

A modern office environment with large windows overlooking a city. Several people are working at desks with computers. A woman in a black dress is standing and presenting to a group of people seated at desks. The office has a bright, airy feel with natural light coming through the windows.

Multiplier Event

Vienna, September 2022

Vision of ExpertPlus

ExpertPlus is convinced that full use of the working power, wisdom and experience of older people leads to better functioning organisations.

We want to reduce wastage of older workers' talent and contribute to a more sustainable society.

Mission of ExpertPlus

We prevent wastage of talent by supporting organisations and individuals to:

achieving a fully-fledged external advisory role by senior professionals in organisations.



Erasmus+

Erasmus+ supports transnational partnerships among Education, Training and Youth institutions and organisations to foster cooperation and bridge the worlds of Education and work in order to tackle the skills gaps we are facing in Europe.



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The project partners:

 **Future
Learn**



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Two ErasmusPlus projects



**55+ take control
of your own career**

Goal both projects:

Search for and use of opportunities to strengthen the sustainable employability of (lower-skilled) 55+ in different European countries.

- Field labs/Pilots/trajectories in 4 partner countries
- Developing interventions to improve 21st century skills
- Exchange of results: experiences of pilots/trajectories in one country provide added value for other partners / countries.



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Questions

How important is it to keep people over 55 on the labour market?

If it's important. How do we deal with this?

Do we know the target group?

Having interventions available is important but is it compatible with the needs? / is it being used?

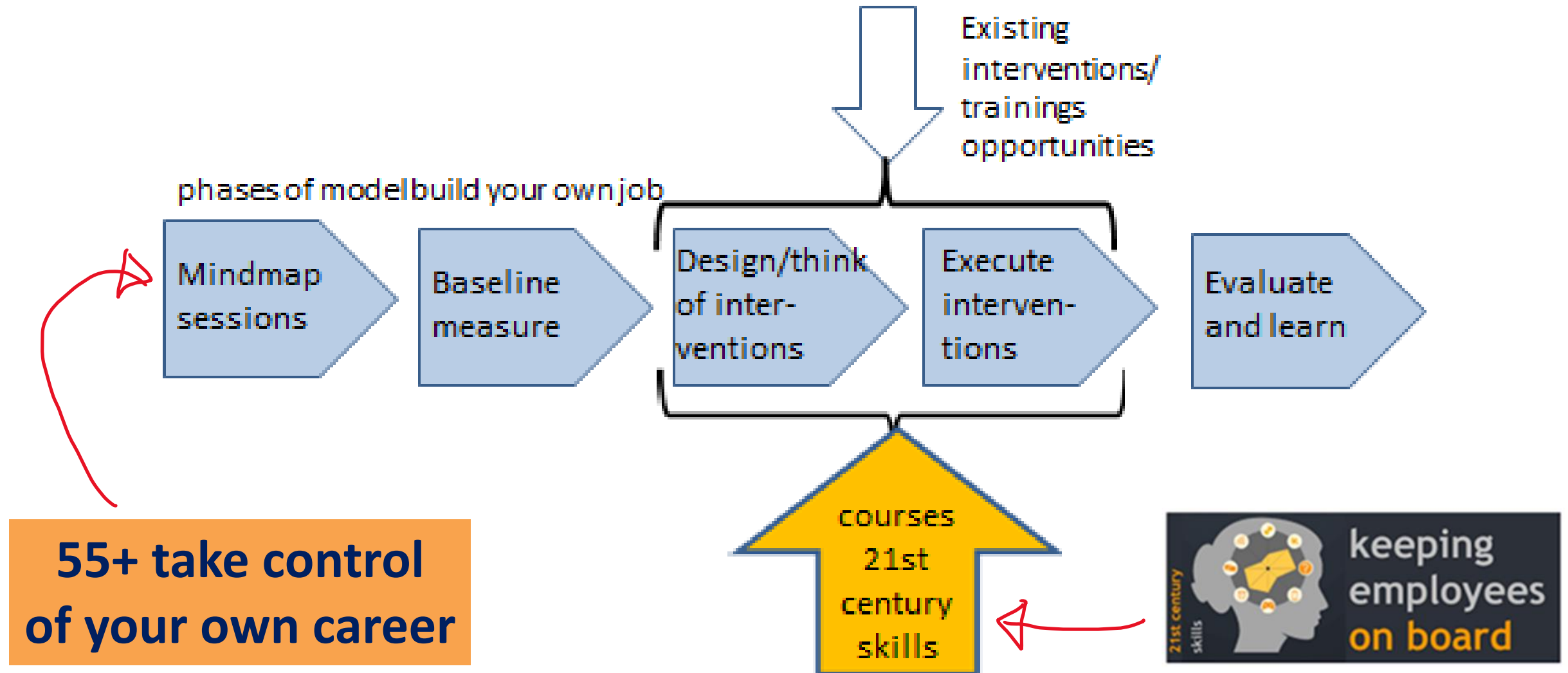
What triggers companies: which problem can we solve for them?

