Training for dimensional metrology in digital manufacturing



Report: Train the Trainer concept





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Introduction

This report describes the concept that has been developed for a Train the Trainer Course. And it describes the implementation in the Train the Trainer Pilot course at the project partner CATIM in Porto/Portugal in March 2023.

The Train the Trainer concept also includes the implementation of an officially offered CMTrain course which lasts several weeks. In the pilot course, therefore, a time-optimised Train the Trainer course was conducted.

The developed concept could be successfully implemented and all nine participants successfully obtained the Certificate.

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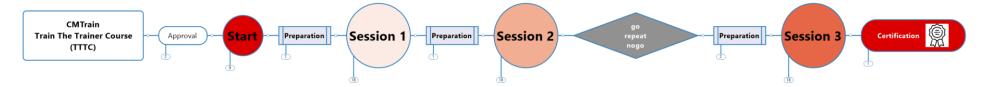
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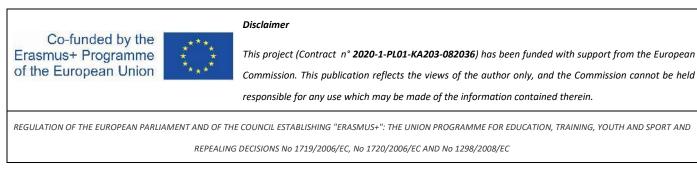


Train the Trainer - Concept

The core of the training concept consists of three sessions. These three sessions differ mainly in the type of participants, the duration and the scope. Furthermore, there is a launch event at the beginning and the certification at the end. The following figure shows the sequence of a Train the Trainer course.



In the following, we will go into more detail about the start event and the three sessions.







Train the Trainer - Start

As admission to the start event, a written **approval examination** and an **intake interview** are conducted. The written exam focuses on technical topics. In the interview, motivation and experiences are clarified and the result of the written exam is discussed.

In the start event the Train the Trainer course schedule is presented in detail to the future CMTrain Tutor and the evaluation criteria for the Train the Trainer certification will be announced. At the point CMTrain Course Box, all available materials are discussed. This includes on the one hand material provided by CMTrain and on the other hand material that has to be organised and provided by the corporate member (the organisation to which the future tutor belongs). The Train the Trainer course structure will be discussed and the respective preparation for the three sessions will be addressed.

Further, the CMTrain **workshop scripts** will be presented and discussed. Finally, access to the CMTrain **learning platform** is shown and how to use it is explained.



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CMTrain Train The Trainer Course (TTTC)

Approval Start

TTT course schedule

Evaluation criteria for TTT certification

CMTrain Course Box

Hardware

Software

Documents

TTT Course structure

CMTrain Course Scripts

Learning plattform (Moodle)

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Train the Trainer - Session 1

The participant gets enough time to prepare for session 1. The idea behind Session 1 is that the participant has to perform excerpts from the different CMTrain Workshops (Start, Intermediate and Final) and the eLearning phase. The CMTrain expert will play the role of the participant. The CMTrain expert behaves like an **«easy» participant**. This means that the CMTrain expert asks simple questions, has a positive attitude and is cooperative.

The participant has to do a self-assessment at the end of session 1 and the expert also does an assessment. The criteria for the two assessments are shown in the figure below.

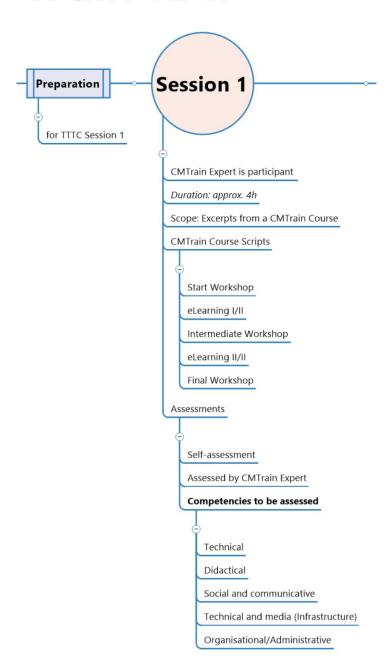


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Train the Trainer - Session 2

Session 2 follows the same pattern as Session 1 with the difference that the CMTrain Expert behaves like an **«difficult» participant**. This means that the CMTrain expert asks difficult questions, has a rather negative attitude and is sometimes uncooperative.





