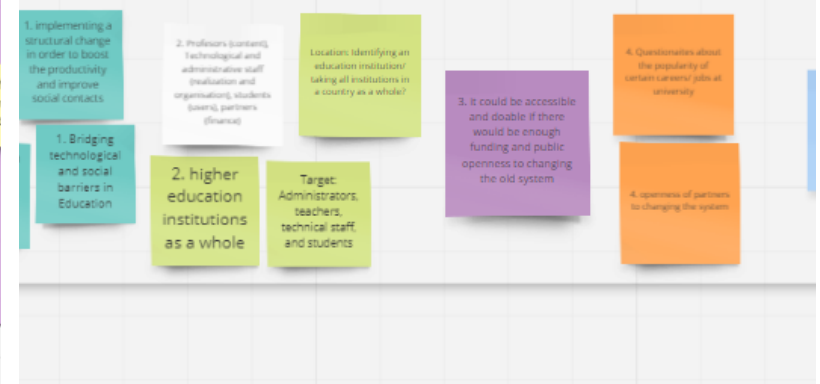
How will you document notes?

answer questions such as:

Is important to the stakeholders?

issues (power relations, values, mindsets, technologies ...) dominate the field?

trends, new findings, or bright spots have you seen that point to promising approaches?




5 Online workshop - group board

https://miro.com/app/board/w9Lkic5k/g/

Access your boards faster by installing the Miro app on your device.

1 EVERGREEN BASIC SEED BOX INCLUDES:



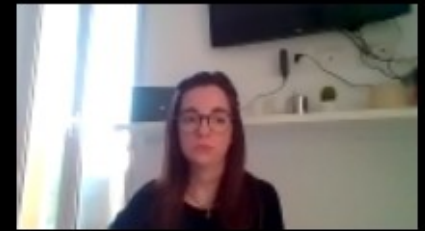
- 1 RECYCLABLE PAPER ENVELOPE WITH CHOSEN SEEDS OF THE WEEK
- 1 RECYCLABLE INFORMATIVE POSTCARD ABOUT THE SEEDS AND ECOLOGY
- 1 RECYCLABLE NEWSLETTER ABOUT ECOLOGICAL NEWS AND PARTNER PRODUCTS
- MATERIAL TO TURN BOX INTO A PLANT POT OR JAR TO USE THE SEEDS IN, SO AS NOT TO WASTE THE BOX

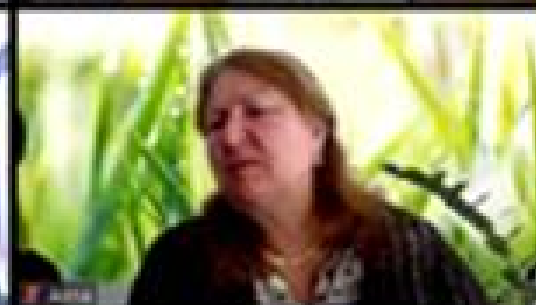
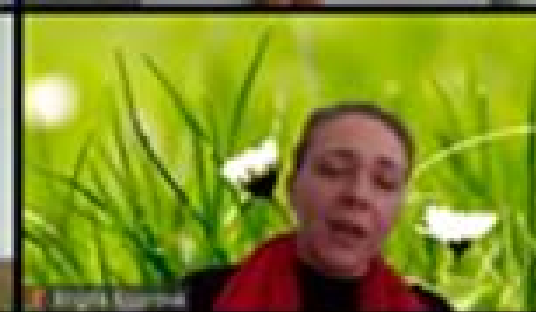
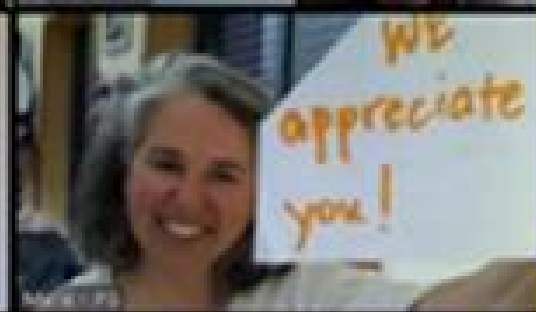
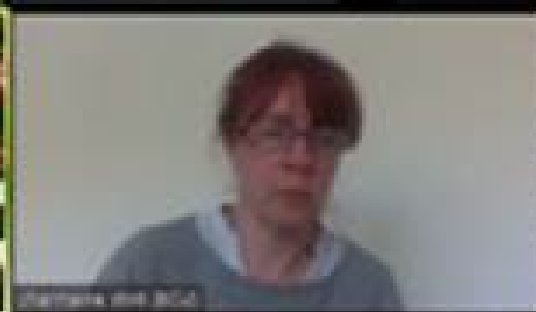
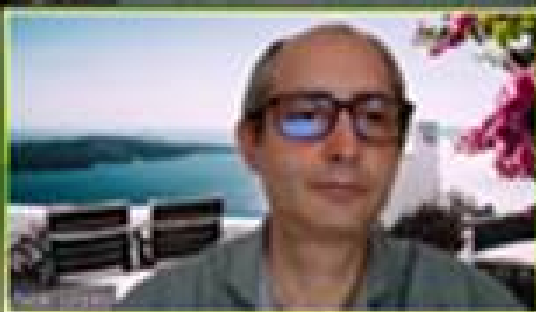
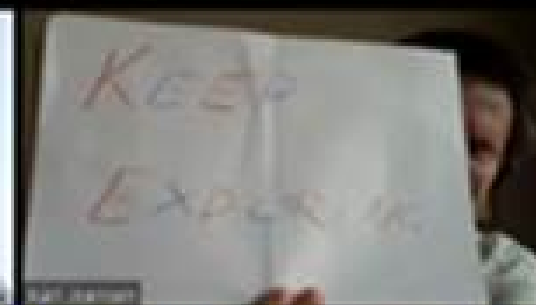
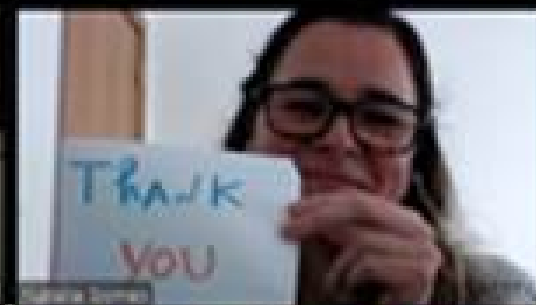
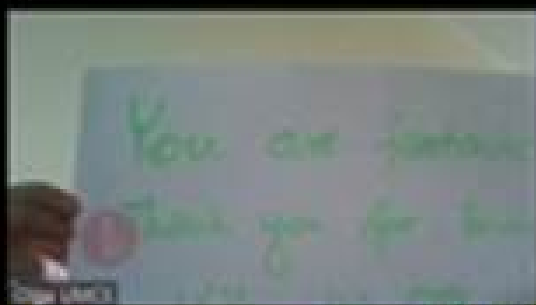
FEATURES

