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Towards the construction of a liberating and socially inclusive autobiographical narrative: an experiment with “information seeds”

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Insight

« *The overall project of our presentation is to see how experimenting with **a new method of organizing information** resulting from research on the transformation of organizations (Lacombe, 2021) is likely to contribute to this objective of mental and **psychological liberation, and social inclusion.** »*

From **Autobiography** to Meaning...

- **Autobiography:** beyond a re-memory of the highlights of one's past, a search for the meaning of life (G. Gusdorf, 1990)
- **For the prisoner:** a process of recovery of self-esteem, of capacity for reconstruction otherwise called resilience.

...an expected transformation

Resilience : self-expression & self-exposure

B. Cyrulnik (1999, 2009)

- a capacity to adapt following a trauma
- the importance of the writing in this process

S. Tisseron (2021)

- a human affected by a trauma always rebuilds himself differently from what he was before

But if there is self-expression, there is also **self-exposure**,

- a potential danger for **prisoners**

Storytelling: advantages

- to move from a linear narrative dimension to the manufacture of more open sets, with a desire for construction and communication to third parties

Many advantages likes

- still a cathartic and emotional dimension with less personal self exposure
- a step towards the other to capture their interest

Proposal: autobiographical scheme (multifaceted storytelling)

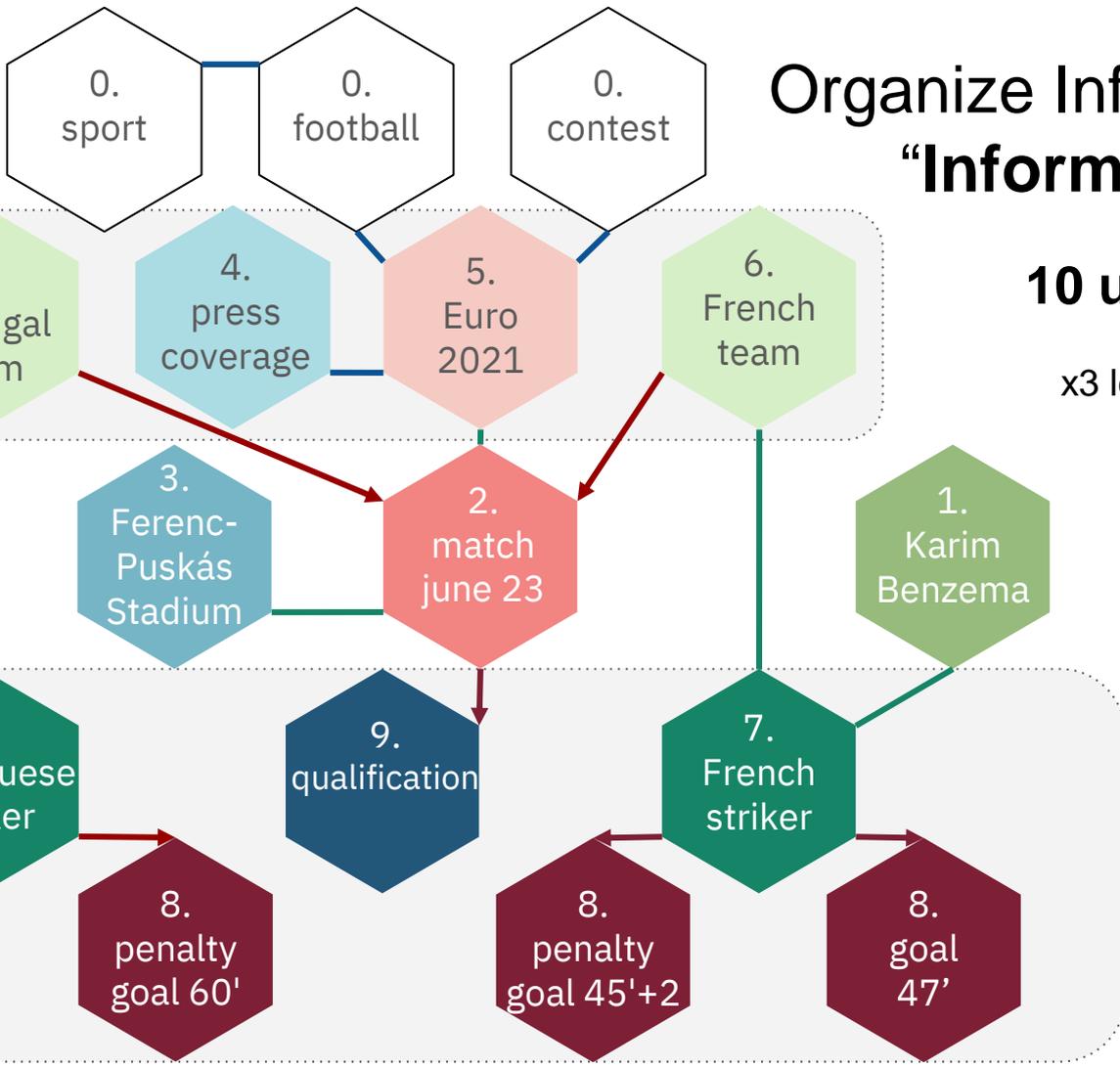
A **graph** constructed by:

