IP BEST PRACTICES

Six Hats

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Enables teams to make better decisions using Edward de Bono's Six Thinking Hats, a simple method for parallel thinking that reduces conflict and broadens perspectives.

Key steps

White – Facts: focus on information and what is known. Red – Feelings: surface intuitions and emotional reactions. Black – Caution: explore risks and what could go wrong. Yellow – Optimism: highlight benefits and opportunities. Green – Creativity: generate ideas and alternatives. Blue – Process: structure the thinking flow and define next steps.

Guide the team through each hat one at a time, ensuring everyone uses the same perspective in parallel. Capture insights per hat, then use the Blue Hat to synthesize the thinking and agree on a clear decision or action plan.

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