**Moderation: Opening event research department**

**„The incredible new discovery inland navigation!“**

You have now received a lot of interesting and useful information about the inland vessel as an environmentally friendly transport alternative. Now it is time for you to take action yourself!

**Scenario**

The inland vessel is the new, innovative and revolutionary discovery in sustainable transport logistics. For this reason, a special research department has been established at the local university, which is entirely dedicated to the topic of inland navigation. There are already research departments dedicated to rail and road transport.

In the course of the opening of the new research department there will be a small, festive event. Speeches will be held, the new building of the department will be ceremonially opened and afterwards there will be a cold buffet.

An external presenter will moderate the event and accompany the audience through the evening. Various guests of honour will give short speeches.

**There you go**

Step 1: Divide into groups

Divide into groups of equal size, the group size should be between 4 and 5 people. The groups can also be smaller or larger depending on the total number of participants.

Step 2: Choosing a moderator

Each group will choose a moderator, he/she will moderate the opening ceremony, but the other group members will also be actively involved as speakers.

Step 3: Preparation (max. preparation time 45 minutes)

Assigns different roles to the remaining group members, those who are not the moderator. Possible roles are for example

* Dean of the university
* Head of the new research department
* Minister
* Entrepreneurs who support the institution financially

The individual group members are now preparing their contribution to the celebrations.

Suggestions and helpful input for the individual roles can be found on the next page.

All participants in the discussion must find suitable key data for the presentation by the moderator (e.g. title, age, name, etc.)!

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| **Moderator**   * short introduction at the beginning * Transition between the individual speakers * A short introduction of the speaker in each case * Concluding words | |
| **Dean**   * Joy at the opening of the new department * General input on sustainable transport logistics * Cooperation with the other two departments (rail and road transport) * Brief explanation of the modes of transport | **Head of the new department**   * Short introduction of the team * Outlook into the future (trends in transport logistics) * Advantages of the inland vessel * Current situation of inland navigation in Europe (and the world) |
| **Minister 1**   * Federal Ministry Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology * Support inland navigation 🡪 Jobs, innovation, new technologies, competitiveness Austria as a business location | **Minister 2**   * Federal Ministry Education, Science and Research * Support the new research focus 🡪 assures the support of the ministry, recalls the importance of research and progress |
| **Entrepreneur**   * Different companies possible: logistics service providers, transport companies, retailers, forwarding agencies, ... * Short introduction of the own company * Why does the company support the research department financially? | |

Step 4: Implementation

Now that you are all well prepared, it is time for your event!

**Have Fun! ☺**