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Research results “Taking stock of realized TCAs 2014 - 2018”

Conclusions
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Highlights

- ▶ Most agencies agree that TCAs bring **added value** and **increase quality** in the overall programme implementation.
- ▶ Most agencies agree that TCAs at least partially contribute to increasing the **impact of the Programme at systemic level**.
- ▶ 228 TCA events were realised with almost **12,000 participants** taking part in the various activities.

Critical points

Budget and staff:

- ▶ Most agencies spend less than 1% of the 5% of the KA2 budget available
- ▶ Working on TCAs is often fragmented both in terms of time and personnel

NA participation:

- ▶ All agencies are involved to some extent in TCAs
- ▶ The engagement in offering hosting activities is not well balanced among the countries

Main obstacles:

- ▶ Evaluation of achieved outcomes and follow ups
- ▶ Realization of TCA events
- ▶ Administration in EplusLink and defining the budget

Objectives of TCAs:

- ▶ increase the quality of the programme implementation
- ▶ increase the impact of the programme at systemic level



Towards a more strategic approach

- ▶ Strengthen activities such as **study visits** and **peer learning activities**
- ▶ Support from the SALTO E&T to further raise the **quality** and **impact** of TCAs
- ▶ Cooperation with existing European networks and platforms such as the **School education gateway** and **EPALE**
- ▶ Rethink **working methods** of the TCA officers network (long term planning)



Strengthen human resources

- ▶ The **position of TCA-officers** should be strengthened
- ▶ Provide the necessary **human resources**
- ▶ **Staff development** is important to increase the impact and quality of the programme.
- ▶ **Trainings** for NA staff involved in TCA including online trainings (SALTO E&T)
- ▶ TCAs are also important **learning occasions** for NA staff - the participation in TCA-events should be encouraged

Reduce the administrative burden

- ▶ **Funding rules for TCAs should be simplified** and streamlined with other programme actions
- ▶ **Transparent regulations and adequate tools** for the administration

Last but not least:

- ▶ TCAs should remain a **flexible instrument** that allow NAs to react on educational or programme developments and beneficiaries needs



