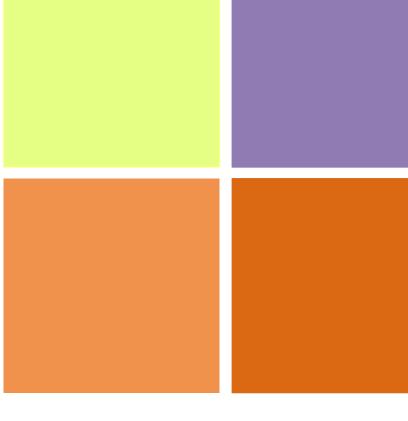


Collaboration

Topic 2.4: How to create a strategy on collaboration management in workplace?







How to create a strategy on collaboration management in workplace?

To introduce collaboration management in your business, you need a strategy and the first step is to set goals. This topic explains tools for goal-setting.

Aims:

 Introduce a strategy for collaboration management.

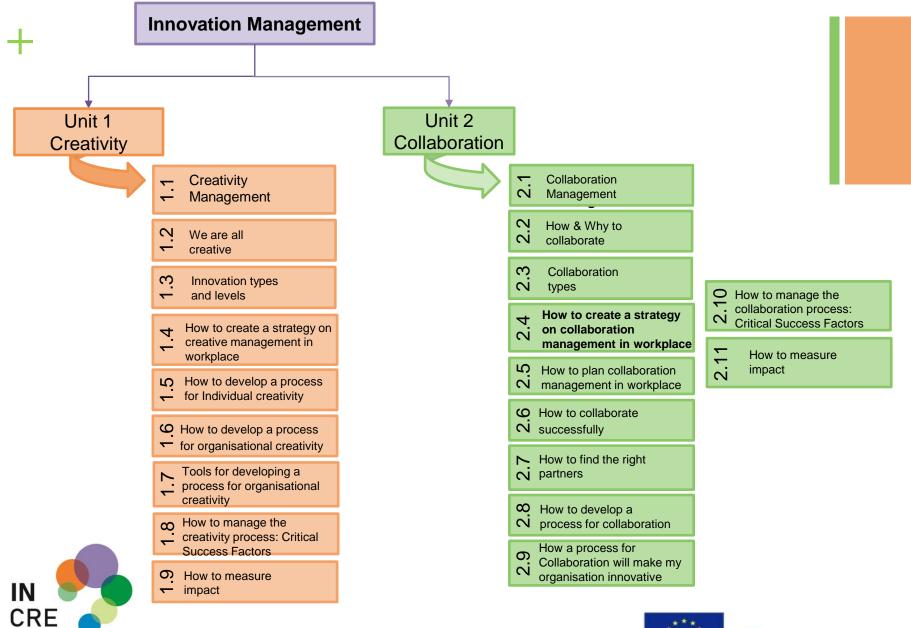
Learning Outcomes:

- The learner should know the first steps of collaboration management strategy.
- The learner should know how to use goal-setting tools.
- The learner should be able to set goals.





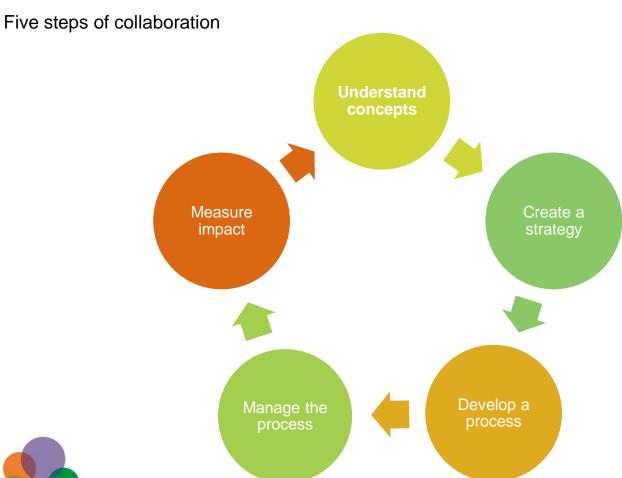








How do I manage collaboration?









