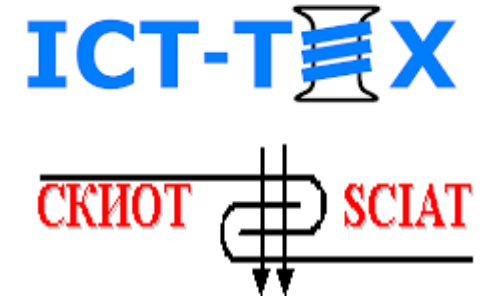




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AGENDA

- Entrepreneurial Process in the TCI
- Entrepreneurship Business Idea Generation for the TCI
- Business Idea Evaluation and Selection



Learning goals and objectives

In this topic the staff trainees will learn the basic entrepreneurial process and its stages. They will explore the Timmons' entrepreneurship model and the Design Thinking process, developed at Stanford d.school. The staff trainees will get acquainted with the methods and techniques for generating business ideas and will be able to apply them, as well as they will be able to assess the ideas' attractiveness and viability in order to become business opportunities.

Short summary of content

The entrepreneurial process stages – from the business idea generation to its growth and development. Timmons' model for entrepreneurship. Design Thinking. Methods and techniques for generation of business ideas. Business idea evaluation and selection.

Expected results

Staff trainees will be able to generate and develop their own business ideas, using the presented models of entrepreneurship and to be able to assess the extent to which their ideas represent real business opportunities. The staff trainees will be able to choose the most appropriate idea and develop it in reality.



Entrepreneurial process: from the idea to its growth

Stages of the entrepreneurial process

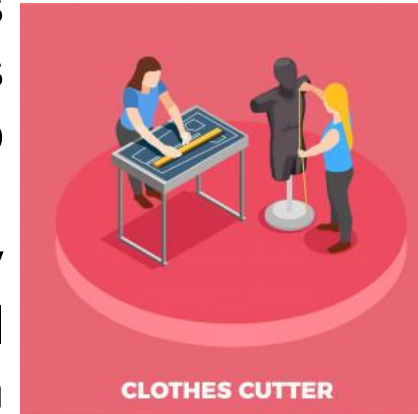
- 1. Idea generation:** every new venture begins with an idea. In our context, we take an idea to be a description of a need or problem of some constituency coupled with a concept of a possible solution.
- 2. Opportunity evaluation:** this is the step where you ask the question of whether there is an opportunity worth investing in. Investment is principally capital, whether from individuals in the company or from outside investors, and the time and energy of a set of people. But you should also consider other assets such as intellectual property, personal relationships, physical property, etc.

