



Loviisa & Loviisa Camping Project Brief

Krea Spring School 2022 – Inspirational Storytelling
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Images: Town of Loviisa

Project Background

- According to our <u>Learn to Change online co-creation</u>
 workshop between European university students and
 teachers and tourism industry players, there is a need to
 support small local businesses and tackle regional
 inequality in tourism.
- Loviisa is an idyllic historical town 89 kilometres from Helsinki, welcoming international tourists interested in close-to-nature experiences, sustainable local services, and small town tranquility
- Project challenge: ow to attract responsible tourists to venture beyond Helsinki and book a stay in Loviisa

Find out more about Loviisa: Visit Loviisa 2020





Target Audience

- **Gen Zs or Millennials** (of 18-40 years) travelling in Helsinki, open to the idea of venturing out to the countryside to enjoy an authentic Finnish small town experience and making use of local sustainable services in Loviisa.
- According to a <u>BBA Thesis survey by Ute Kehrs (2021)</u>
 (p. 43), potential clients of **Loviisa Camping** (n=121)
 found the following issues important or very important when choosing accommodation:

Recycling possibilities are available (67%)

Reduction of waste is an objective of the accommodation (65%)

Local products are used and offered (77%)

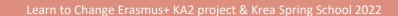
Indoor areas are non-smoking (77%)

Green activities are offered on site (72%)









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Krea Spring School 2022: Mission and Stakeholders



Our mission is to innovate collaborative digital storytelling for sustainable change in the European tourism and services sector. We work in multicultural teams of 5-6 students. Our clients are the town of Loviisa and Loviisa Camping.

Students

- Get to know each other and build team spirit
- Do background research and gain audience insight
- Plan and produce digital storytelling for sustainable change
- Share and engage with the stories created

Teachers

- Provide coaching for team building
- Provide coaching for background research
- Provide coaching for digital storytelling
- Help organize stakeholder collaboration

Clients

- Provide information on the Town of Loviisa and Loviisa Camping
- Host a one-day experiential field trip in Loviisa
- Provide feedback on the digital storytelling projects

Industry partners

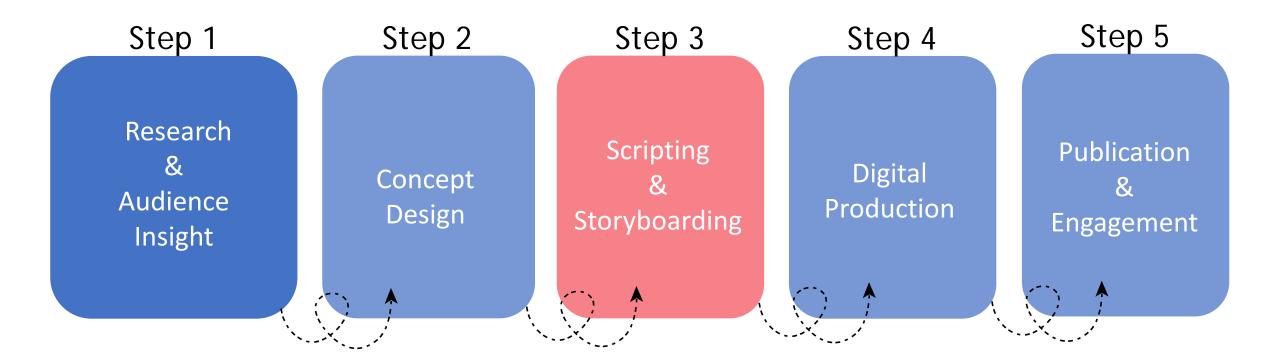
- Share insights into sustainable and responsible tourism
- Provide feedback and inspiration
- Help disseminate results and share stories in relevant stakeholder networks





Digital Storytelling Process





Project Aim



The aim is to plan and produce digital storytelling that inspires responsible tourists to:

1. venture out of Helsinki \rightarrow **2**. explore the charms of the small coastal town of Loviisa \rightarrow **3**. enjoy Loviisa's sustainable and close-to-nature services \rightarrow 4. share content about their Loviisa experience on digital channels.

1. Attention

- Your digital story needs to have an attentiongrabbing beginning
- How to attract your target audience's attention in a crowded and competitive media environment?

2. Interest

- You digital story needs to be able to arouse your audience's interest in **Loviisa** as a destination
- How to convince your target audience to keep following your story?

3. Desire

- Your digital story needs to persuade your audience to try out local sustainable services
- How to share desirable and inspirational customer experiences?

4. Action

- Your digital story needs to invite digital interaction among audiences & stakeholders
- How to engage relevant audiences in digital storytelling?





Creative Process Steps



- Getting to know your teammates and setting team goals
- 2) Researching the topic and gaining insight into target audience experiences
- 3) Generating and sharing ideas with students, teachers, the client, and industry partners
- Ranking ideas and defining the concept for your story
- Scripting your story for a selected digital channel

- 6) Producing, editing, and publishing your story
- 7) Audience-focused pitch presentation *sell* your story and invite engagement and interaction







Digital Storytelling Assessment Criteria (Grade 5)

- 1) High quality audience insight
- 2) Captivating main character(s) fleshing out sustainable experiences
- Inspirational storyline fostering awareness, interest, and sustainable behavior
- 4) Relatable and inviting pitch presentation
- 5) Successful multicultural team collaboration

