



## Progress of the Creative Industries Global Network: Performance and Growth

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on the activities of the  
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## Progress of the Creative Industries Global Network: Performance and Growth

- It recently became apparent that the project's growth fit very well into the model for team progress outlined by the American Bruce Tuckman.
- Groups that work together over a lengthy period tend to follow the same pattern of behaviours.

## Introducing Bruce Tuckman (1938 -- )

- **Director of the Academic Learning Lab at Ohio State University**
- **Tuckman's article "Developmental Sequence in Small Groups" (pub. 1965)**
- **A business classic**
- **Current work involves student motivation factors, including goal-setting, planning and incentives to influence self-regulatory behaviours in students (including avoidance of procrastination).**

- **Most groups undergo four stages of development if the team exists over a lengthy time period.**
- **Tuckman's four stages of team development:**
  - **Forming**
  - **Storming**
  - **Norming**
  - **Performing**

**And....**

- **Adjournment or Mourning**

## **CIGN Project Phases**

- 1. Research (October 2014 – February 2015)**
- 2. Module identification (April – July 2015)**
- 3. Module development (July 2015 – March 2016)**
- 4. Field testing (March – April 2016)**
- 5. Implementation May 2016 (continuous)**
- 6. Evaluation (September – November 2016)**

## 1.0 Forming

- **Pre-existing relationships between the partner institutions**
  - **Faculty/staff visits and exchanges**
  - **Student exchanges**
  - **Joint research projects**
  - **Common goals (and issues)**
- **Developing interdependence**
- **Developing mechanisms to deal with conflict**



## 2.0 Norming

- **Norms (whether written or unwritten) help the project to the next stage which involves inviting others to participate in this and future projects”**
- **Having common goals**

**Achieved norms:**

**Tact, patience, how to deal with at least five different languages, across several different time zones, standardization of methods and tools, internal and external communication**

## Project Goals:

- **Enabling education for cross-media design and production across borders and languages**
- **Developing curricula and methodologies**
- **Assessment of course modules**

## 3.0 Storming

- **“Storming” in groups can occur at various points in the process.**
- **Fortunately, internal storms have been few, but the external storms can arrive at any time, and from a variety of sources:**
  - **Elections of new political leaders, terrorism attacks**
  - **Local changes**
    - **changes in university leadership**
    - **new curricula**
    - **changes to local budgets**

- **Internal and external program reviews**
- **Keeping to timelines**
- **Our goals are clear, relationships are established well and we move forward, facing the storms as they come**

## 4.0 Performing

- **Workshops in Ghent (2015), were evaluated as being highly successful**
- **Achieved goals of sharing best practices and expertise of participants from HEIs from Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Germany, Lithuania, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States.**
- **Final day of the three-day workshop identified areas for possible future cooperation.**

- **Management team meetings followed in Vilnius, Lithuania, Edinburgh, Scotland (2016)**
- **IC Leipzig (2016)**
- **Submission of Report 2 to EU**
- **Management meeting in Stuttgart (November 2016)**

## **Presentations and publications:**

- **Refer to the CIGN web site:**

**[www.cign-education.eu](http://www.cign-education.eu)**

## **Development of CIGN modules (theory and/or practice-based):**

- International/Collaborative Cross Media Production Project
- Market awareness in International Cross Media Production.
- Entrepreneurship
- Multi-platform Creative Production
- Media Literacy (Media Technology/IPR/...)
- Critical Thinking: Research and Knowledge Transfer
- Narrative Construction
- Environmental/Sustainability Art & Design (Packaging)
- Image Processing
- Two practice-based modules (Ryerson)



## Tuckman's Revision (with Jensen, 1977)

- What happens to successful teams once the project comes to an end?
- Tuckman and Jensen extended the original model to include two logical options at the end of each project.

## 5.0 (Option A) Mourning

**This stage occurs when a group reaches the end of its mandate and decides to disband**

- **May be a planned ending**
- **May be a forced ending**

## 5.0 (Option B) Adjourning

- Occurs when a team reaches the end of the mandate, but decides to continue
- May involve re-forming the group with the same partners
- May involve re-forming the group with additional partners



**This is where we believe the  
CIGN group is heading**

**And now, some words from  
the CIGN Project Leader,  
Tommie Nyström:**



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## INVITATIONS and a REQUEST

**The CIGN team is seeking a few faculty members in specific areas to evaluate course modules. This will involve reviewing each module and responding to a modest number of questions on an evaluation form.**



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