

How to trigger valuable discussions in collaborative innovation?

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Introduction - Christoph Sohn



Enterprise Innovation Consultant at HYPE

My focus:

 People & process considerations that boost engagement and business value

My day job:

- Workshops
- Campaign planning
- Coaching
- Health-checks
- Process training
- Awareness raising





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ready to implement within your IT infrastructure

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Customization, installation and integration support into your infrastructure

Process

A trusted, turnkey social process for innovation – ready to be introduced across your organization

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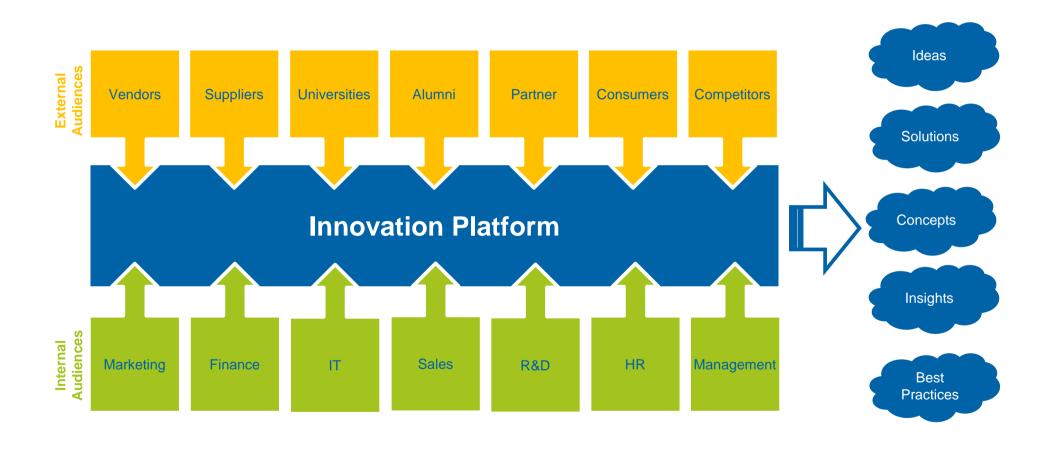
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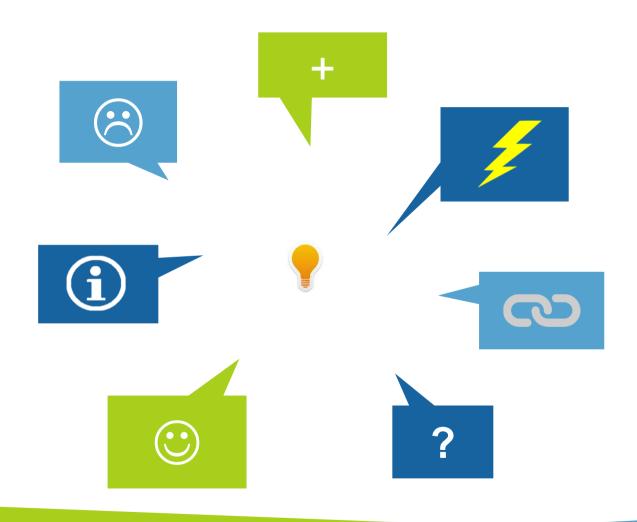
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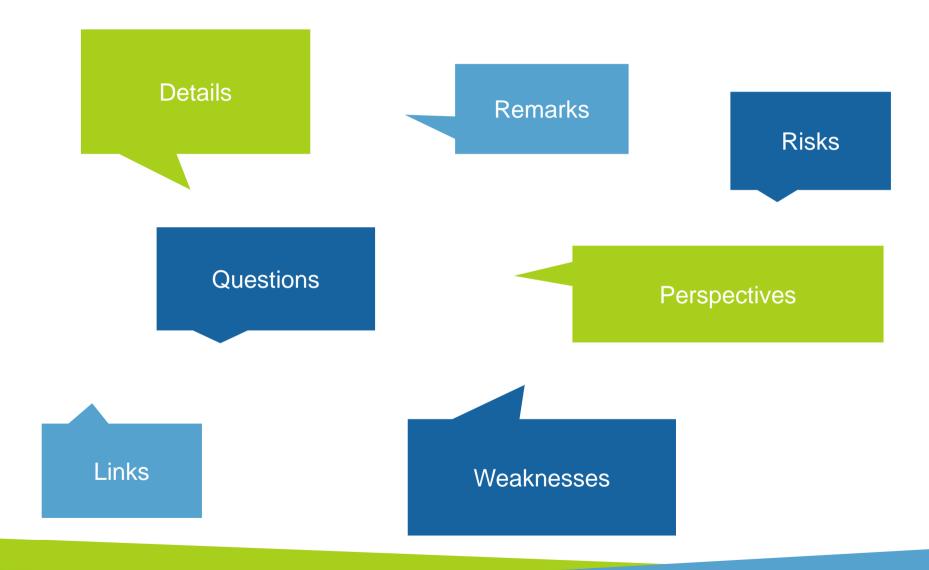
Comments – Essential for idea quality





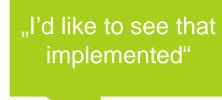
What are useful comments?