How do I manage collaboration in the workplace?

To manage collaboration, there is no standard technique, but there are lots of ways to try.

An idea is to create a plan or strategy to guide you and establish some ways to measure your success.

First thing you need to do is to set your goals! Let's see the methodology that you can use!









SWOT analysis

SWOT stands for "Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats." SWOT is a strategic planning model that helps identifying the spots for improvement and the business strengths.

Market analysis

A market analysis will help you predict where your industry is heading, identify the new trends.

Performance review

Knowing your past performance will help you decide where you should be heading.



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Consult the employees

The employees' opinion is very important, as they are responsible for the every-day operation and organization of the company.

→ Select the team

Select the goal-setting team, determine the number of members and the positions of the participants.











Benchmarking

Benchmarking is a tool that you can use to assess your company's current state and the external business environment, to identify gaps and discover ways to improve performance and meet your goals, once established.

You can use:

- Process benchmarking
- Strategic benchmarking
- Performance benchmarking









Benchmarking

Process benchmarking

To help you to better understand your processes, compare performance against internal and external benchmarks, and find ways to optimise and improve your processes.

Strategic benchmarking

This compares strategies, business approaches and business models to strengthen your own strategic planning and determine your strategic priorities.



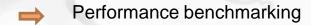
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Benchmarking



This involves collecting information on how well you're doing in terms of outcomes (which could mean anything from revenue growth to customer satisfaction) and comparing these outcomes internally or externally.







Do you think it would be helpful to you to confirm or discover your organisations' strengths and weaknesses through empirical data?



If the answer is yes, carry out the following:

- 1. Decide what you want to benchmark.
- Identify performance measures.
- 3. Evaluate your own firm's capabilities.
- 4. Identify firms to be benchmarked.
- Determine what this firms do differently.
- 6. Analyse to collected data and develop an action plan.



Benchmarking



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Tips during the goal setting

Consult your mission and vision

Be sure that every member of the goal-setting team is aware of the mission and the vision of the company, so that the goals are in line with them.

Describe thoroughly your goals

Be specific and descriptive, so that your goals are transparent and easily understood. Break down too large or too long goals and apply target dates for each segment.

Design the action plan

Write down the actions you'll take to achieve these goals, to avoid misunderstandings and delays.



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Tips during the goal setting

→ Set responsibilities

Set specific responsibilities for your goals. Determine who will be responsible for reporting and coordination.

→ Identify the resources needed

Determine the resources you need to achieve your goals and the budget.



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To set your goals, there are many tools you can use.



Management by objectives (MBO)

A process of defining agreed organisation level objectives to be achieved so that the management and the employees understand their roles and duties to reach them.

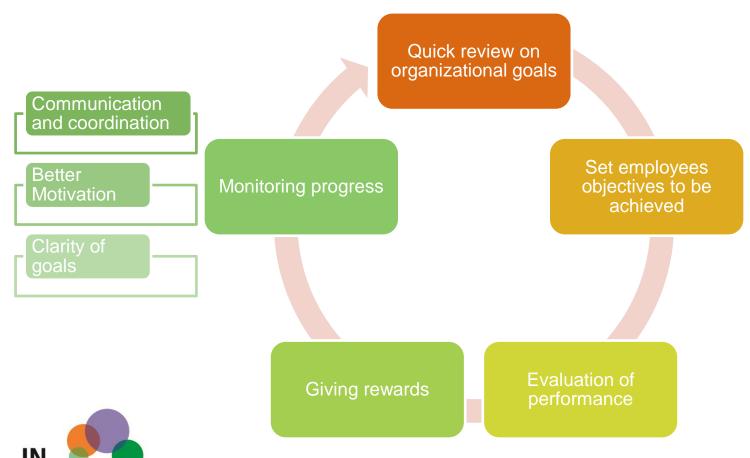
➡ The MBO process involves five steps.







