"Shared Mental Models, Design Thinking and Serious Play: Methods for Envisioning a Sustainable Future"

Research on team processes and performance shows that shared mental models play an important role for effectiveness and achievement. Design Thinking as well as Serious Play are recent trends not only in business organizations but also in educational settings to generate new insights and perspectives. What if we use these findings, methods and tools for purposes such as envisioning a sustainable future? What if we (re)activate playful mindsets and collaboration techniques for creating shared models of how organizations dedicated to sustainable development would look and feel like?

In a playful atmosphere, you will learn how to use Serious Play as a creative method of team-based design thinking and team development.

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