

## **Guidelines to EU Ecolabel**











# **Design Sprint: Design your Business Avatar for EU Ecolabel**

How is an ideal company structured which sells 'EU Ecolabel' certified furniture?



# Why are we doing this?

To get an idea about how your company's structure and business model might look like, when you start with the intention of getting 'EU Ecolabel' certification for your furniture.

Use the 'Avatar Business' as a means to test this.

What happens when you plan for the certification from the Design phase?



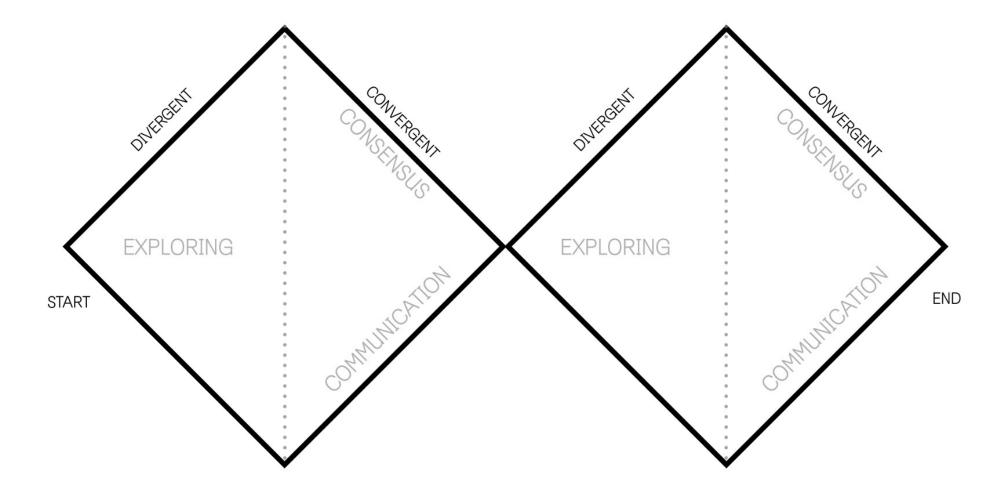
## Agenda

- Introduction to Double Diamond framework
- Circularity Diagram: Case of today
- 'Discover' phase
- 'Define' phase
- 'Develop' phase
- 'Deliver' phase
- 5 minutes pitch of your Avatar business





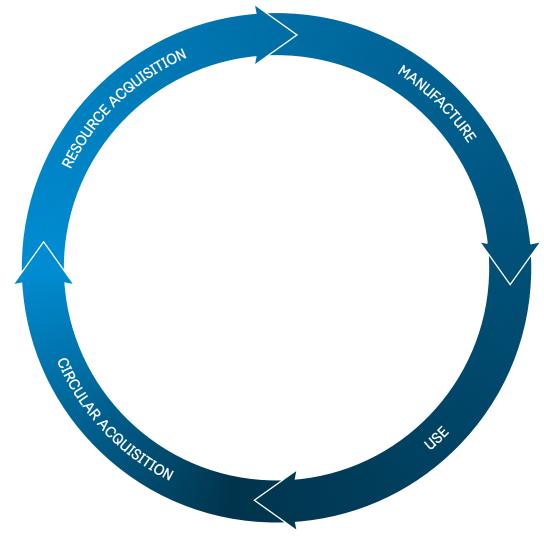
# The Double **Diamond**





# **Circularity Diagram**

- You have to structure the business model around your selected furniture
- We suggest you add a photograph of your design in the middle of the circularity diagram