Steps of the MBO process

















Review organisational objectives

Gives you a clear understanding of organisation's overall objectives.

Set worker objectives

You and any staff you may have met to agree on worker objectives to be achieved by the end of a given time period.

Monitor progress

at regular intervals. You and your staff check to see if the objectives are being reached.

Evaluating performance Measure the

workers
performance at
the end of normal
operating period,
to assess if they
reached the
objective.

Give rewards to the worker based on reaching the objectives.





















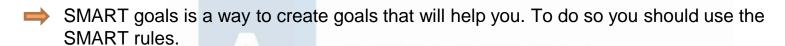


SPECIFIC

MEASUREABLE

Another tool you can use for setting goals is SMART goals.





➡ Writing your goals in a SMART format will make sure that you are clear on what you are trying to accomplish, as well as when and how.









SMART rules

Specific: State what you will do. Use action words.

Measurable: Provide a way to evaluate. Use metrics of data targets

A Achievable: Within your scope. Possible to accomplish. Attainable

Relevant: Makes sense within your job function. Improves the business in some way.

Time-bound. State when you will get it done. Be specific on date or timeframe.







SPECIFIC

SMART rules

MEASUREABLE

- A tip is to develop two or three smart goals to help you focus your Collaboration Management efforts over a specific timeframe of perhaps three, six, nine or twelve months.
- You can use a template to draft your own SMART goals and share the template with your team so that they can create theirs. Repeat it for each goal.









SMART goals template

Is it Specific?	Does the goal define both what needs to be attained and by when?
Is it Measurable?	Can it be measured and how?
Is it Achievable?	Is it possible to do in the timeframe?
Is it Relevant?	Will it be useful and appropriate?
Is it Time-bound?	What time period have you set to attain this goal?







SMART goals template

Example: Win Six Projects Per Month (Brian Cairns, CEO, ProStrategix Consulting)

Is it Specific?	Yes. Win six projects per month
Is it Measurable?	Yes. The number of projects is obvious, but we know to get to six, we need to have 12 proposals, 24 pitches, and 48 warm prospects.
Is it Achievable?	Last year we averaged 5.2 projects per month, and we have been growing at 20%, so a growth rate of 15% felt very attainable.
Is it Relevant?	The number and size of the projects we win each month ties directly to our top and bottom line.
Is it Time-bound?	We measure our performance monthly—incredibly important for staffing and contingency planning.



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SMART goals template

Example: Pay Off \$5,000 in Debt Within 30 Months (Katie Ross, Education & Development Manager, American Consumer Credit Counselling)

Is it Specific?	Yes. I will earn a pay increase.
Is it Measurable?	Yes. I will document my progress and work with management to ensure I am meeting the goals and expectations of the job throughout the year.
Is it Achievable?	I will achieve this by working hard and becoming more valuable to the company.
Is it Relevant?	I will participate in development opportunities and project opportunities throughout the year to demonstrate my contributions during the year.
Is it Time-bound?	I will accomplish an increase within one year of employment.



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Tips after the goal setting

Schedule your appointments

Set regular appointments to monitor your progress. Bear in mind that you may need to adjust the schedule according to the requirements.

Communicate your goals

Make sure that everyone understands the goals and how they participate in goals the achievement.

Measure your achievement

Collect data to measure your performance towards each goal.









Tips after the goal setting

Reward your organization!

Achieving your goals can be very challenging and that is why you need to celebrate it!

You should acknowledge the employees' effort and achievement and reward them. This will give them motivation to collaborate in order to reach the goals of the company.



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Learning Aids

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Topic Review

This topic includes some suggestions on how you can encourage and help your staff to collaborate starting by developing collaboration management. The topic suggests the creation of a plan or strategy to guide you and introduces the tools of MBO, SMART goals and benchmarking to help you set your goals.



