**E-portfolio Robotics**

**Onboarding week 1:**

My name is Jules Buvens and I am 20 years old. I live in Beringen, which is in Belgium. I study finance & insurance in Diepenbeek at UCLL. After my studies, I might want to continue studying but I'm not sure yet. In my spare time I do a lot of sports, I often go jogging and in summer I cycle a lot. My interests are very much in football and cars but also in stocks and crypto. My favorite car brand is BMW and my favorite football club is KRC Genk, which is a Belgian club. In my spare time, I also like to party with my friends.



I have also a cat, her name is Billie. She looks very sweet but sometimes she can also be naughty.



My strengths are mainly that I am flexible and reliable but also organized and entrepreneurial.

I signed up for an I living lab because it seems very interesting for me to collaborate with people I don't know and from other countries on a topic I don't have much knowledge about.

What motivates me hard is that I have to work on a totally different topic from my field of study. And this is only going to expand my knowledge. After all, I know almost nothing about this subject yet either.

**Onboarding week 2:**

The kick-off was interesting because I didn't know much about the living lab before and this give me more clarity. I also liked that we could get to know our little group. We got to know each other already and this was very cool.

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The self-elevation about my future skills went well, but it was difficult at times. I found this very informative because it helps you get to know yourself a bit more.

I chose communication because I want to speak better English but also listen to people better. I also chose design thinking because I am not creative at all and I want to get stronger at this and you do need to be a bit creative to succeed in this ILL. The last skill I chose is self determination. A third skill was difficult to choose but I chose this one because I want to tell the group more about my own choices.

My current level for communication is not bad but my English is very basic and I want to feel more comfortable speaking another language. I can't think design very well at the moment so I want to become more creative and really help come up with ideas. The last skill was self determination, I can make my own choices at the moment but not enough yet I want to be able to do this perfectly and always tell my ideas to the group.

I have already started looking for info on robotics and there are a lot of possibilities but first we need to start thinking what our target audience is. This could be blind people but also deaf people as well as people with autism.

I will mainly focus on good and fun cooperation in my group.

**Week 1:**

*How was the 2. Onboarding Week for me? How did we as a Team begin?*

The onboarding weeks are behind us and I found them very interesting. We got to know each other better using fun basic questions like what did you eat this morning or what 3 things would you take with you to an island. So we got to know each other better in a fun way. In the beginning, I found it a bit difficult to get used to speaking English all the time but once you get started, it goes more smoothly. I think we have a very nice group and everyone dares to talk and that's good. I am definitely looking forward to the next few weeks and I am curious about our final result. we first got to know each other and now we start thinking about what target group we want to come up with something for.

*Who is my new reflection partner?*

My reflection partners are Zack and Geovanna. I will observe Zack and Geovanna will observe me.

*Which skills, knowledge, strengths will help me with the DT Process?*

I am someone who always completes his tasks on time and also tries to do it the best he can. I also really like helping people so if someone is in trouble with something I am always happy to help. I don't have that much knowledge about robotics for disabled people but I do like looking things up on the internet for example. That's the most important thing I think, I like to help people so also people who are disabled for example and can't do something very well anymore. I’m going to do everything I can to help that person so I would also like to come up with something nice for this ILL.

*What did I learn?*

I learned this week what it's like to work in a group with people you don't know. It is super important to have respect for each other and to listen to each other. Group work goes much better when everyone feels at ease because then everyone dares to share their ideas.

*What surprised me?*

I thought beforehand that we were being taught and that it was all super serious and a bit boring. None of this is. Our teacher says it himself "I'm not here as a teacher but as a coach". This did reassure me because you are already in class all day during the day and then again in the evening but this is totally different.

*My sparkling moment*

While coming up with rules in our group, I made a little joke and many had to laugh and that was a nice moment though.

*What have I found out in my desktop research?*

I have been looking for possible target groups that we can think of something for. There are many possibilities for blind people but also for deaf people or people with autism.

*What will I focus on next week?*

Next week I am going to focus on communication and especially listening. Next week we are going to think about what our target audience is few people will have different ideas so that is why it is important that we listen to each other respectfully so we can choose the best idea.