Inspired from Circularity diagram by Katrine Hesseldahl, PhD

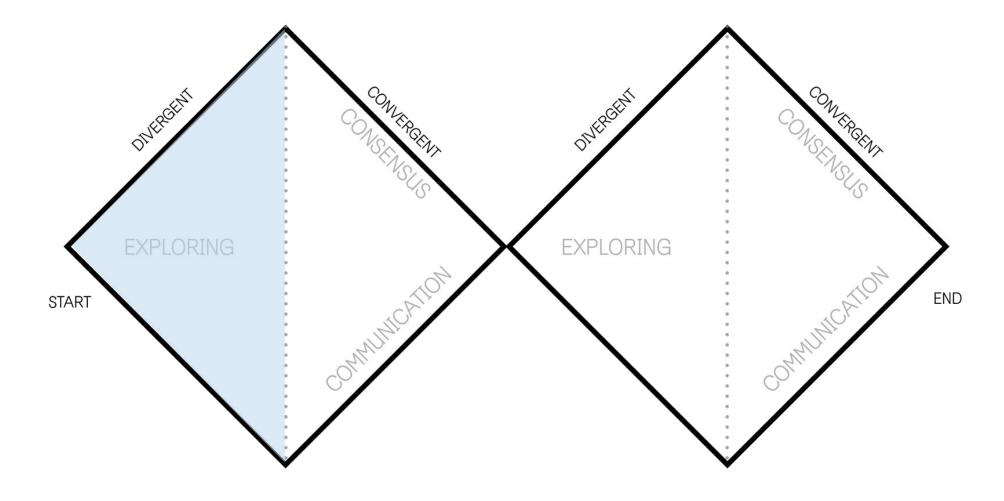




# **DISCOVER**



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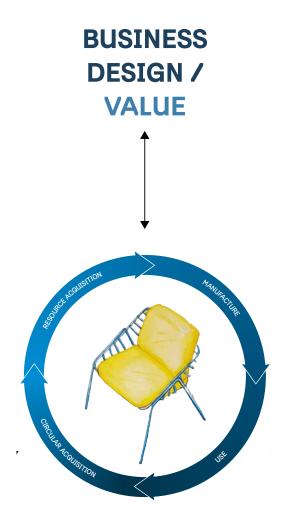






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- Ownership (Private management, board, shareholders, worker-owned, consumer-owned etc.)
- Underpinning values (profit, social, environmental etc.)
- Production/consumption patterns (local/global markets)

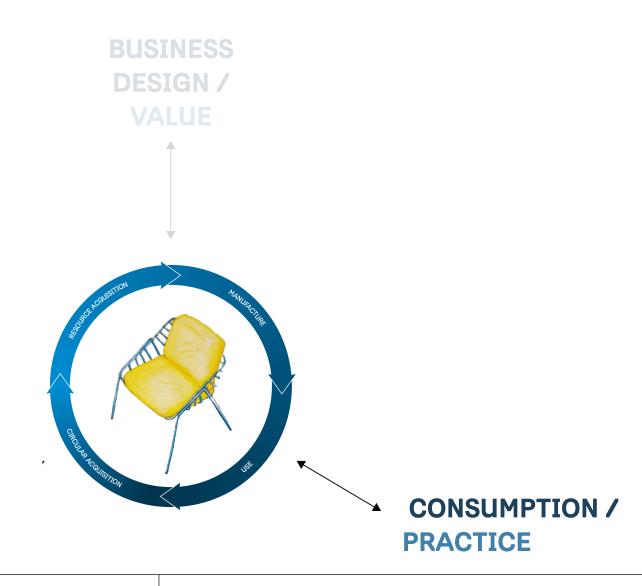






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- Demography (gender, age, location, profession)
- Social relations
- Taste/Culture
- Use and practice
- Purpose

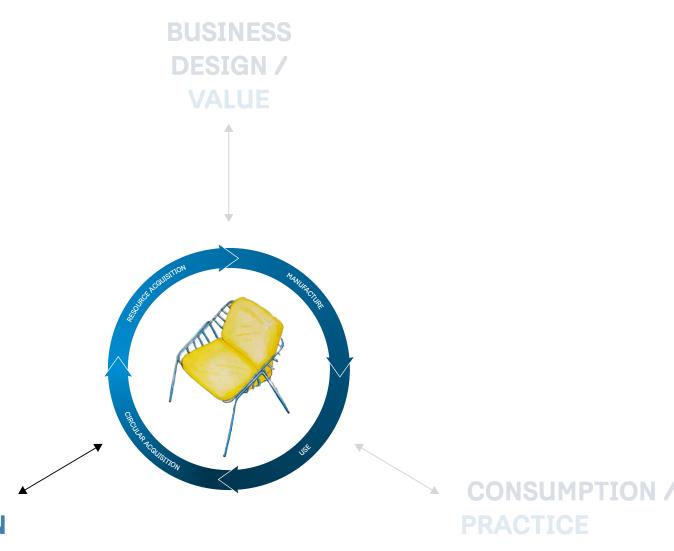






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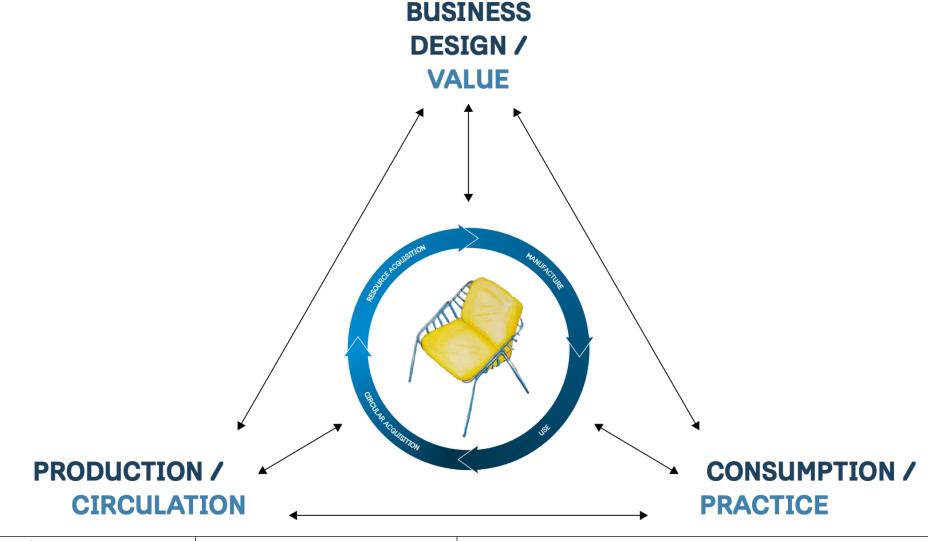
- **Materials**
- Technology
- Manufacturing systems
- Communication
- Product positioning
- Distribution channels
- Services



