

# Workbook **Leadership**



### **Preface**

Today more than ever before, we are confronted in our day-to-day work with the need to cooperate, to transcend departmental limits, to bring together specialists, to work together across multiple locations and even virtually. Due to the accelerating pace of change, teams must be formed and get up to speed ever more rapidly. More than ever, the ability to successfully structure cooperative endeavors is becoming a decisive competitive factor. Improving cooperation increases productivity and enhances personal well-being. And in the long term, the one is not possible without the other. Because people can only realize their potential when they cooperate effectively.

In this book, you will find numerous ideas, suggestions, models and concrete practical hints on the art of leadership and cooperation. In its years of consulting and training practice, Coverdale has amassed and developed a wealth of material on these issues and verified their practical usefulness. We would now like to pass this material on to you.

In selecting our topics, we have followed two fundamental principles: For one thing, we wanted to convey the basics and tools for **methodological skills** that today's managers need to effectively and practically lead others and to create the basis for excellence in cooperation. These include such topics as proceeding systematically, project management, clarifying aims, employee discussions and more.

But we also wanted to convey the values, attitudes and behaviors that we believe make up a well-rounded leadership personality. To this end, this book also contains chapters on change management, coaching and feedback, and self-organization.

At the beginning of the workbook, we have provided an explanation of the Coverdale learning method, and at the end you will find a series of worksheets as well as more information about Coverdale and the Coverdale services portfolio.

#### We invite you ...

- ... to browse through this book,
- ... to look up things you feel are important,
- ... to immerse yourself in the material and make notes in the margins.

We also hope that you will use it to remind yourself of your Coverdale seminar and to refresh the knowledge and experience you gained in the seminar exercises.

In order to make it easier for you to read the text we have decided to use the pronoun "he" instead of "he/she".

Your Coverdale team

Your specialists for leadership and cooperation



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