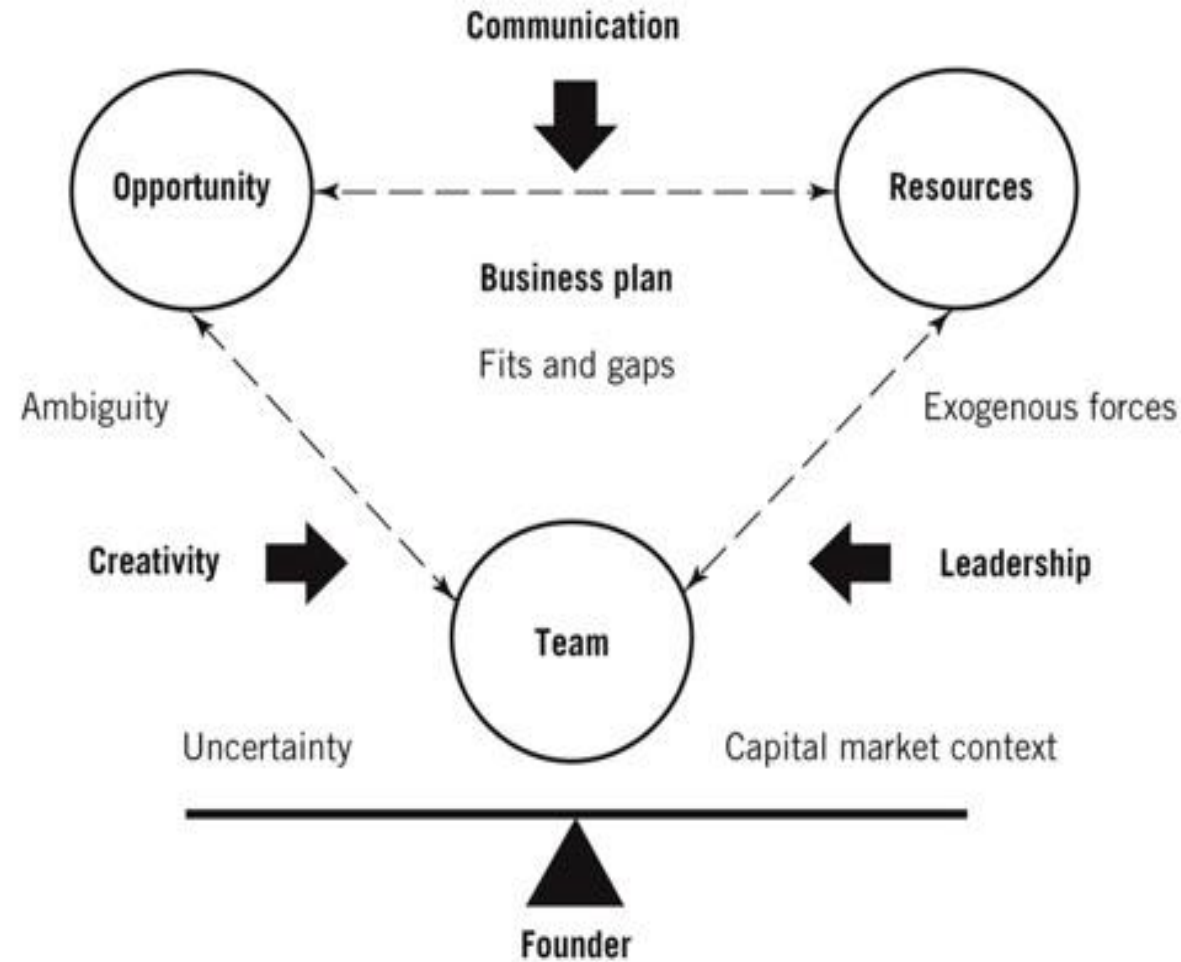




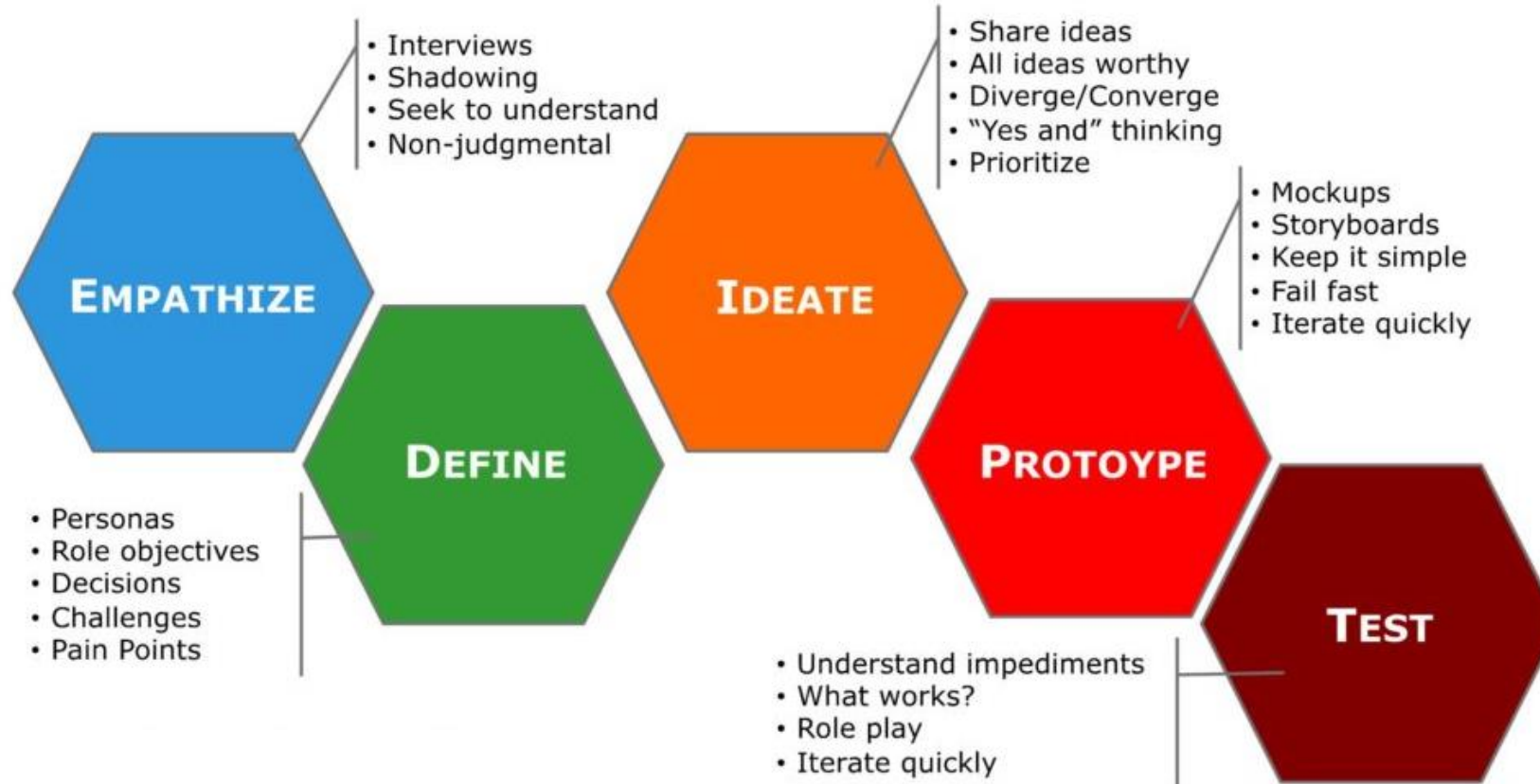
Stages of the entrepreneurial process

- 3. Planning:** You need a plan for how to capitalize on that opportunity. A plan begins as a fairly simple set of ideas and then becomes more complex as the business takes shape. In the planning phase you will need to create two things: strategy and operating plan.
- 4. Company formation/launch:** Once there is a sufficiently compelling opportunity and a plan, the entrepreneurial team will go through the process of choosing the right form of corporate entity and actually creating the venture as a legal entity.
- 5. Growth:** After launch, the company works toward creating its product or service, generating revenue and moving toward sustainable performance. The emphasis shifts from planning to execution. At this point, you continue to ask questions but spend more of your time carrying out your plans.