PRODUCTION / **CIRCULATION** 



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### **Business models**

#### 1. The Classic Long Life Model

- High quality product
- Long lifespan
- Sales as classic source of income
- Reputation, 'Good value for money. It's not cheap but it never fails'

#### 2. The Leasing/Renting Model

- Ownership remains with the access provider
- Making money by providing access to a product
- Product as a service

or

There is a time limit.

#### 3. The Upgrade Model

or

- Profits from repeat sales of upgrades
- Relatively cheap products
- Relatively shorter lifespan
- Only function together with a dedicated high-quality durable product.

Then decide, if your business is **B2C** or **B2B**?

from 'Products that last' by Conny Bakker et al.





## What to do in DISCOVER

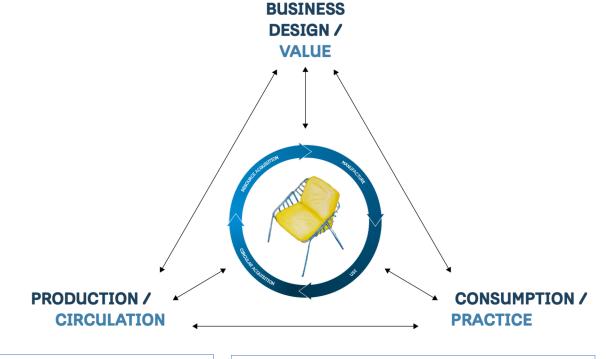
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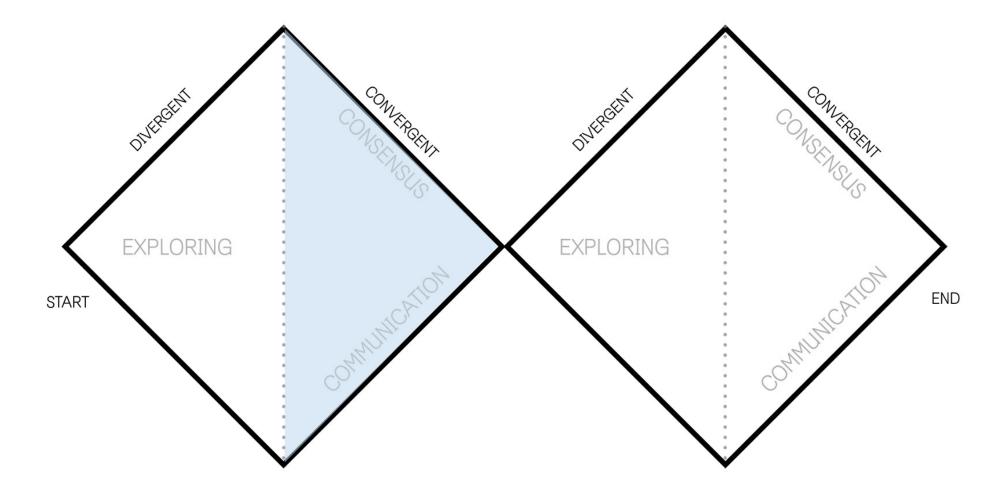
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# **DEFINE**



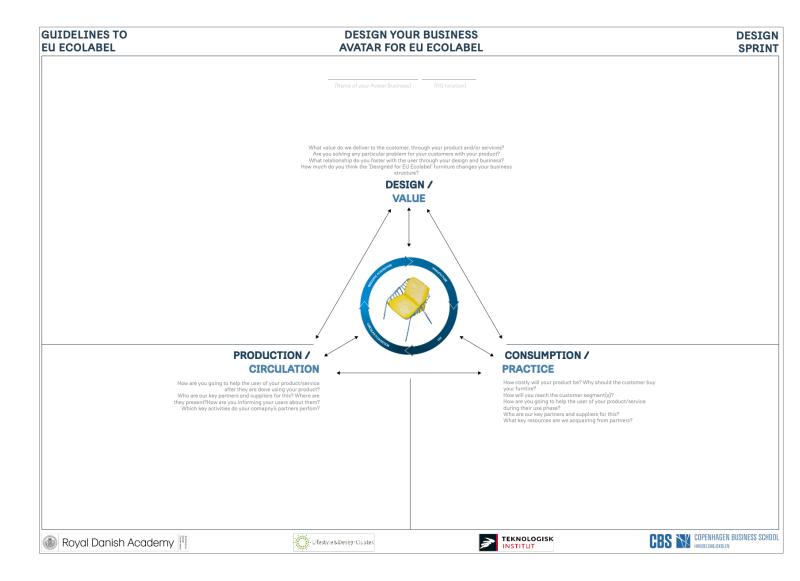
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- Answer the defined questions on the template. The ones you can and the ones that make sense for your 'Avatar Business'
- Define the essential elements from the 'Business' Design framework' that make you close the loops/circular?
- Describe the WHY behind the chosen elements.