- EVERYTHING IS MEANT TO BE RECYCLABLE;
- IT IS SUPPOSED TO INCLUDE NOT JUST PHYSICAL SEEDS AND PRODUCTS, BUT JUST AS IMPORTANT, IT IS MEANT TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON ECOLOGY AND AWARENESS;
- DIFFERENT PRICE PLANS OR SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS MAY INCLUDE MORE DETAILED OR EXPENSIVE THINGS, LIKE POSTERS, BOX USAGE (AS A PLANT "JAR/POT"), HANDWRITTEN THANKS, TRINKETS.
- WAS THOUGHT FOR UNIVERSITIES OR COMPANIES IN GENERAL WHO MAY SUPPLY A BASIC BOX OR A CHOSEN MODEL BOX TO EACH STUDENT AND ENCOURAGE ECOLOGY AND PLANT GROWING;

"SPREAD INFORMATION, SPREAD FLOWERS, SAVE THE WORLD ONE (OR MANY) SEEDS AT A TIME"

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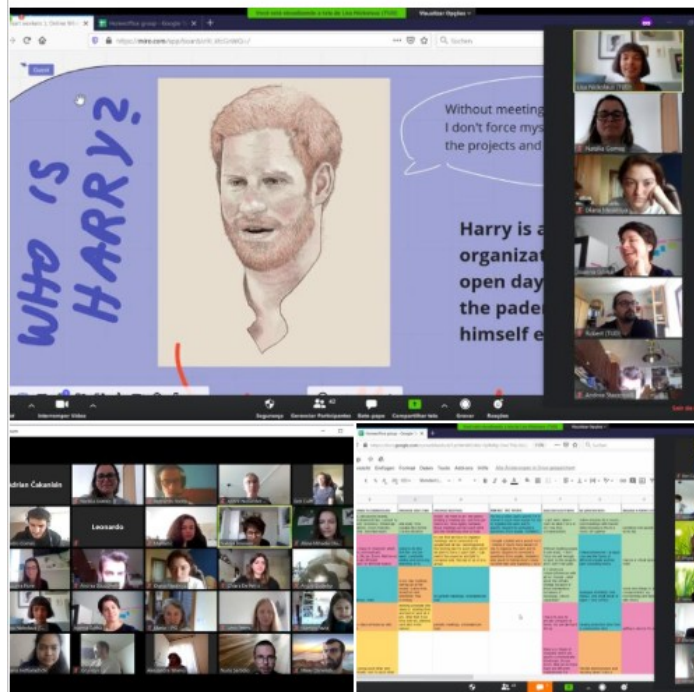
Today the International Design Thinking Workshop organized by Erasmus+ DT.Uni has ended.

Despite the limitations resulting from a virtual collaboration, the experience was stimulating and taught to collaborate on an interdisciplinary and international level.

These were intense days, but surprisingly pleasant and challenging, which allowed me to further deepen the techniques, principles and flow of design thinking, leading me to appreciate it even more.

I thank [Joanna Górka](#), [Alessandra Talamo](#) and all the other members of the DT.Uni team for this experience!

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yesterday the DT.Uni international [#DesignThinking](#) workshop promoted by [#Erasmus+](#) ended.

it was a very constructive experience that allowed me to get to know new design thinking tools and to deepen others, through a very current challenge regarding the spread of fake news.

I would like to thank [Joanna Górka](#), my group facilitator [Natasa Brouwer](#), my teammates and Professor [Alessandra Talamo](#) for the opportunity!

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