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Train the Trainer - Session 3

After the completion of Session 2 there will be an **«go»**, **«repeat»**, **«nogo» decision**. This means that assessments of both sessions are evaluated and an assessment is made regarding the suitability of the participant as a CMTrain Tutor. This should provide an opportunity for both sides to have an exit point.

After passing this go/nogo check the future CMTrain Tutor will be actively supported by the CMTrain Expert in the preparation of session 3.

In contrast to Session 1 and Session 2, real people will be the participants in Session 3. This means that the Train the Trainer course participant will run an officially offered CMTrain course and the CMTrain expert will accompany, support and evaluate the participant. The CMTrain expert will provide feedback after each course step during the course.



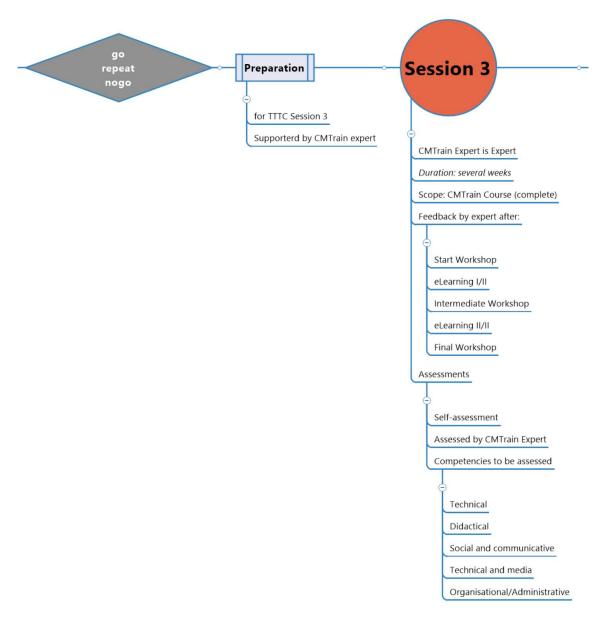
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Pilot course

In the pilot course, exemplary exercises from the different steps of a course were carried out. Someone took on the role of a participant in the Train the Trainer course, which means he acted as a tutor in this pilot course. The other participants from the pilot course took on the role of an easy and difficult participant. The roles were then swapped for a new exercise.



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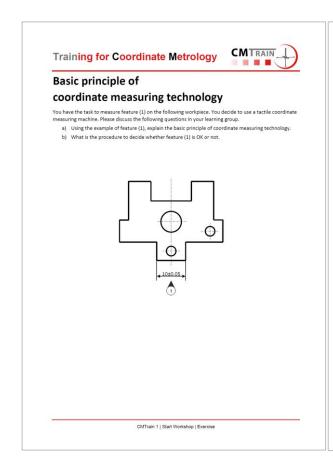
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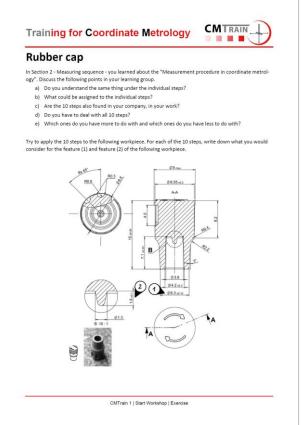
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Start Workshop - Exercise









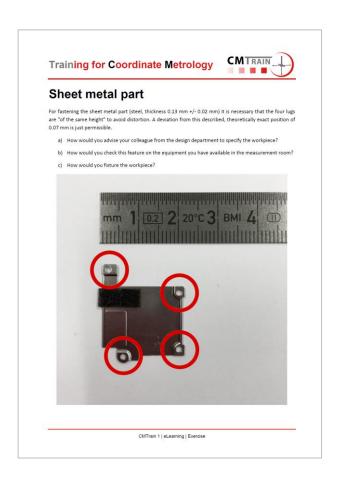
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eLearning phases - Exercise







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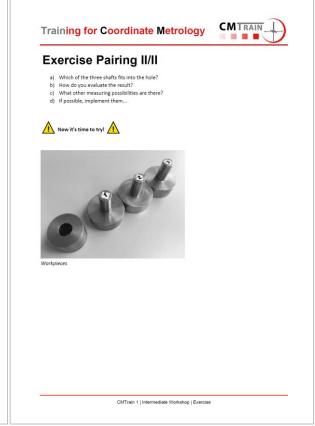
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Intermediate Workshop - Exercise









