

Crossing Cultural Differences in SMEs



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What is culture?







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Cultures in SMEs?

COSTUMERS





FOREIGN MARKETS

EMPLOYEES





PRODUCT & SERVICES



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Training format

STRUCTURE:

brief lectures
interactive workshop

DURATION: 60-180 minutes



CONTENT FOCUS: adjustment to organisation's size, organisational structure and directions of its management and employees



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Training content overview

- explanation of cultural levels in a company,
- presentation of best practices in organisations that succeeded in overcoming cultural obstacles,
- analysis of cultural synergies and clashes in a company,
- identification of cultural identity factors in a company,
- presentation of stereotypical images on organisational and national cultures,
- possibilities of using cultural differences in growing SMEs as a competitive advantage.





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Training >>> Consulting

 consulting is carried out at several cultural levels – global, regional, organisational, etc.

 consulting is based on a special qualitative methodology (cultural factor analysis or ethnography) which provides first-hand information on cultural specifics of your costumers, clients, competitors, employees, etc.

•such information is systematically transferred into practice by our consultants in cooperation with the management of SMEs.



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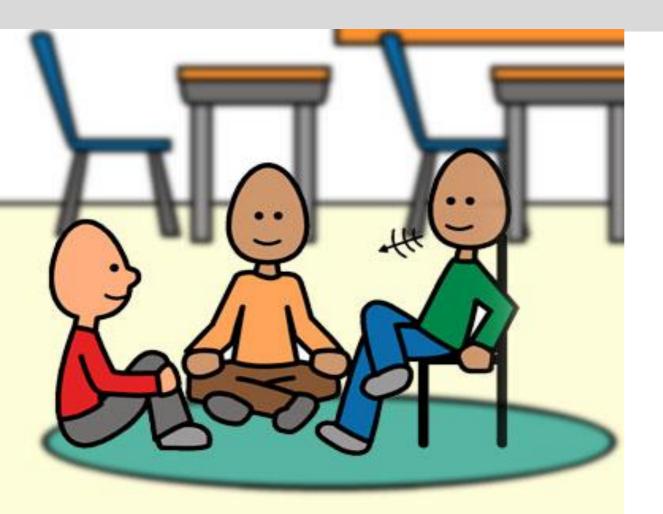
Advantages and particularities

- raising intercultural awareness (how different are we?),
- management of intercultural cooperation (how to cooperate with others successfully?),
- advice to avoid cultural shocks and prepare employees to move to a foreign country (what we need to know?),
- "bottom-up" and "top-down" approaches to understand cultures at various levels (why to involve all stakeholders?),
- first-hand informatios (what we do and not what we say we do),
- human-focused and employee-friendly development of SMEs (how to build a long-lasting SMEs?).



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Discussion





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