

Multiplying Cooperation: a Workshop Format for Community Empowerment



The Moving Network[®] is a scientific research project developed in October 2015 by BoP e.V.-Board of Participation, in collaboration with Allianz Kulturstiftung and Macro-media University.

The project started from the observation that not enough space is provided for listening to refugee expectations, goals and expertise and from the acknowledgment that a paradigm shift from solidarity to cooperation is needed in order to improve refugee participation within the German society. Instead of following the traditional integration imperative of working for refugees, it would rather be more efficient to directly collaborate with them.

A case study to prove the scientific basis of the approach has been run during last year and the findings of the research have been collected in the scientific publication *Teachers for Life. Empowering Refugees to teach and share knowledge* (Wolfram et al, 2016). The project is based on key notions such as empowerment and multipliers and it took education as main trigger to create contexts where refugees can disclose and share their talent with the new cultural environment.

After gathering and analysing data, the team developed the scientific model called *Empowerment Trust Circle*, which represents also the basis of the workshop format. Trust plays a crucial role for the refugee experience and trust circles can be identified within various social environments, by representing the foundation for information dissemination.

The key for reaching and engaging more people from both the refugee community and the German societies has been identified in the so-called multipliers: people who are trusted by the community. Multipliers already went through an empowerment process and are willing to inspire other individuals in doing the same, by acting as a bridge between the community and the civil society.

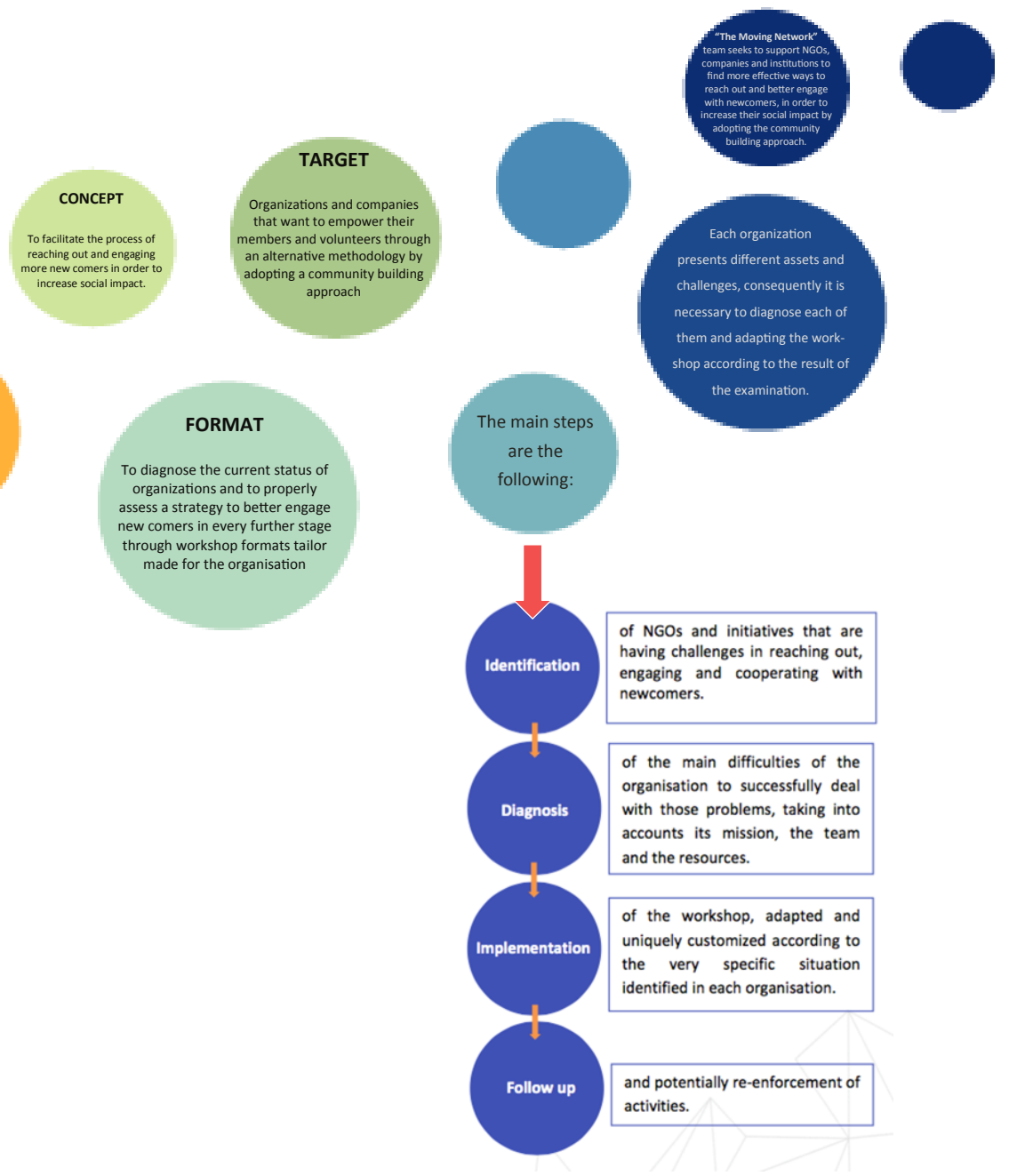
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Statement of Need



Goals and Objectives



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