

QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS IN DESIGN RESEARCH:

# Thematic Analysis of SySTEM 2020 research data

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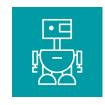
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Research and innovation project aiming to promote science learning outside the classroom at European level.

### Aims

- Gain understanding on science education informal contexts.
- Identify challenges for the inclusion and active participation of underrepresented groups in science education (women and girls, refugees, migrants, people with physical and/or cognitive disabilities...)





## 1. About SySTEM 2020

#### Focus areas

### **PARTICIPANTS**

- Demographics, who attends these type of events/activities?
- Is there diversity among participants attending?
- How they behave (active, lurking...)?

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- What type of activities are present in the Festival?
- What type of equipment and resources are needed?
- What type of participants engage in the activities?
- Are the activities accessible and inclusive?

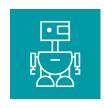
#### **ENVIRONMENTS**

- How are the spaces?
- What type of resources are available?
- How accessible are the spaces?
- How intuitive are the spaces?



## 2. Analysis of SySTEM 2020 research data

- 1. Download and open atlas.ti.
- 2. Make groups. Set up the project for teamwork.
- 3. Check the data, get familiar.
- 4. Define a broad research question with your group. Define the sample of data you are going to analyse. Define the area you are going to focus.
- 5. Each member of the group codes the data based on what they see.
- 6. After each member has familiarised with the data, you prepare the coding scheme with your group.
- 7. Each member goes through the data and codes the documents based on the coding scheme they have elaborated.



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- 8. Share and discuss your codes with your group. Identify disagreements and re-code by consensus.
- 9. Interpret your results. Prepare conclusions and get ready to share them with the whole class.

## 3. Schedule

## Tuesday 29.01

- Presentation of a research case using thematic analysis.
- Participants make groups, select the dataset and define the data sample. They set the team workspace.
- Each group member familiarises with the sample. Sharing initial insights and elaboration of the coding scheme.
- Each group member codes the selected data sample based on the coding scheme.

## 3. Schedule

## Wednesday 30.01

- Instructions for merging coded documents by different coders.
- Groups merge their documents and discuss disagreements. They re-code disagreements by consensus.
- Interpretation of the coding.
- Sharing results and group discussion.

## Help?

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