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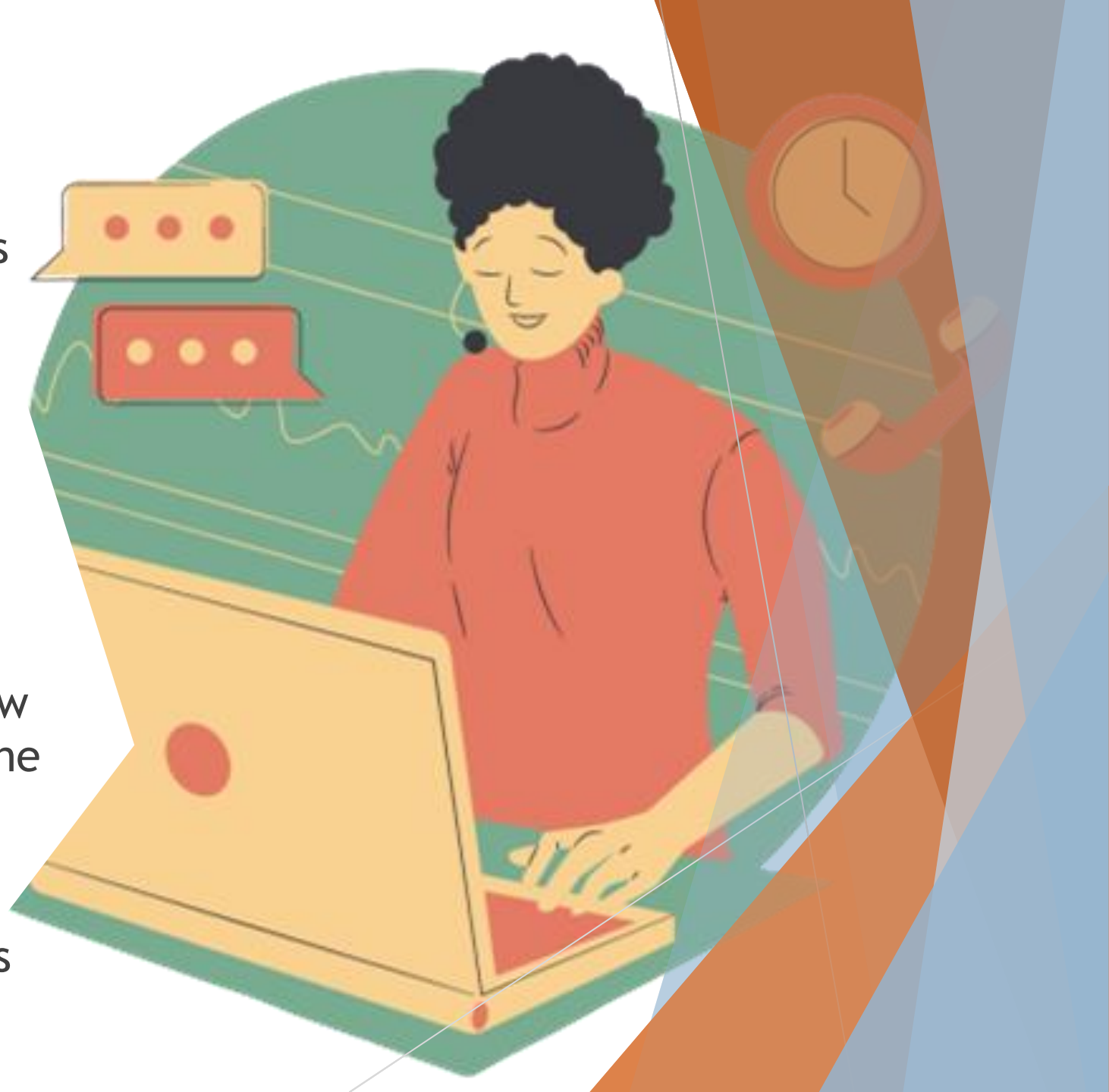
By Sara Southam

Initial actions

- ▶ Organised exceptional WG meetings every 2 weeks
- ▶ Shared knowledge across NA's, TCA Youth sector, SALTO E&T and Commission
- ▶ Raised responses and clarifications to Commission
- ▶ Supported SALTO E&T with information and support for TCA officers

Meeting discussions

- ▶ NA realities, challenges, concerns and options of situation
- ▶ Extension to calendar for use of funds and planning TCAs for 2021/2022
- ▶ Virtual TCA's, online tools and how TCAs can be implemented in online or blended ways
- ▶ Impact and needs for TCA officers meeting