How do we make things happen within companies?

If employees have competencies, how can they be deployed? (does the working environment / context also need to be adapted?)



Complementarity between the two Erasmus+ projects





We address this problem:

- declining workability rate
- non-equal accessibility rate of learning opportunities at the work place
- low employment rate of older employees



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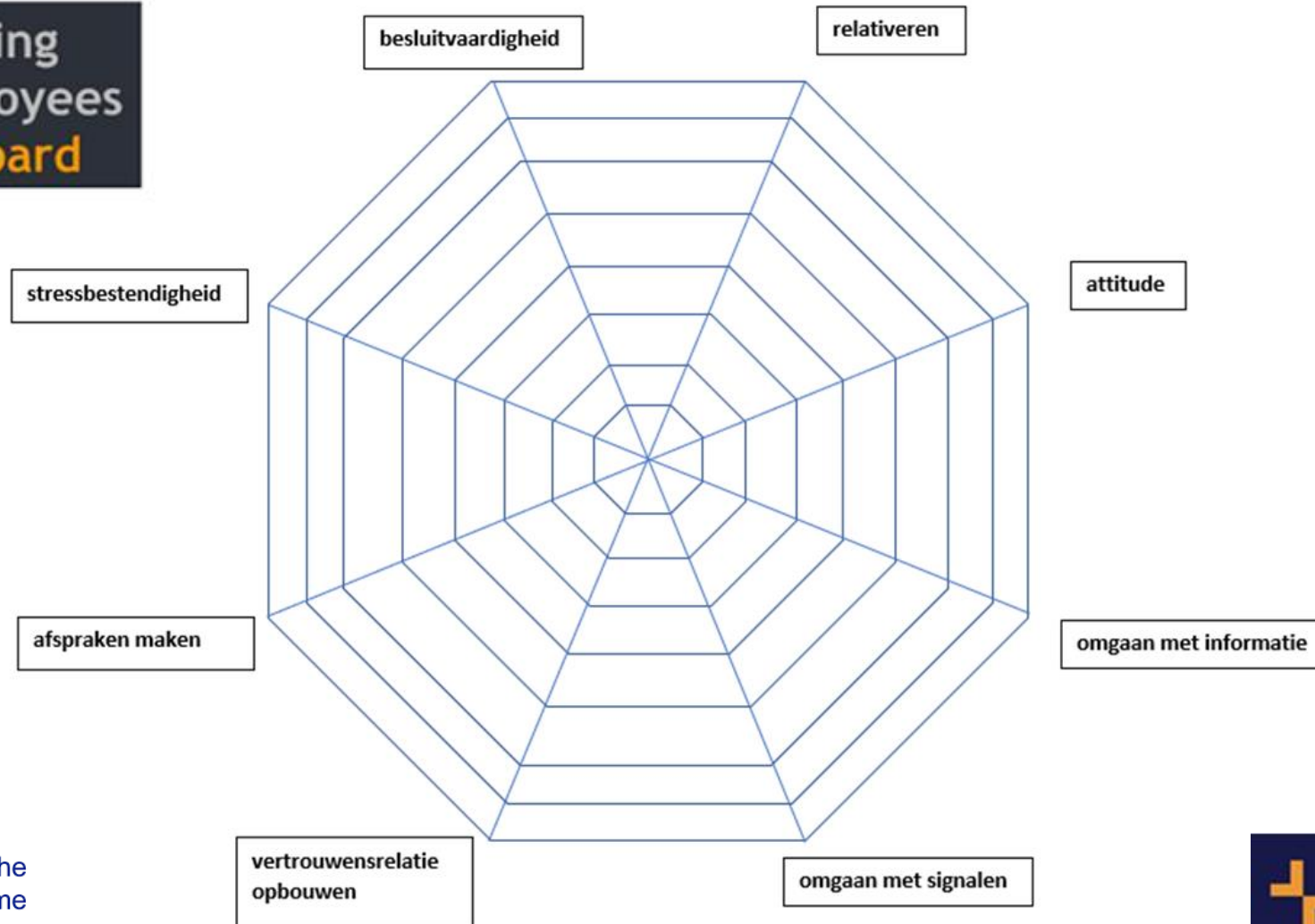
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- (1) **online the train-the-trainer courses + guidelines + accessibility on Future Learn platform**
- (2) **online learning material for 5 intensive courses**
- (3) **an impact measurement tool**
- (4) **translation** of all gathered material in the inspiration toolbox
- (5) course: **jobcrafting, an introduction**
- (6) **an inspiration toolbox**



