

Leadership and Communication
Module 1, week 1 – Introduction

Task 1 – Exploring Leadership

1)

Please find together in the groups you have been assigned to, and decide on the rules you want to give yourselves for your cooperation. Define how you want to organize the work and until when (within the given deadlines), as well as who will be the facilitator for each task.

2)

You have heard now some of the many existing leadership theories. But leadership is not something only theoretical, we all experience it every day – in our job, in school or also in private life.

2a)

Exchange experiences in your group: where did you experience leadership in your life? Was it a positive or negative experience? Why?

Choose two situations and describe them in detail:

- In which setting did the leadership occur (work, university..)?
- Who led whom?
- What made him/her the leader? Was the leader appointed as official leader, or was he/she the unofficial leader?
- How did you experience the leadership – was it positive or negative?
- What was positive, what was negative?

2b)

Based on your own experience, what would you say are the most important character traits of a leader? How should “the ideal leader” be? Discuss this in your group and name the three traits which you think are most important. Give reasons for your choice.

The final result should be a Word document with max. 2 pages.