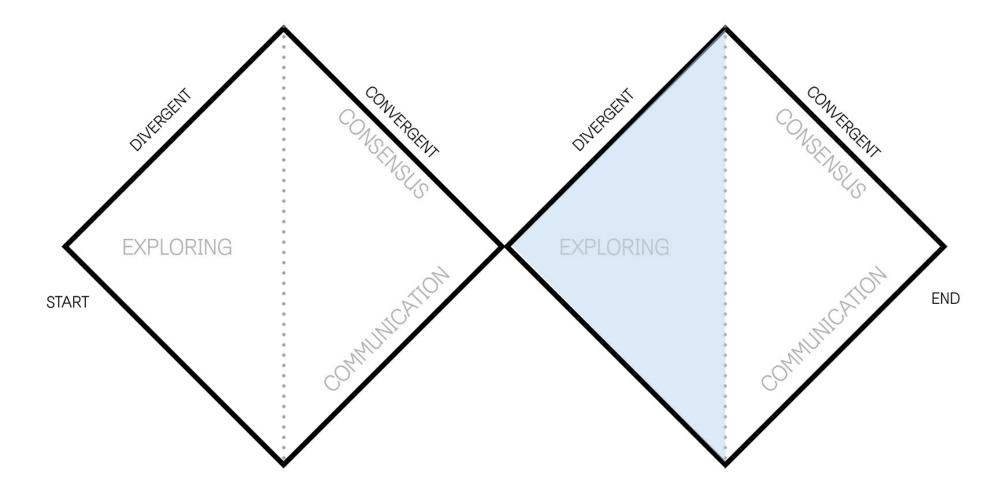




# **DEVELOP**



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## What to do in DEVELOP







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- Map it out how would your avatar business structure and life cycle look like on a map?
- Follow the color code:

Blue: Headquarters

Yellow: Production facilities

Orange: User location

Green: Circular Acquisition hub (shop, collection center etc.)

Purple: Other facilities?

#### Reflective questions:

- Would it change something in the way your Avatar business is structured?
- Feel free to go back and change something in your business model

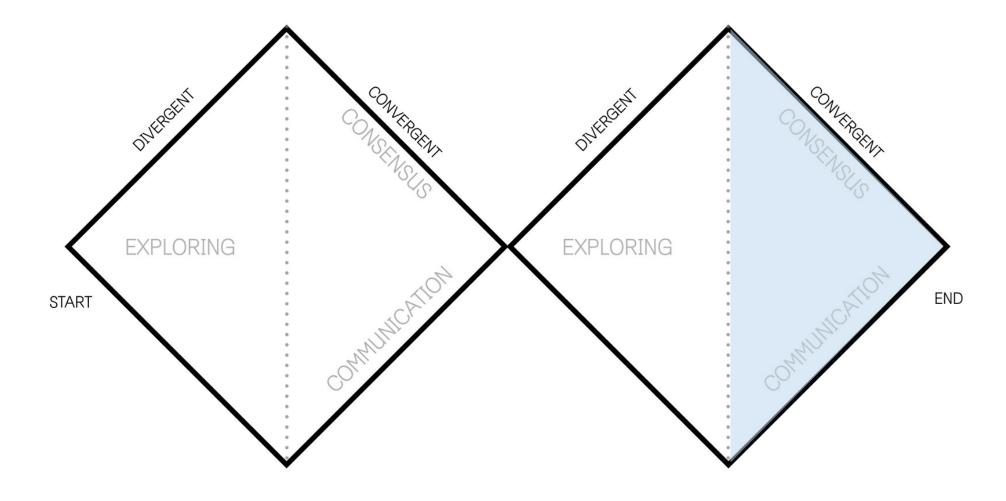




# **DELIVER**



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### What to do in DELIVER

- Consolidate
- Prepare a 5 minutes pitch
- Present your Avatar Business using the models you've been working with
- Reflective question:
   If you were to change some of the materials of the chair, what modifications would be necessary in the Ecolabel Spec sheet and in the Avatar Business?

Thank you!