Competence web: which skills are you good at?



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55+ take control of your own career

Activities:

- Identifying and sharing experiences in Europe in terms of: motivating (lower-skilled) older employees for training for sustainable employability
- Promoting their self-management
- Reducing low self-efficacy
- Set up Living labs: Implementing, evaluating and conceptualisation an approach (co-creation and design thinking)



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Structure of an in company trajectory

1. Problem identification and data analysis;
2. Roundtable discussions and kick-off;
3. Awareness and support (mindmap meetings)
4. Diagnosis/ 0-measurement
5. Choice of intervention
6. Interventions *
7. Evaluation Project evaluation and storytelling
8. Train the trainer
9. Platform Working Longer (more years)



Context each country

A

- LOSS OF JOB AFTER
DIFFICULT TO
- REEDUCATION < 45+
- EARLY T
- => CARE
- "WORK LIFE SA
- SOCIAL ACCEPTA
- (GLORIFICA
- OF EARLY RETIR
- PROMOTION OF
- EVERY LEVEL

CONTEXT

- * 55 + ↑
- * position 55 + = ~~unemployed~~
- discrimination employer
 - mental & physical health
 - less focus on self development
 - low self esteem
- + lower educated
- + migration back
- some jobs are more vulnerable
eg: construction workers
- * "workable work" ↓
- * change in government policies
"bruggensioen"
- ↓
- retirement age ↑
- social security
- * Flemish government → subsidies
- European
- Belgian
- local
- + ~~private~~ private initiatives
- VDAB**
- unemployed

SK

- people get more expensive with age and experience
- people work during pension
↳ low pension (€)
- ↳ lack of specific reasons
- lack of re-qualification and government support
- result: companies younger (cheaper)
- too much bureaucracy to get free training from

NL

older workers = senior professionals

> 50% older 40 jr

> 70% older 50 jr

pension 67 jr

We need older people because of the shortage on the labour market.

lot of prejudices

- older people often sick / no innovation
- learn slower
- cost more than they produce
- Scientific insights: prejudices are not correct
- Young and old in the workplace is a golden combination
- friends
- From interesting senior professionals to see them
- selfmanagement by

PREDICTORS

SELF
ASTEEN

loves
what
he/she/they
is doing

OWNER
OF
YOUR JOB

EXCHANGE
OF
IDEAS

SOFT
SKILLS

TEAM
PLAYER

feels
trusted &
safe
in working
space

GOOD
TEAMWORK
ATMOSPHERE

engaged
in new
projects

GOAL
ORIENTED

focus
work

WILL
LEARN
NEW
THINGS²

MOTIVATES¹
THE
YOUNG

POSITIVE
MINDSET

curious

positive
energy

positive
feedback

POWERED

POWERFUL PROFESSIONAL

EFFECTS

Positive
energy

FLAMING
ORGANISA
TION

innovation

PROMOTION

Communi-
cate
multi-
generation.

LEARN¹
FROM
THE YOUNG

BETTER
IDEAS

gives energy
to
workforce

INCREASED
HEALTH

making
suggestions

DO
LEARN²
NEW
THINGS

More
result +

BURN-OUT

PREDICTORS

NOT
OPEN
FOR
PERSONAL
NEEDS

Working
along
the roles

NO
CREATIVITY
ALLOWED
IN JOB

NOT
ENOUGH
WORK

Can not
deal
with
problems

no
attention
to
development

not
result
oriented

sick
when
needed

we're
tired so
many
times

BURN-OUT

LOSS OF
MOTIVATION

no
personal
attention

no
autonomy

no
energy

FEW
EXPECTATIONS
(UNDER)

