Collaboration

Unit 2.10: How to manage the collaboration process: Critical Success Factors







Critical Success Factors

This unit presents a series of critical success factors vital to the collaboration process, such as culture, leadership, communication, organizational structure, and finding the right partner.

Aim:

• To identify the critical success factors of a collaboration process

Learning Outcomes:

- The learner will recognise the main critical success factors in a collaborative process
- The learner will be able to identify if their organisation is lacking any success factor
- The learner will be able to improve success factors in their organisation.



Source: https://www.freepik.com/







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How do I manage collaboration?

Five steps of collaboration







What is collaborative working?

- It is about cultivating the very best and challenging thinking of going to the limits of a relationship in arguing and contesting, exploring and testing, listening and reflecting.
- → It is an environment of contrast (action/reflection, safety/risk, trials/rewards)
- ➡ It should be a culture of warmth and respect, of humility and pride, of sensitivity and firmness
- The challenge we have is that people will view the problem with different perspectives, reflecting their experience, circumstance and skill



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What factors do you think can influence collaboration?



collaboration definition and benefits

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KT2TQGFWcko by WR Crime Prevention Council





5 key success factors



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Culture

Companies that create a culture and climate for knowledge generation, transfer and use perform better



Develop a visible connection between **sharing knowledge** and practical business objectives

Integrate **knowledge creation and transfer** with an existing key business initiative

Align **reward and recognition** structures to support knowledge transfer and reuse

Try to encourage trust, cooperation and management of conflict in your business





Leadership

Leaders can influence a group to achieve their goals by establishing and communicating goals, building trust and inspiring teamwork defining a clear purpose and strategic intent

Ensure funds for innovative projects

Making innovation a regular ítem for discusión

Ensure staff have time for collaboration training

Set expectations and get ready to hear all different of viewpoints

Give people time for problem solving

Allow space for conflict and disagreements

Make communication and problem solving transparent





Communication

Communication among employees and with outsiders stimulates their performance

Collaboration facilitates the cross fertilisation of ideas The better that members relate to each other and with key outsiders the better their performance





Organisational structure

This comprises the definition of authorities, responsibilities, roles and tasks assigned to each member

Staff, even if they don't work in the same thing, can learn from each other's experiences and apply this new-found knowledge to their work

Mixing people can bring fresh ideas to the project by thinking out of their comfort zone

In **external collaborations**, due to each organisation has its own organisational structure, could be useful to create:



Finding the right partner



Both sides of the collaboration need to determine **what they want** from the partnership and **what they are willing to give** to achieve it



...to create a clear understanding between all parties









Face to face meetings

A top-level executive sponsor

Participation should be seen as mandatory behaviour

Create a shared sense of purpose

Providing a reward for participation

To involve your staff Early, from the begining





List of positive and negative factors



Learning Aids

VIDEO TOM KELLEY, general manager at IDEO 6:37', about innovation and collaboration

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQaGH85KwJU

Experience collaboration meeting $2:14' \rightarrow$ reunió conjunta online

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjPPjTVH5RA

Video 8:08' GLOBAL ENTRPRENERUSHIP CONGRESS, ISTANBUL 2018

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYERd958xzI

Innovate UK's Essential Tips for Startup & SME Collaboration, 2.17'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtEuU1KSuCM

Leadershihp for collaboration

https://www.forbes.com/sites/carolkinseygoman/2014 /02/13/8-tips-for-collaborativeleadership/#66a223675fd9

10 Collaborative Leadership Characteristics

https://yscouts.com/10-collaborative-leadershipcharacteristics/

Comic examples of Leadership and effective collaboration 3:28'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnjJpa1LBOY

Maloney D, 2019, **The ultimate guide to effective collaboration in the workplace, from:**

https://slackhq.com/ultimate-guide-collaboration-inthe-workplace

Unit Review

This unit explains five critical success factors for collaboration processes in organizations: culture, leadership, communication, organizational structure, and finding the right partner. A good management of these factors can favor or hinder the success of a collaboration process in which the organisation participates (internal or external collaboration).

It also announces a series of factors to take in consideration during collaboration processes.



