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EUROPEAN CONCEPT Working Group

Steering Committee meeting Brussels - 2nd October 2007

WHY TO PROMOTE THE CREATION OF A EUROPEAN WORKING GROUP ON PRODUCT DESIGN ?

- 1. THE WEAKNESS OF ENTERPRISES, PARTICULARLY SMALL AND MEDIUM, TO CONCEIVE INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS TO COMPETE WITH THOSE OF EMERGING COUNTRIES
- 2. TO PROVIDE ENTERPRISES WITH A **STRUCTURED METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH** TO PRODUCT INNOVATION AS AN EVOLUTION TO THEIR CREATIVITY
- **3. HELP** ENTERPRISES TO PARTICIPATE TO THE NEW COMPETITIVE SCENARIO:
 - from product to value proposition
 - from market to specific identified segments

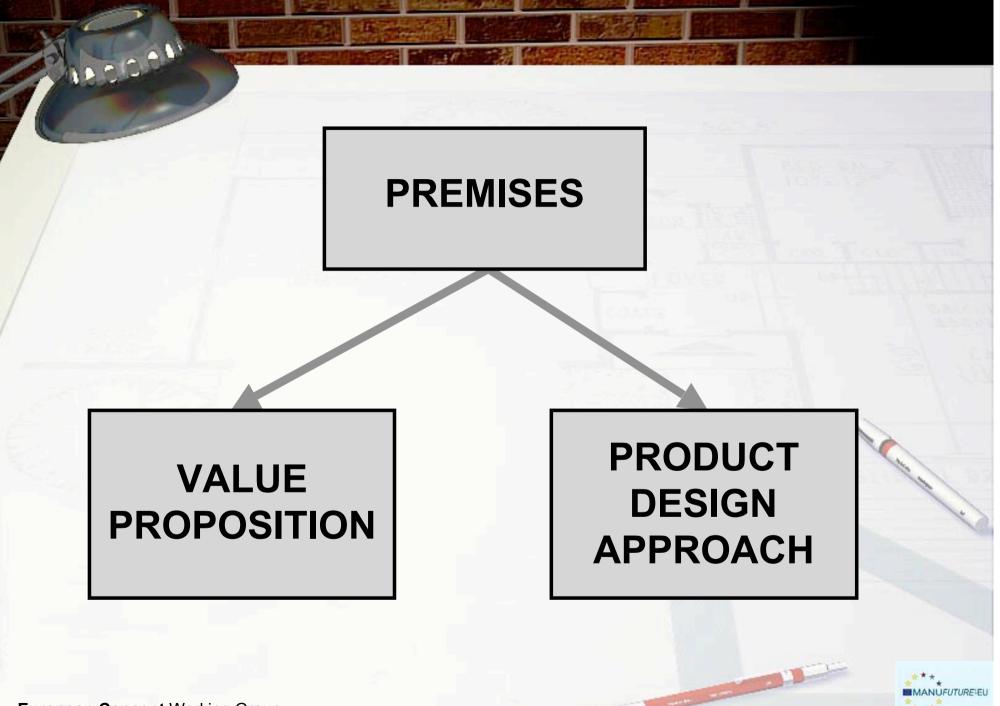


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- 4. MAKE **AVAILABLE** THE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE NEW CAPABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE, TECHNOLOGIES FOR PRODUCT INNOVATION.
 - no more technologies versus application but ...
 - application versus technologies
- 5. TO DEFINE INNOVATIVE METHODS FOR COLLABORATIVE DESIGN WITH THE GOAL OF CREATING INTEGRATED NETWORKS





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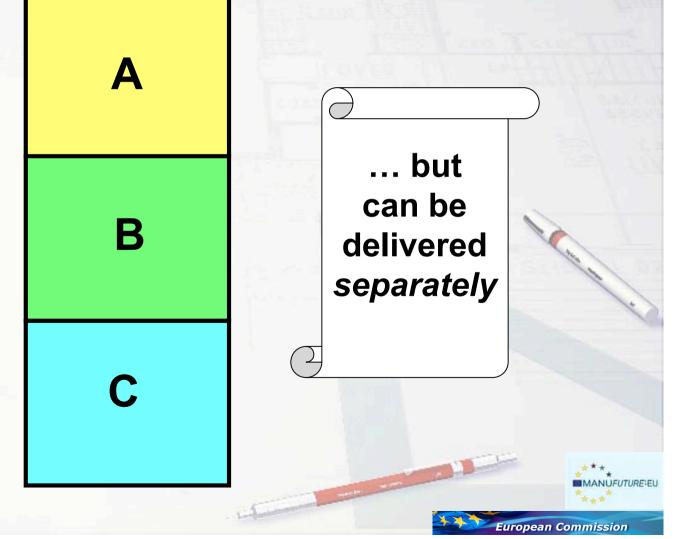
VALUE PROPOSITION

TANGIBLE GOODS

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICES

INTANGIBLE VALUE ADDED FEATURES

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PRODUCT DESIGN APPROACH

OLD APPROACH

FOCUSED ON:

- CHANGING AND MODIFYING SOME PRODUCT FEATURES BY USING
 CREATIVITY
- COMPETITORS MAINLY
- MARKET COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOURS / OBSERVATION EXCLUSIVELY

NEW APPROACH

FOCUSED ON:

- 1. USERS NEEDS (EXPLICIT, NON EXPLICIT, INDIRECTLY CONNECTED)
- 2. NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIVE SERVICES FOR IDENTIFYING NEW MODALITIES TO SATISFY USERS EXPECTATIONS
- 3. INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOUR / OBSERVATION



HOW TO BUILD THE BRIDGE ?

A) INFORMATION

NEW ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT APPROACHES

- COGNITIVE versus BEHAVIOUR
- INDIVIDUAL versus TO COLLECTIVE

B) DESIGN METHODS

NEW APPROACHES FOR VALUE PROPOSITION DESIGN

- STRUCTURED METHODOLOGIES versus INTUITIVE AND CREATIVE
- INTEGRATED NETWORKED DESIGN versus INDIVIDUAL DESIGN



OUR 4 NEXT STEPS

- STEP 1:
 - MARKET SEGMENT NEEDS IDENTIFICATION
- STEP 2:
 - TECHNOLOG STATE OF THE ART
- STEP 3:
 - METHODOLOGIES FOR INNOVATIVE VALUE PROPOSITION DESIGN
- STEP 4:
 - ENABLERS MODEL DESCRIPTION

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TIMETABLE

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
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TECHNOLOG STATE OF THE ART						
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