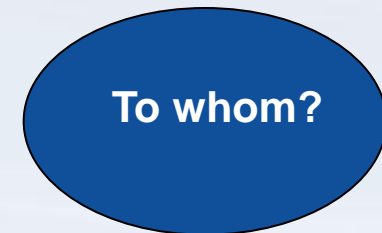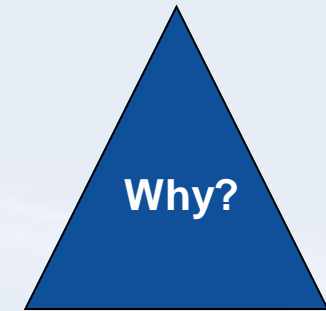# The Value of Creative Learning Communities and Implementation of Key Competence 7
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What are Creative Learning Communities (CLC)

- **CLC is funded by Lifelong Learning Programme Leonardo da Vinci 2011-2013**

- **Leonardo da Vinci Programme funds projects in the field of vocational education and training**

- **CLC is designed to create new teaching and learning pathways in VET sector**

- **CLC aims to increase a sense of initiative and personal entrepreneurship**

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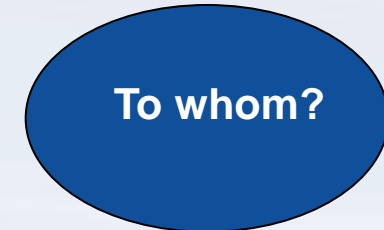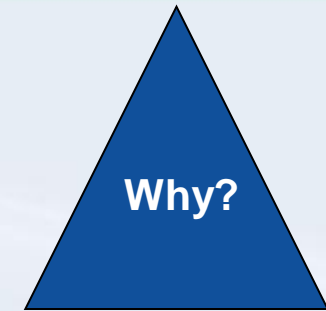
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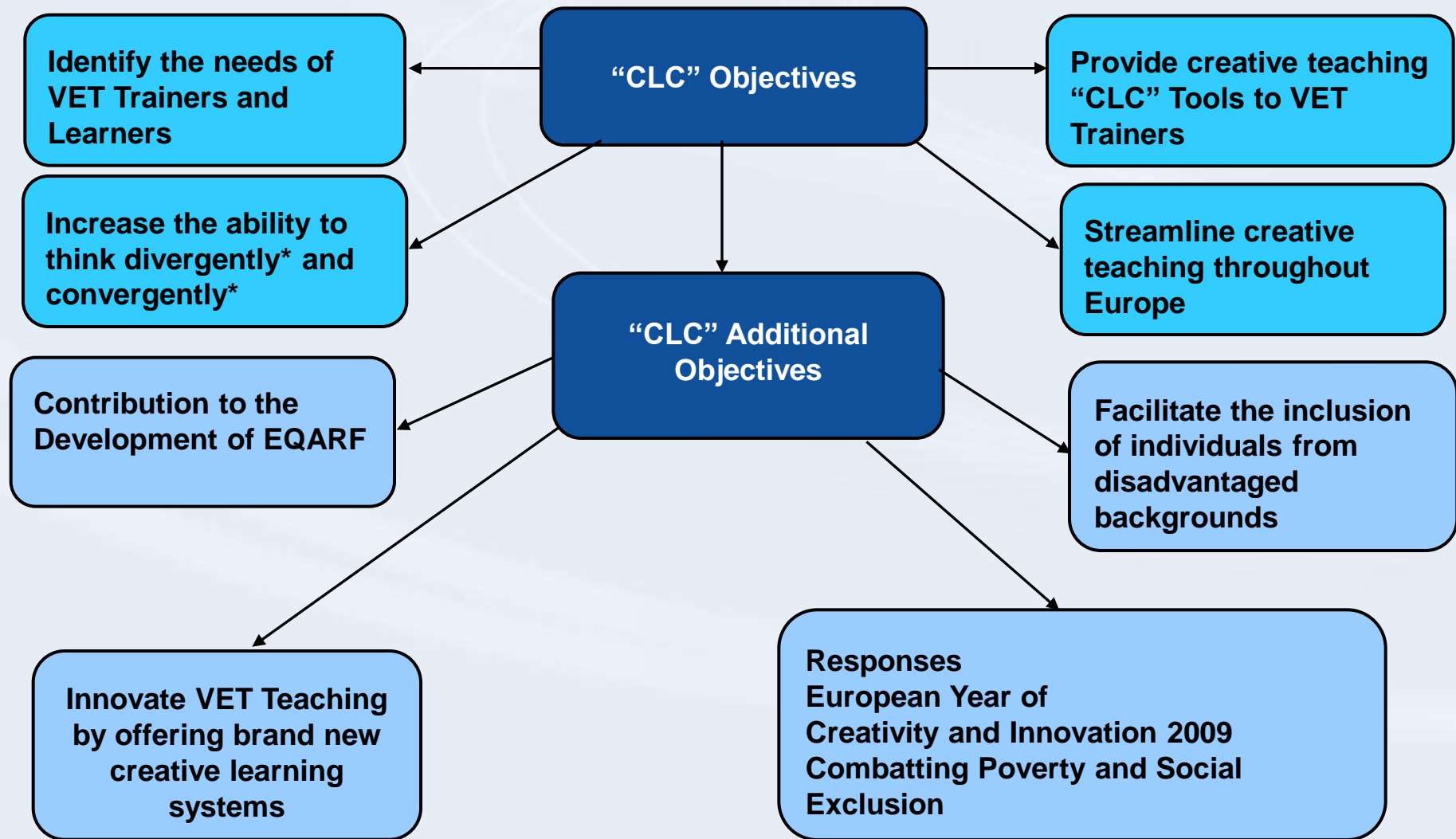- **Offer brand new creative learning systems**
- **Facilitate the inclusion of disadvantaged groups in education and work**
- **Combat poverty and social exclusion**
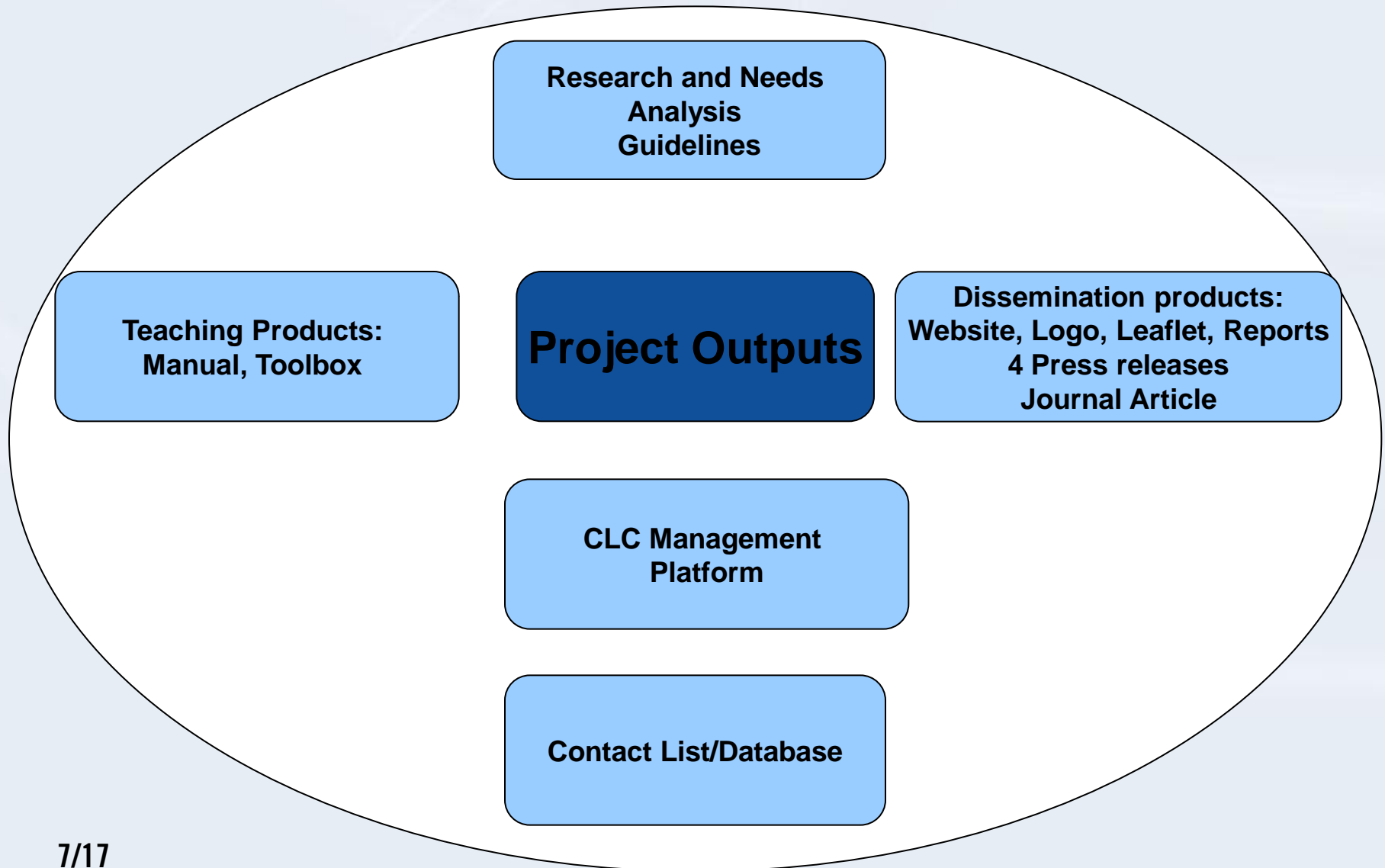- **Contribute to the development of the EQARF**

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* The European Quality Assurance Reference Framework is a reference instrument to help authorities promote and monitor the improvement of education and training (VET).