What are less useful comments?





Confidential information

"This bears a lot of risks!!"

Offensive ones

"We have have tried that before."

"This idea is great!"

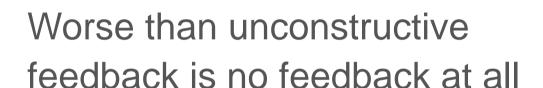
"This won't work"

"I don't understand the benefit of your suggestion"

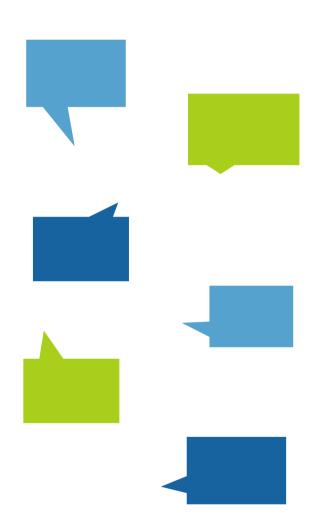
Rather no comments than useless ones?



User voting removes some undesired comments



Large number of comments indicates an interesting idea



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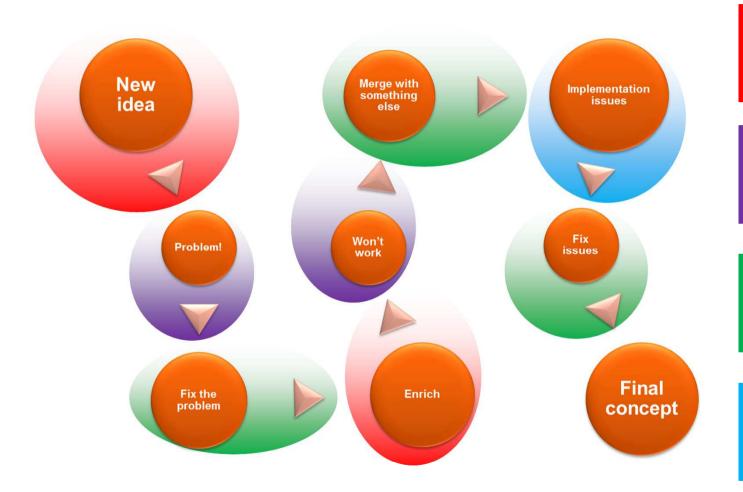
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What does a good discussion look like?









Offer something new

Identify weak areas

Help make it better



Creative type:

Likes to investigate new technologies or business models

Comes up with new ideas all the time

Limited interest for the details

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Inquisitive type:

Skeptics, taking a closer look at the details & try to find weaknesses

Questions things

Identify risks & fatal flaws

Final concept Offer something new

Identify weak areas

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Helper type:

New

Does incremental improvements

Adds missing expertise

Makes connections to other people & ideas

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Doer type:

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Practical oriented, looking at more mature ideas

What does it need to make idea become reality

Which existing resources or technologies can we use

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Diversity of views and opinion

Types of contributors

Functional roles

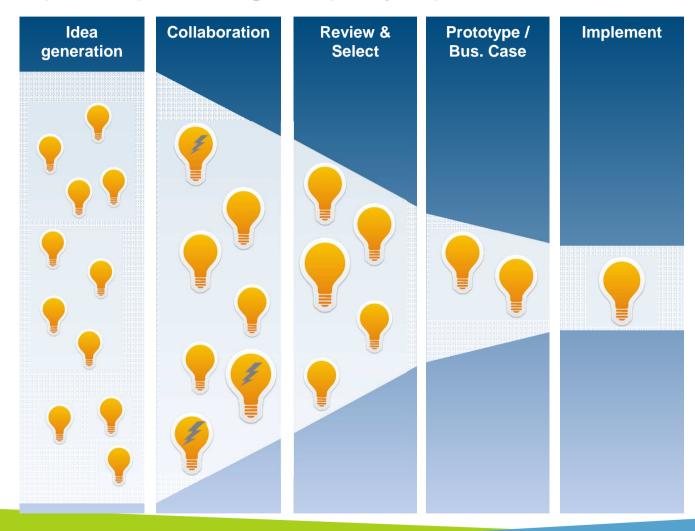
Hidden knowledge & experience



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Increased speed of processing and quality of portfolio



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Trigger #1: Communications



Underline the importance of comments

- Campaign question
- Invites
- Reminders
- Adverts & articles
- Meetings & announcements
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Trigger #2: Seed comments



Show that the commenting functionality exists

Diminish reluctance of being the first

Lead by example









Trigger #4: Involve sponsors and reviewers





Demonstrate commitment

Asking clarifying questions



Trigger #5: Rewards & Recognition



Only recognizing ideas harms your culture of collaboration!

Consider also the non-creative personality types

Recognize well discussed ideas



Summary – The 5 triggers to boost discussions



Trigger #1: Communications

Trigger #2: Seed comments

Trigger #3: Active moderation

Trigger #4: Involve sponsors and reviewers

Trigger #5: Rewards & Recognition

Thank you for your attention!



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