Timmons' model of the entrepreneurial process



Stanford d.school's design thinking process



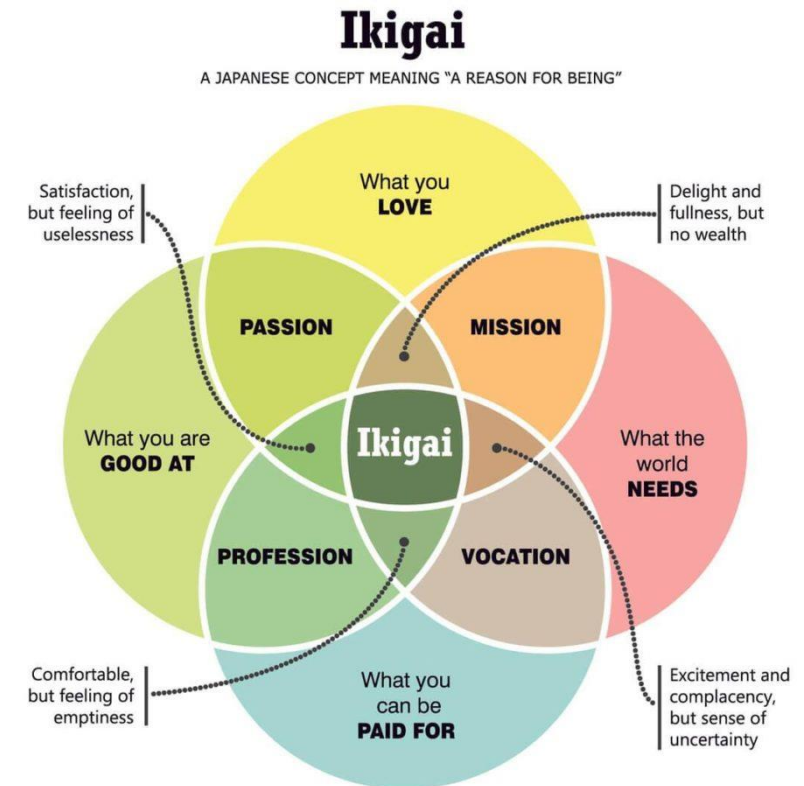
Your business idea

- **What are you interested in?**

Often times the best ideas come from doing what you enjoy most - which is why personal passions or hobbies often lead to rewarding businesses. Do you have a special talent or skill that could be an idea generator? Even minor interests can lead to innovation.

- **What do you have to offer?**

In addition to doing what you enjoy, ask yourself what aspects of your work do you do well and what you do not do so well. Knowing what you can offer and in which areas you excel are essential to building a business.





Your business idea

- **What values do you want to run your business by?**

The apparel market is extremely saturated. Today's customers buy brands based on values and what they stand for.

- **What do you want?**

One of the most important considerations when planning a business is pinpointing what you want to get out of it. Whether it is making money, working with and creating something you're passionate about, or just being your own boss - it's important to know whether your business idea will give you the life you want.

- **What are current market and consumer trends?**

Successful entrepreneurs are always on the lookout for new opportunities in the market. While these ideas don't always have to stem from what you already do, it certainly helps if you can combine what's hot with your existing know-how, expertise, or passion in life.



Business idea generation methods

- Brainstorming;
- Method of association and analogies;
- Trial and error method;
- Method of control questions;
- Synectic method;
- Morphological analysis;
- Delphi method
- Focus groups
- Problem inventory analysis
- Analogous business





