

# Connect & Network

*I never thought an online network session could be so much fun! Cyriel juggled with challenges, games, polls and breakout sessions. He definitely succeeded in creating an open, dynamic vibe. Result: pleasant, substantive talks and an appetite to continue the conversation. Highly recommended!*  
- Charlotte Sterkens - Communications and Marketing manager @ Rombit

Most of us are missing the real connection with each other during these digital times.

How can we re-connect with colleagues in an online world in an informal and fun way? What are the methods to make sure that our members can mingle and share insights with each other? How can we increase the impact of networking during digital conferences?

The purpose is to (re)connect people in an informal way - while striking a good balance between a serious business meeting and just an entertaining pubquiz. This session allows team-members or participants to revive connections with each other while exploring some work-related elements and giving them the opportunity to ventilate some emotional things.

## How does this work?



Target groups: teams working in an organisation; member-associations or conference organisers



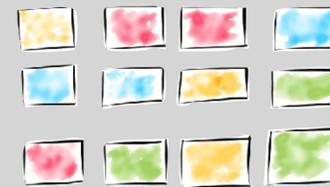
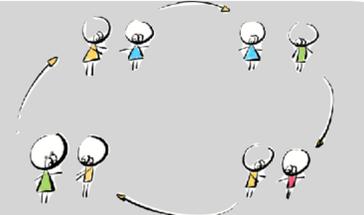
Timing: between 30 minutes - 2 hours (can be added or integrated with an online meeting or conference)

Number participants: We recommend a maximum of 250 participants (due to the limitation of max 50 breakoutrooms).

## Some examples of online networking methods

### Networking - speed date sessions

Create small breakout rooms from 2, 3 or 4 people and let them chat about a certain question or challenge. In this way participants will have the chance to talk to different colleagues in a short amount of time.



We will be using post it notes (which participants can stick on their cameras) to create a mosaic. Via different statements, we will create a nice visual impression of the participants opinion on those comments.

### Post it Mosaic

### Poll

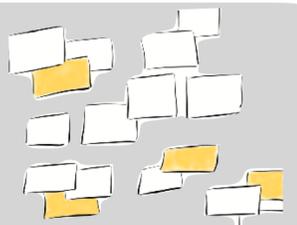
We create a poll in advance - a combi of serious questions mixed with some fun facts and figures about the organisation. This can be used as a good method to measure the emotional engagement of the participants.



**Fun ways to introduce a certain topic**  
We have a large database with short movies and icebreakers that can be used as an introduction to a certain topic- relevant for the organisation. This will be followed with discussions in breakout groups.

### Brainstorming session

We integrate a mini brainstorming session on a relevant topic where participants will be working in subgroups to generate new ideas for the challenge. This will be done in a communal document where you can see the number of ideas grow.



*"For our online event, we wanted to offer our participants the possibility to network online. In collaboration with Cyriel, we created a 2 hour online networking session. He also hosted this session in his signature style - with a lot of energy and humor. We got great feedback from the participants."*  
- Sarah Vangheluwe - Coordinator VONK network (internal communication professionals)