

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND WORKING LIFE SKILLS

### COURSE ASSIGNMENT – TOWARDS A MEANINGFUL WORKING LIFE

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Execution: In this assignment you make your own plan/notes how to achieve your favorable working life.

You may create a process plan, a mind map, notes, etc. in whatever form that works for you. You may choose the extent as you wish and is appropriate for you in your current situation. You may be a student planning a career and working life, you may already work actively and maybe you are an entrepreneur in the industry.

If you consider some areas more familiar and you have already reflected those, you may concentrate more on the themes that you consider useful now and help you to plan your current activities further. There is no need to answer all the questions, the questions will help you to think about different things and to find those that matter you the most.

There is no right or wrong way to do this assignment. The only objective of the assignment is to serve you and your current needs. You only execute this assignment for yourself, not to serve others. However, to show your participation, you need to return your created plan, mind map, notes or other documentation. You may choose how you create your plan and what information is included, everything will be highly confidential and not shared or discussed with anyone. The assignments will not be evaluated since they are individual, and you can be the only reviewer whether the implementation of the assignment serves you or not.

Hopefully you can use this assignment paper and these questions to support your individual path and choices of your working life now and in the future. You can always check and re-check where you are and how your working life is proceeding.

#### #1 - VISION

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##### → Timeline

- What is the timeline of your future vision? Working life in 2025 or 2030 or some other year?
- Thinking of vision doesn't mean that you are in the starting point and creating some completely new working life. If you consider that something can be developed and/or needs to be changed, vision represents a new status that you are reaching for. If you consider that your working life is up and running and you are happy with it, your vision can be the current situation. Then you can use this assignment to review what works and why, whether you have thought about different things and whether there is something to be changed or reorganized.

##### → Objectives

- What kind of vision do you have in terms of your favorable working life?
- What are the objectives for your future working life?
- What do you want to achieve?

- What changes do you possibly need (if your working life is up and running)?
- If you have many objectives, what is the main/key objective? Can you name one objective/target that includes the others or leads to other objectives? This objective can be a description of your favorable situation.
- What would be the best to happen?

#### → Concrete working life elements

- What does your working life look like?
- What are you doing?
- What does your work include?
- What kind of role do you play in your working life?
- What are your main rights and responsibilities?
- How do you work? As employee in some company/organization, as freelancer, as entrepreneur?
- How would you describe your working life? What is characteristic to it?
- With whom are you working?
- Where are you working?
- How does your working life represent your possible dreams?

## #2 – PERSONAL STRENGTHS

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#### → Personal characteristics

- In terms of your personal traits, character strengths or other personal characteristics, which features can help and support you in your working life?
- Can you identify other qualities in your favor?
- What kind of persons do you work with?
- Do you have any preferences when selecting employees, partners and other collaborators with whom you wish to work with?

#### → Competences

- What knowledge, skills, networks and other competences can you use/benefit in your working life?
- Do you have some talents and learnt skills to boost you in your working life?
- What do you want to learn more?
- What do you consider critical to learn (if any)? You or others who work with you?
- What knowledge, skills and/or experience would help you towards your favorable working life?
- Which future skills do you consider to be especially useful and important to you?
- What do you need to know in order to know what you don't know?
- What kinds of expertise do you need?

#### → Motivation

- What motivates you and keeps you going?
- Can you recognize something which already takes place and supports your efforts?
- What excites and inspires you in your future working life vision? What areas/issues do you want to work with and concentrate on?
- How can you boost your motivation?
- What gives you the most important fulfillment in your working life?
- What makes you think that you will succeed?

### #3 – MEANINGFULNESS

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#### → Values

- What values does your working life represent?
- Which values matter you the most?
- Which values do you represent yourself?
- Which possible principles are you committed to and can't give up?
- Which values do you expect in terms of other people who you work with?

#### → Meaning

- What makes your working life meaningful? In what way is your favorable working life meaningful to you?
- What do you want to achieve?
- Does your working life serve any purpose?

### #4 – ACTION

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#### → Action

- Can you plan some steps/phases which would lead you towards your objective(s)?
- What do you need to do in order to achieve your objective(s)?
- What are you going to do first? Can you prioritize all your needs and create a timeline for those?
- What could you do already today or tomorrow or next week in order to proceed?
  
- Do you recognize any threats which may occur? Can you do something in advance and be prepared?
- Do you recognize any conflicts between your strengths and/or your objectives which may challenge your efforts?
- What makes you hold on to your vision and objectives and be loyal to your own desires and priorities?
  
- How can you take care of yourself while building up and developing a meaningful working life?
- Who could help and/or support you?

#### → Follow-up

- How do you know that you are on the right track and proceeding in the right direction?
- How do you know whether your working life represents your wishes and ambitions, and you are living your favorable working life?
- How can you follow that you are proceeding?
- How do you celebrate your progress towards your desired end results and fulfilling working life?