- **connecting units of meaning**,
- keeping the important information for the user,
- in the image of the memorization process at work in the brain,
- with multiple entry point and pathways,
- **weaving a meaning canvas**

A **sense-making** process:

- 3 dimensions of french word “**sens**” (Cassar, 2015):
 - **sensibility**, to signals and signs
 - **intelligibility**, by connection and integration
 - **direction**, as a result

Example

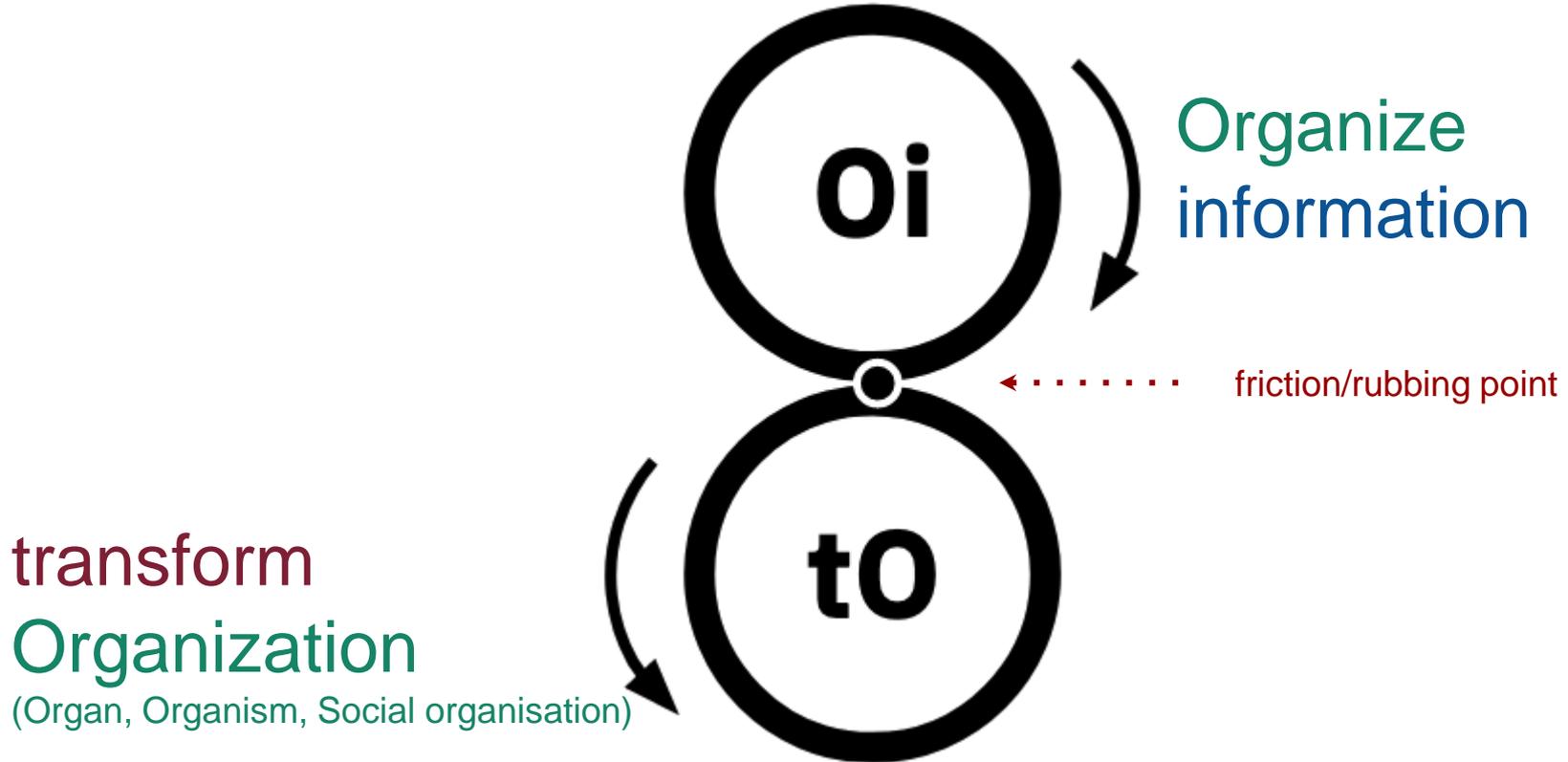


Organize Information with “Information Seeds”

10 units of meaning
who_does_what,
x3 levels (holonic approach)
+ concept
&
3 relationship types

*a shared
point of view*

Principe: “the **OitO** loop”



Potential gains from this “new way of thinking”

1. identifying shortcomings (missing seeds) to help rebuild identity,
2. linking the narrative to actionable potentials upon release from prison by linking identified skills (roles) with compatible demands,
3. creating social ties by sharing common happy experiences or expectations,
4. analysing identity construction in relation to Erikson's stage of psycho-social development (1998),
5. formalising the understanding of factors negatively influencing life courses to refine the orientation of preventive actions.

Of course, these points deserve further development with those in charge of prison education.

A Research Work, which still needs to be tested in prison...



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