



SECOND TREE

10 years working in refugee camps
10 years trying to think
(and getting it wrong)

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HOW ALL STARTED

Early 2016: Katsikas camp – a disorganized, improvised refugee camp. Chaos and mistrust.

However, Second Tree's founders gained the **respect of the community**.

How?

- Experimental **participatory methods**
- Clear and very **strict rules**

The opposite of “friendly, not friends”

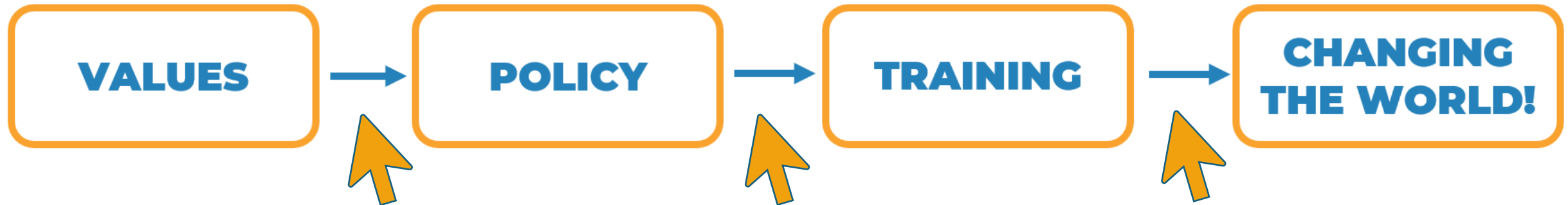


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DEVELOPING OUR METHODOLOGY

Second Tree's work on the ground led to structuring our **trust-gaining** community engagement **methodology**.



Nothing missing, right?

