

# 6 THINKING HATS

## WHAT IS IT?

**6 Thinking Hats** is a creative and structured approach to review ideas and prototypes from various angles. It is used mainly during the testing phase to support reflecting on prototypes in small groups.

The worksheet contains six hats, each covers different roles, relating to a certain perception.

By using the tool, the group learns how to separate thinking into the six clear functions and roles, getting them to look an issue from different perspectives. These are:

**White:** Let me inform you! (neutral, no opinions, known and unknown facts, figures, dates, objectives)

**Yellow:** Let me say you everything that is great about this! (optimism, positives, value, benefits, feasibility)

**Green:** Let me give you many more new ideas! (creative, perceptionist)

**Red:** Let me share my feelings about this! (intuition, emotion, open)

**Blue:** Let me guide this discussion! (manage, observe, control)

**Black:** Let me tell you why is it a bad idea! (critical caution, logic, negative, judgement)

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

There is two ways to use the 6 Thinking Hats method:

- 1) Everyone „wears” the same hat at the same time.
  - One person to choose a hat and asks everyone to contribute to the discussion from that hat’s point of view.
  - Later each hat will be used separately to discuss an issue.
- 2) Everyone „wears” different hat and the topic is discussed from multiple points of view.
  - Everyone picks a different hat
  - All hats must contribute to the discussion (from different viewpoints)

## USE IT TO

-  SET INNOVATION OBJECTIVES ✓
-  DEVELOP INNOVATION FRAMEWORK ✓
-  IMPROVE INNOVATION PROCESS ✓
-  LEVERAGE PEOPLE'S TALENT ✓
-  STIMULATE COLLABORATION ✓
-  GROW INNOVATION NETWORKS
-  BOOST CREATIVITY & INNOVATION CULTURE ✓
-  ENCOURAGE BUSINESS MODEL INNOVATION
-  MONITOR INNOVATION PROGRESS ✓
-  SCALE ✓
-  MANAGE INNOVATION FINANCIALS
-  INCREASE INNOVATION VISIBILITY

COMPLEXITY



DURATION



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