TO MUCH
WORK
&
STRESS

no
positive
feedback

no
energy

'RETIRED' MOTIVATION

'RETIRED' MOTIVATION

EFFECTS

no fun
at work

NO
COMMUNI-
CATION

little
satisfaction

NO
PRODUCTIV-
ITY

LOSS OF
ATTENTION

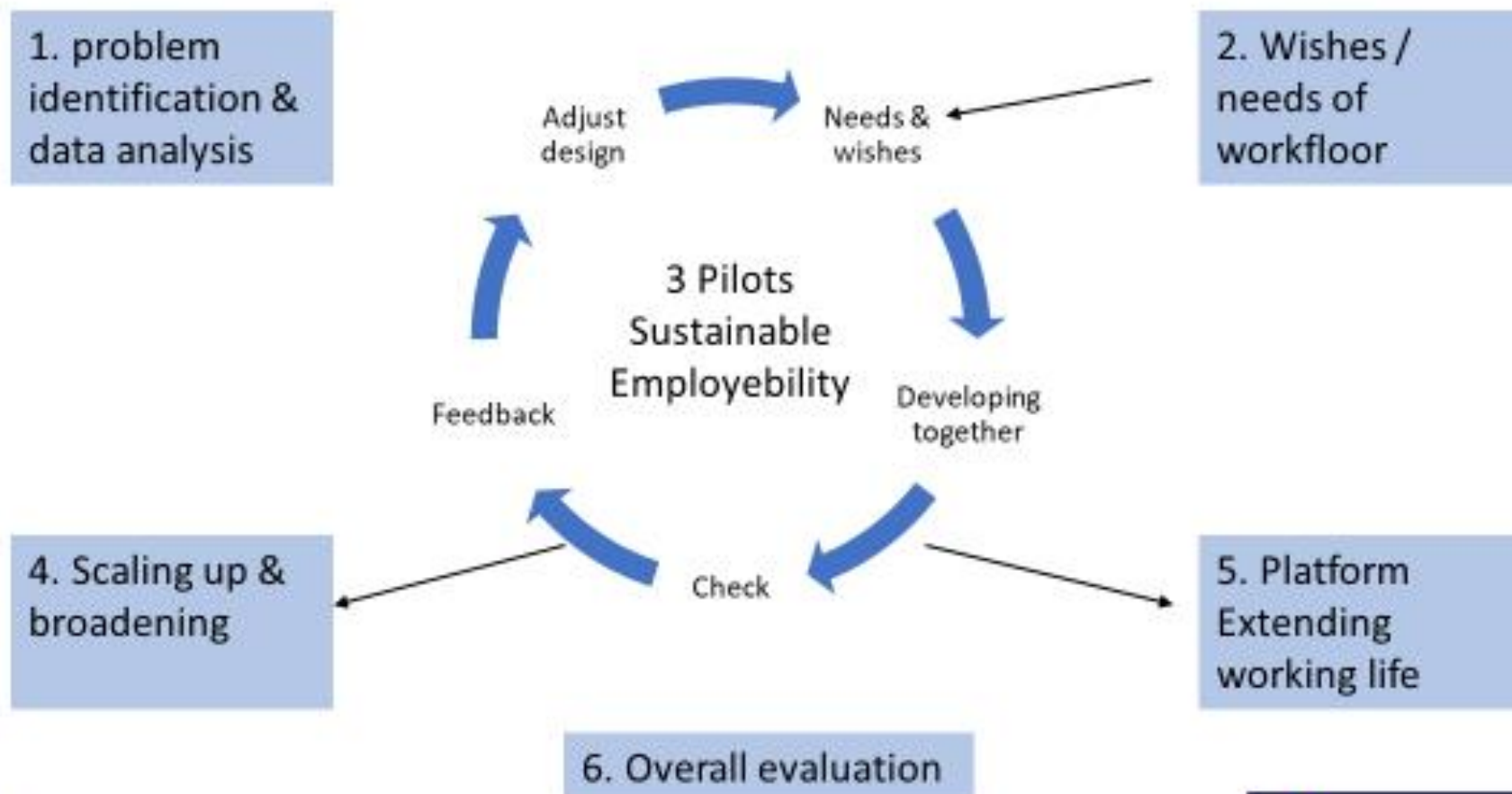
often
sick

GETTING
ILL

others
must fini-
sh the work

no (good)
results

Living lab at Dutch police



What is a Living Lab?

“A **Living Lab** is an orchestrator of open innovation processes focusing on co-creation of innovations in real-world contexts by involving multiple stakeholders with the objective to generate sustainable value for all stakeholders focusing in particular on the end-users”.



Lego Serious Play



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