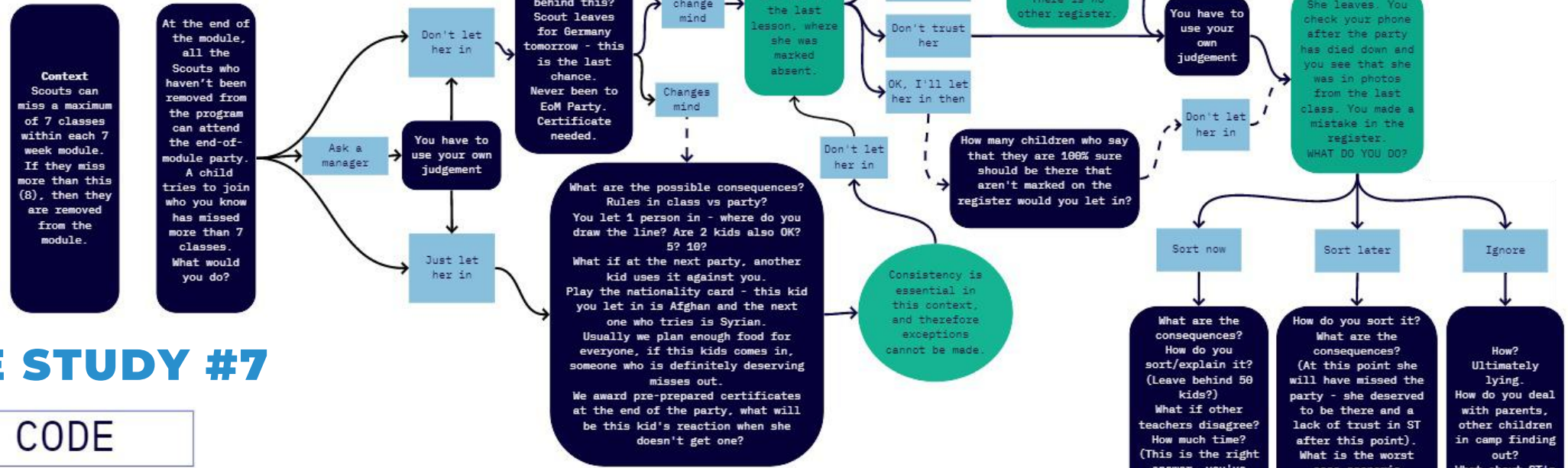
YOUR BRAINS



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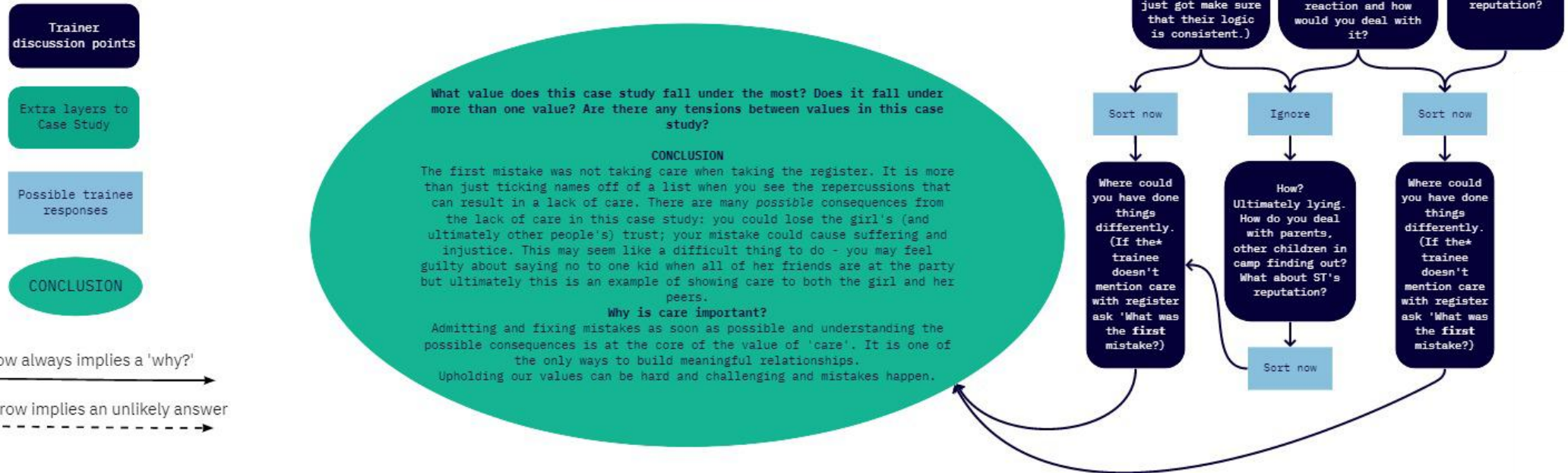
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The Training



CASE STUDY #7

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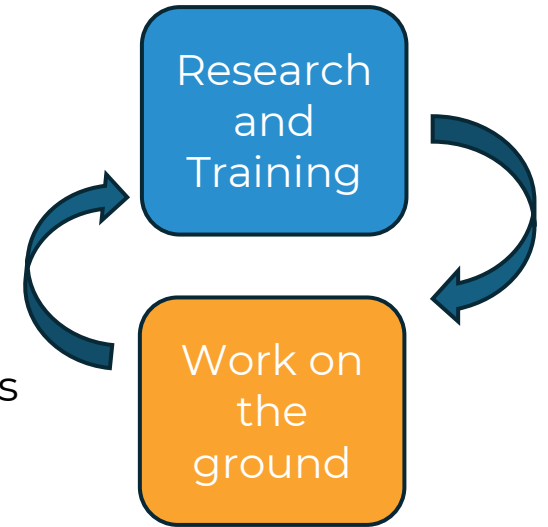
METHODOLOGY RECAP

Our methodology is based on learnings from our community

- ❖ Anti-victim approach to participation
- ❖ Agency focused
- ❖ Fosters trust and unites divided communities

It has been implemented in 5 AMIF projects, and informs:

- ❖ Training for institutions, local authorities, front-line practitioners, and newcomers
- ❖ Newcomer-led transnational research
- ❖ Community engagement and integration programmes



COLLABORATION OFFER

Cluster 2 topics of interest:

- ❖ Culture and Peace
- ❖ Migration and Climate
- ❖ Community Cohesion
- ❖ Community Engagement

What else we can offer

- ❖ A community of more than 1000 refugees spread across Europe that we've built trust with
- ❖ A network of organisation and local authorities in 14 EU countries
- ❖ Link to trained CSOs at the European Borders (Balkans, Ukraine, Iraq, Armenia, etc)
- ❖ Being a pain in the assessment



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CONTACT US!

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Read more about our methodology

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