

## Create a storyline

<b>Short description</b>	<p>Create a Storyline is a participatory evaluation tool where participants visually or verbally map the key steps, milestones, and turning points of a project journey. By comparing and discussing these storylines, the group builds a shared understanding of progress and identifies what to keep, adjust, or change moving forward.</p>
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>The tool helps participants reconstruct the project journey, identify key milestones, and surface any missing steps or perspectives. It also strengthens group alignment and supports decisions about what to keep, adjust, or change moving forward.</p>
<b>Duration</b>	<p>45 – 70 minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Creating storylines in pairs: 15–20 minutes</li> <li>○ Group discussion and comparison: 20–30 minutes</li> <li>○ Summarizing and drawing conclusions: 10-20 minutes</li> </ul>
<b>Social form</b>	<p>Pair work and plenary</p>
<b>Materials and organisation</b>	<p>Large sheet of papers (A3 or flip chart) + markers, pens, pencils</p> <p>Optional: sticky notes, stickers, coloured cards for highlights or milestones</p> <p>Wall space or tables to display the storylines</p>
<b>Preparation</b>	<p>Room Setup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Space for pairs to work comfortably</li> <li>- A central area (wall, floor, or board) for bringing storylines together</li> <li>- Chairs arranged so the group can see and discuss all storylines</li> </ul> <p>Moderator Preparation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clarify the objective of the evaluation (</li> <li>- Prepare the guiding questions</li> <li>- Plan the time allocation for each step</li> <li>- Decide how you will capture conclusions (e.g., flipchart, digital notes)</li> </ul> <p>Participant Preparation (optional)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inform them in advance they will reflect on the project journey</li> <li>- Ask them to bring any notes or materials that may help them remember key steps</li> </ul>

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## Step-by-step description



1. In pairs, participants create a storyline, based on the following guiding questions:

- What was the start of our process?
- Which steps are behind us?
- What were important highlights, moments, results?
- What is the situation now?
- What are the next first steps?

Participants can draw, visualize or describe the storyline in a format they prefer.

2. Bring the different storylines together and discuss with the group:

- Is everyone still on board?
- What makes certain steps important milestones?
- Did we forget steps, did we miss them?
- Are we not forgetting anyone in this process?
- Who was and is not involved in this process?
- To what extent do these steps contribute to the desired result?

3. Summarize and make conclusions:

- What do we want to keep? Celebrate successes!
- What do we want to redirect?
- What can we leave out?

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