

Workbook **Leadership**



Preface

This book contains a wealth of ideas, suggestions, models and practical tips which we have collected, developed and tested for relevance to day-to-day practice.

Change and the progressive development of an organization are integral elements of everyday business. Many organizations are actually faced with profound upheavals brought about by dramatic changes affecting their markets, customers and operating conditions. Some industries are likely to be confronted with successive radical changes in the future, which mean that organizations will be compelled to develop an even greater capacity for change (or transformation, as we call it).

In our view, the ways in which people in organizations cooperate and manage themselves as well as the manner in which they are organized and led are key factors when it comes to the efficiency of an organization and its ability to learn, adapt and create value.

We call this the "operating system for management and cooperation" or the "human interaction operating system, HIOS." Much like computers, business organizations consist of hardware, including equipment systems, buildings and means of production. The complex consisting of management, social interaction, the processes through which hardware components interact and interfaces with customers is very similar to an operating system. If the operating system fits well with the hardware, and if it doesn't waste resources with unnecessary background applications, users – and thus customers – benefit from positive experiences, and system performance is optimal.

Coverdale focuses on the goals of renewing and developing our clients' "operating systems for management and cooperation." That is why this booklet begins with a brief introduction to the concept. Following an overview of the Coverdale learning method, the workbook addresses two subject areas: the topic of your Coverdale seminar, on the one hand, and the basic principles of cooperation and communication, on the other. The workbook then closes with a series of worksheets as well as further information about Coverdale and our portfolio of services.

We cordially invite you to read through this booklet, immerse yourself in the sections that are important to you and make marginal notes. Use it as a reminder of the topics covered in your Coverdale seminar and a means of refreshing your knowledge and experience. Clarify, question and reflect upon relevant decision-making processes and behavior patterns with the aid of the worksheets.

We wish you the best of success.

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