CLC Project Objectives

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Identify the needs of VET Trainers and Learners

"CLC" Objectives

Provide creative teaching "CLC" Tools to VET Trainers

Increase the ability to think divergently* and convergently*

"CLC" Additional Objectives

Streamline creative teaching throughout Europe

Contribution to the Development of EQARF

Facilitate the inclusion of individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds

Innovate VET Teaching by offering brand new creative learning systems

Responses European Year of Creativity and Innovation 2009 Combatting Poverty and Social Exclusion

* Divergent thinking – develop new ideas
* Convergent thinking: resolve problems, find solutions

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CLC Target group

- **VET Trainers**
- **VET Learners from groups at risk**
- **VET Institutions**
- **Education and training institutions and bodies**
- **EU-wide VET system**
- **SMEs and social partner organisations**

Research and Needs Analysis Guidelines

Teaching Products: Manual, Toolbox

Project Outputs

Dissemination products: Website, Logo, Leaflet, Reports 4 Press releases Journal Article

CLC Management Platform

Contact List/Database

Research and Needs Analysis

- Identify needs of VET trainers and VET learners by a research and needs analysis

- Examination of the value of CLC in VET sector

- Concentration on themes of KC7: entrepreneurship, initiative, creativity and innovation

- Perceptions of KC7 among trainers and learners

- The role of CLCs in providing enhanced support for training and development of KC7

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KC7/CLC toolbox

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Capacity of tools that support acquisition of KC7 skills

Less of a repository more of a Wikipedia for tools

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Risk-Taking
Planning & Managing Projects
Ethical Values/Good Governance
Effective representation and negotiation
Team-working (both as an individual and collaboratively);
Communication Skills;
Self-assessment (ability to judge own strengths and weaknesses)

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Key Competences for lifelong learning

European Reference Framework

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Creativity & Innovation

KC7: Sense of initiative and entrepreneurship
According to the European Reference Framework

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Entrepreneurship

- is more than simply starting a business
- Individuals identify opportunities, allocate resources and create value.
- It involves risk-taking, skills such as pro-activity, determination, leadership, creativity, risk-taking and initiative.

Initiative

- the ability to plan lead and manage projects (and to mobilise people, networks and resources) in order to achieve an objective.

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Creativity & Innovation

- **Creativity - capability to produce something new, new solutions, new methods or devices a richness of ideas and originality of thinking (Britannica Concise Encyclopaedia).**

- **Innovation - means translating ideas into new products and processes, taking novelty, create value, improve products, systems or practices.**

- **Risk Taking – is undertaken with the expectation of positive outcome that will outweigh any implied risks.**

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VET LEARNERS: discover ways and means to develop skills in certain key competencies.

Learning communities, colleges or interest groups can use these skills in different settings.

VET TRAINERS can use the toolbox in their trainings, share know-how in the community, upload their own creative tools so that CLC remains sustainable and grows.

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Conversation Template

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Connecting with and making sense of skills that can be developed while you're here with us at . . . .

LOGO
(insert organisation identity here)

Recognised Skills*

Innovation

Planning & Managing Projects

Organise, Manage, Lead & Delegate

Analyse, Communicate & Record

*Recognised by the European Commission within its Key Competency framework (KC7)

We use these in:-

Record the activities where these skills and competencies can be experienced and developed in this organisation

This is used to raise awareness

This is how and where you can see these skills in use here.

How you might apply these skills elsewhere

Setting a goal and planning how to get there

Setting and monitoring a personal budget

Name of Learner

Where else might I see these skills being useful?

Current activities?

Activities I would like to do?

Use the other side of this form if you need more room

This highlights other areas where these skills might be used – and asks you to add activities of your own

Why are these skills important to me?

Confidently create new ideas for things that you wish to achieve. Plan for projects, clubs or other activities that you're involved in and be able to communicate these ideas and plans to others, steer or direct their involvement and reflect on progress and lessons learned.

These skills are highly valued by employers and they are also very useful in personal life – whether it's thinking about the kind of job you want and how to get it or a leisure activity that needs to be organised and led by you.

This describes how you can gain from developing these skills

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Creativity & Innovation

What is it?

Creativity and Innovation

Creativity and Innovation European Year 2009

Template

View or download the KC7 Template to situate skills in your CLC context

Tools

Tool ID	What it does	Where to find it	Comments
Six Thinking Hats	Helps generate and evaluate ideas for individuals or groups	Weblink or RL reference	👍 27 👎 9
Concept Extraction	Helps generate new ideas around an existing theme	Weblink or RL reference	👍 5 👎 18
PMI	Simple tool to quickly evaluate ideas and proposals, ensuring that plus, minus AND interesting aspects are considered	Weblink or RL reference	👍 56 👎 22

Do you have any questions?
Thank you for your attention!

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