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# Non-formal – everything out of normal

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## Meet CERT.LV

- Latvian national and governmental CERT for 2 million inhabitants
- One team, small administrative body
- 30+ team members
- Mostly IT experts, plus PR and communication experts
- Average age 35 years
- We already have once a year sports games and team meetings once a month

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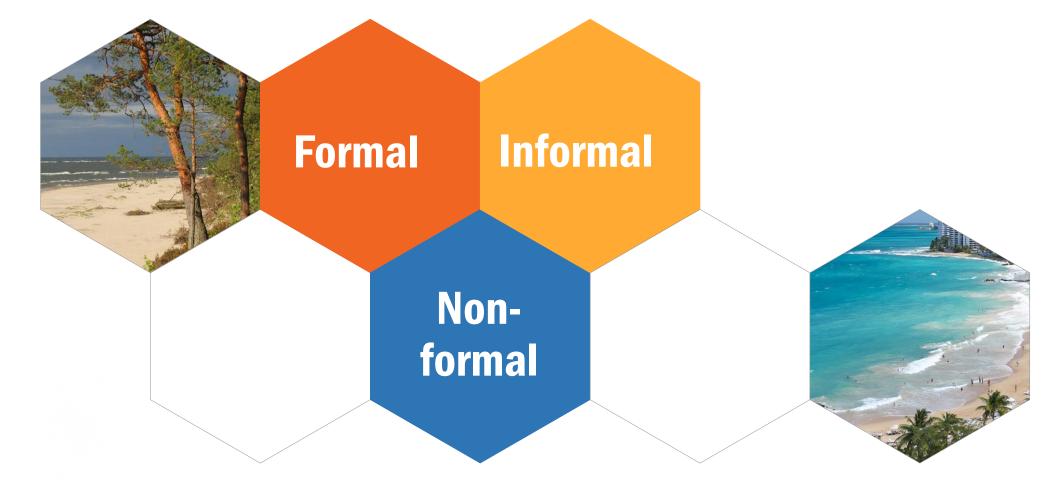
- New members in team
- Unclear roles
- Sluggish talks (mostly about malware, code execution)
- Use of a digital communication prevails (emails, chat, jira, wiki, etc.)
- Broad specialization required

### Goal is to improve skills



- Learning by doing outside the comfort zone
- Creates new ways to communicate with each other
- Team learns from interaction
- The goal is better team performance

## What approach to choose?



## What can team learn non-formal?

- Communication
- Team roles
- Weak and strong sides of team
- Feedback skills

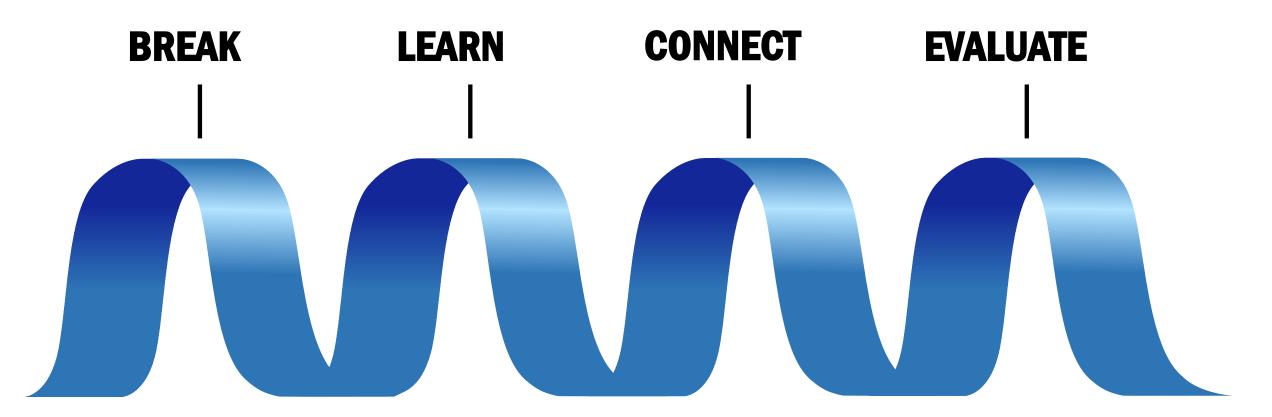
# CERT.LV team building experien

## Half a day on skies and ropes

- Getting to know each other with help of drawing
- 30 people divided in 3 sub-teams
- Skiing in forest to find a secret code
- Exercise on ropes for trust building
- Moving boxes to test communication
- Give feedback
- Raise motivation



## Design of team training



### **Benefits from team building**

- Getting to now each other
- Place to talk about "life"
- Everyone had to communicate to complete the task
- Support and approval from the team
- Great outdoor experience
- Confidence that we have a cool team

# We had team building. It worked.

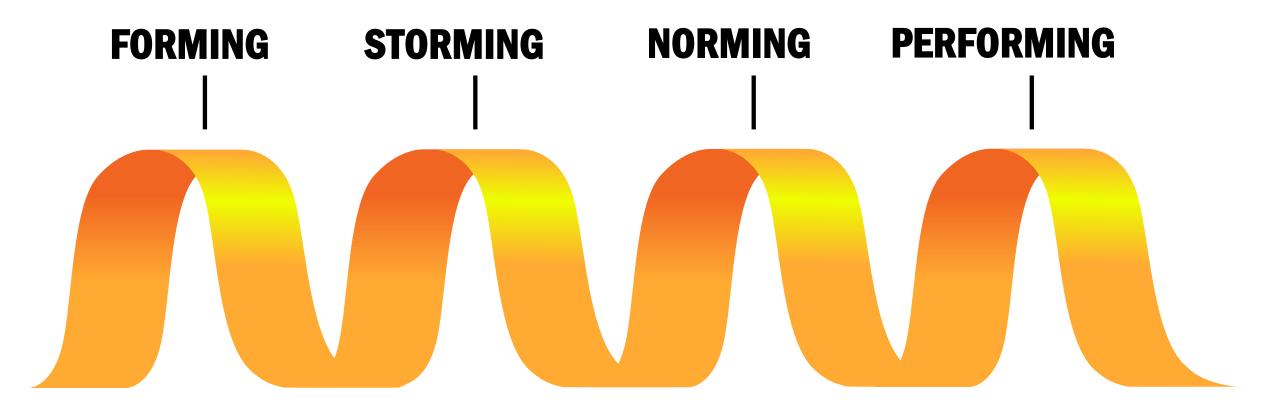


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## **Group dynamics**





- Communication is skill. You have to learn it.
- Communication is about connection
- People follow people teams follow their leaders
- Every team is as strong as its weakest link

## «Learning is the process whereby knowledge is created through the transformation of experience»

David A. Kolb



## Thank you!

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