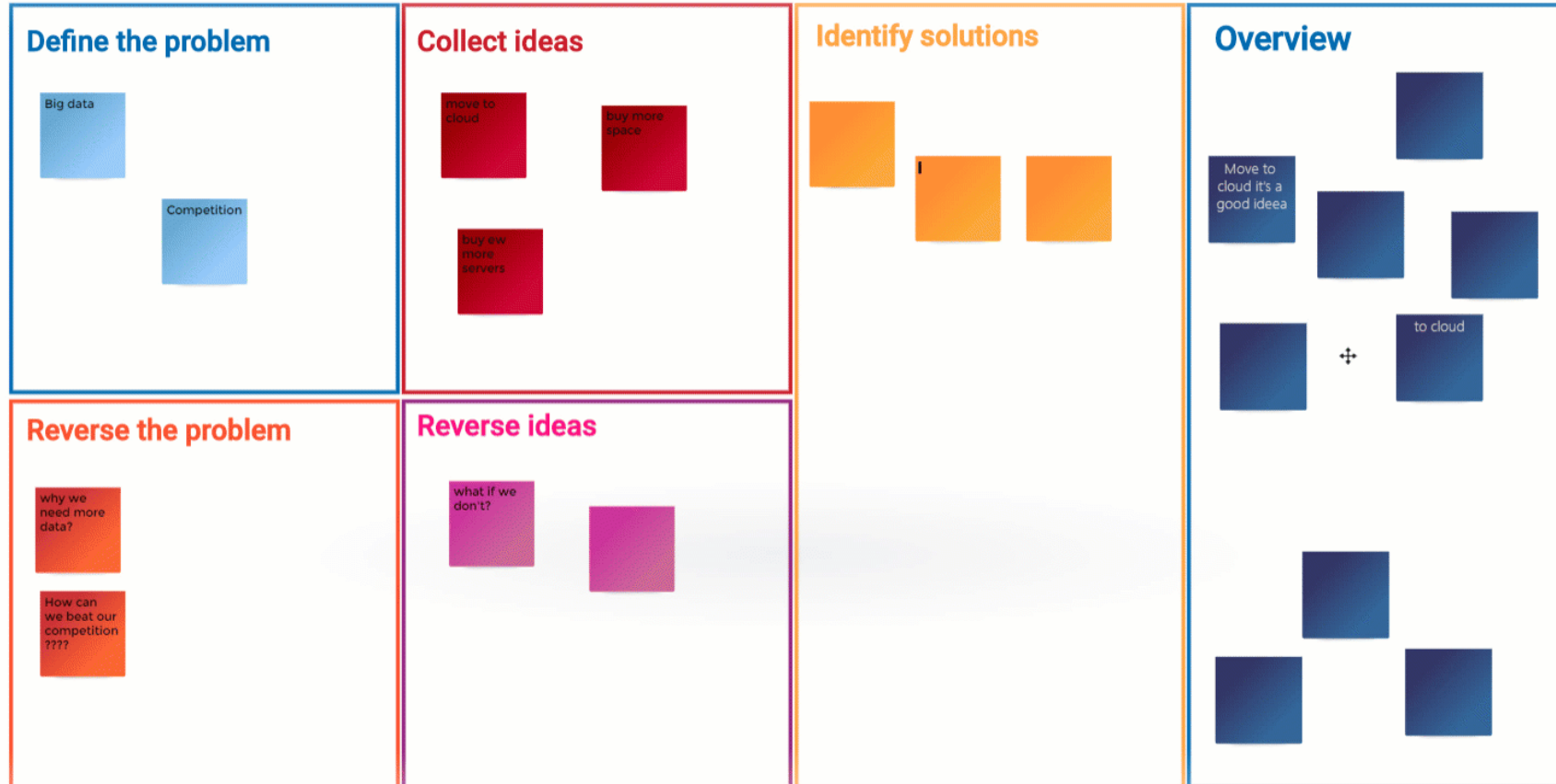
Business idea generation methods

- **Brainstorming** - it is a group method for obtaining new ideas and solutions. It is based on the fact that people can be stimulated to greater creativity by meeting with others and participating in organized group experiences. The characteristics of this method are keeping criticism away; freewheeling of idea, high quantity of ideas, combinations and improvements of ideas. Such type of session should be fun with no scope for domination and inhibition.
- **Focus groups** - these are the groups of individuals providing information in a structural format. A moderator leads a group of people through an open, in-depth discussion rather than simply asking questions to solicit participant response. Such groups form comments in open-end in-depth discussions for a new product area that can result in market success.





Brainstorming ideas





Assignment 1

Do you already have a T&C business idea?
Your idea, your values, your way of “seeing” things is a superpower that can launch something remarkable.

- Using one of the above methods, generate three T&C business ideas that best suit your personality.
- Generate an idea for a new fashion brand, depending on your interest, competency and experience, working in a team of two or three persons and present your idea to the other teams.

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Checklist for selecting ideas

- How familiar are you with this area?
- Will you have to spend extra time and money to learn how to do business?
- Will you get a partner?
- Have you worked or owned such a business?
- To what extent is personal experience crucial for business?



Experience

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Checklist for selecting ideas

- Assess the costs of starting a business and the barriers to competition that may exist.
- Does the idea require relatively little investment, but if there are already others who perform it?
- You need to differentiate your product or service from others that are already in business.





Assignment 2. SWOT - analysis

Make a SWOT analysis of your TCI business idea. List the strengths, the weaknesses, the opportunities and the threats and assess them. Evaluate your idea as a business opportunity.





Questions for discussion and tasks

- What is the entrepreneurial pathway from the idea to its growth?
- What are the main elements of the Timmons' model?
- How to generate more business ideas?
- What techniques for generating business ideas do you know?
- How to select appropriate ideas?
- In which sector of the T&C industry have you specialized and have professional experience? Do you think that you can start your own business with your competencies?
- Make a list of at least 5 things you're good at. What are you great at doing? What comes easily to you? Which of those skills can you apply in your new T&C business?

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