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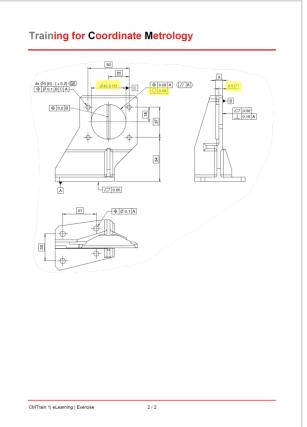
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Final Workshop - Exercise









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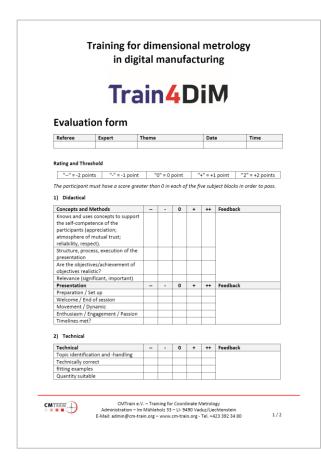
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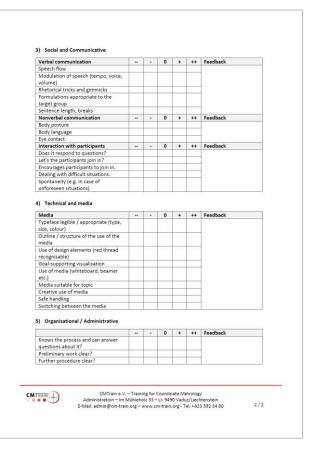




Qualification process

For the qualification process of a tutor, an evaluation form was developed. In order to pass the Train the Trainer training, in addition to passing the written approval examination, the assessment of Session 3 must have a score greater than 0 in each of the five subject blocks of the following evaluation form.









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Certification



After successful completion of the qualification process, the participant receives the certification in the form of the following certificate.





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Recertification

If a CMTrain tutor wants to run a CMTrain course 36 months after successful certification, he should do a recertification beforehand. The recertification process is defined individually. For this purpose, the tutor contacts CMTrain and a plan for the recertification is worked out together.

The basic idea for the recertification process is that the tutor to be certified takes over a part of an ongoing course at another corporate member and will be assessed in the process.





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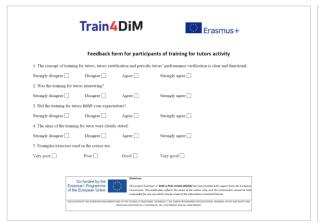
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Feedback form

Feedback from the tutor training participants was obtained using the following form.





Feedback evaluation

A total of five feedback forms from the tutor training participants were received. The evaluation shows a very pleasing result with positive ratings throughout.

Question number	Question	Strongly disagree [1]	Disagree [2]	Agree [3]	Strongly agree [4]	Mean Value	Standarddeviation
1	The concept of training for tutors, tutors certification and periodic tutors' performance verification is clear and functional:			xxxx	x	3.2	0.4
2	Was the training for tutors interesting?				xxxxx	4.0	0.0
3	Did the training for tutors fulfill your expectations?			XXX	XX	3.4	0.5
4	The aims of the training for tutor were clearly stated:			xxxx	х	3.2	0.4
		Very poor [1]	Poor [2]	[8] poog	Very good [4]		
5	Examples/exercises used in the course are:			х	XXXX	3.8	0.4
6	Learning materials (descriptions of problem, descriptions of steps necessary for solving the problem, examples of measuring workpieces, etc.) used during the course are:			xx	xxx	3.6	0.5
		Too short [1]	Optimal [2.5]	Too long [4]			
7	Time allocated for completing training for tutors activity was?	х	xxxx			2.2	0.6
8	Please add below any final comments or suggestions for course improvement:						
	none						
	The proposed case studies are well serving the purpose of reflecting on the learner's experience. The hidden challenges of some						
	measurements (e.g. rubber cap) are stimulating examples because may inspire other ideas for enriching the learning experience.						
	The course is very well planned, it is workshop based (which is good, because it helps to develop necessary practical skills) but the						
	participants also have some time to practice their teoretical skills and to prepare for the workshops. It was also very nice and involving to act						
	as a student, as training participant may anticipate some behaviours of students during the real-life classes.						
	Very varied material, many interesting illustrations and other forms of presenting the problem.						



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