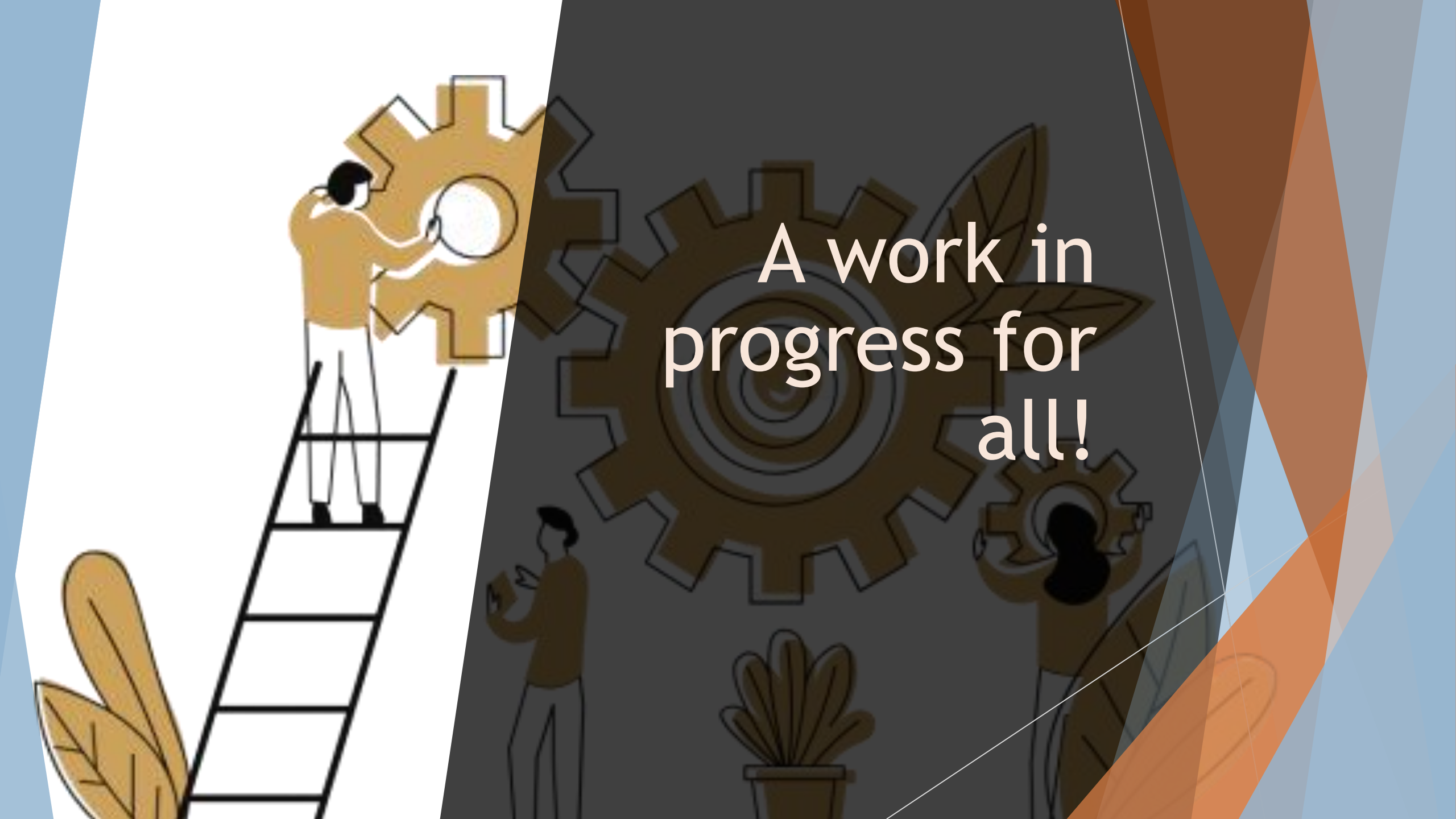


Follow up and support for E&T officers

- ▶ Raised responses and clarifications to Commission through SALTO E&T
- ▶ Collaborated on needs and amendment to the TCA officers meeting
- ▶ Input in to upcoming course on conversion of f2f TCA
- ▶ Evaluated online tools, platforms and resources, sharing experience and needs

Current situation

- ▶ Postponement, cancellation or alternative delivery of many TCA activities
- ▶ Extension to eligibility period for TCA and NET activities under the 2019 and 2020 Delegation Agreement of 6 months
- ▶ NA's to decide on delivery of remaining TCA's from work plans based on resources and feasibility
- ▶ Efforts to avoid overlap of activities planned under 2019 and 2020 work plans

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WG thoughts & reflections



- ▶ Virtual event management is a good option but has its limits, especially in terms of structure, contact seminars and inclusion
- ▶ Dilemma regarding future planning but encourage exploration of dissemination and research activities and outputs
- ▶ TCA remains the most flexible tool for each NA to support post-covid19 recovery and re-engagement of beneficiaries, leading by example and keeping the European spirit



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you!