





# An innovative approach to help executives in career transition





#### **AVARAP ASSOCIATION FACT SHEET**

- A French non-profit organisation
- 30 years experience in collective coaching
- Groups run by volunteers, holding (having held) senior management positions
- 450-500 participants per year in France
- 85% of participants are fully satisfied
- Partnership with Alumni associations of top European business schools such as ESCP-Europe & HEC





### **AVARAP - ESCP Europe Alumni partnership**

- 10-year partnership between AVARAP and ESCP Europe Alumni Association
- Over 700 participants (52 groups) for France and the UK

	Year started	N° of groups	N° of participants
France	2005	47	
UK	2010	5	
Italy	Expected 2016		





# The AVARAP Association mission statement

Maintaining independence from any business, religious or political sphere, the method aims at:

- Helping executives imagine and build a new meaningful professional future.
- Matching participants personal values, demonstrated skills and markets opportunities.
- Ensuring them long term employability.



# based on a strong set of humanistic values



- Attentiveness
- Respect
- Tolerance
- Open-mindedness
- Sharing





# The AVARAP Methodology unicity

- A robust, action-oriented program coordinated by a professional facilitator
- Group of 12-14 participants building together their individual professional future during 3 months

 The group finds its richness thanks to the great variety of its members (professional background, age, nationality)





# Who can join AVARAP career change workshops?

- Managers and executives
  - currently employed (30 %)
  - and/or in career transition (70%)
- All professions and industries.

Ages: from 30 to 50+.





### Why join an AVARAP group?

- To assess your current job situation and/or change careers.
- To find ways to implement this career change.
- To build a strong professional project
  - Suited to your personality, skills and affinities
  - Consistent with the current job market.





### **Leadership inside AVARAP**

- A volunteer facilitator trained by professional trainers during a 6-day session.
- The group works autonomously.
- All work is kept confidential.





### A powerful 3-step program

**Objectives** 

Who am I?

The mirror

**Achievements** 

Build mutual trust
Develop
self-confidence

What do I want to be?

Dreams(3DM)

Selected targets

Unleash creativity

Focus energy

What am I going to do?

Career project

Commit oneself Train for success

Marketing & implement

Execute





### Who am I?

# Assess yourself and your skills and submit them to the group for discussion:

- Understand how you are perceived: the Mirror
- Analyse your achievements and the things you like to do most: your acquired knowledge
- Identify your unique & transferrable skills: your potential
- Assess your current behaviours: your ability to adapt to change





### What do I want to be?

### Define your professional targets:

- Confront your affinities and skills with the current employment market.
- Create ideas through a brainstorming technique.
- Choose 3 career targets.





## What am I going to do?

# A new career project and its implementation:

- Refine your 3 targets using the group feedback.
- Write down and validate a clear and consistent project.
- Develop and implement an action plan to succeed in selling this project.





# **Group and homework during** the 4-5 months

- One session per week, on Wednesdays,
   6pm 9pm
- 2 full days per month (on a weekend)
- Workshops to be set up
- Homework (contact and information research, writing up of documents)
- Work is expected to be sustained and steady
- Punctuality and regular attendance are a must





# The Avarap group magic: the art of « Giving and receiving »

What I can expect from the group	What I shall bring to the group
Presence & listening Positive mirroring Patience & challenging feedback Original insight/out of the box thinking Encouragement to dare state clear choice Benevolent pressure for accountability Support during trials & errors Market expertise	All items listed on the left PLUS  What I am – as fairly as possible My own positive energy My own professional network My contribution to the collective discipline Celebration of the others progress and success





### **AVARAP** Methodology benefits

- Regain your self-esteem and self-confidence
- Improve self-knowledge
- Get boosted by group energy and dynamics
- Understand and optimise the impact of your behaviour on others.
- Acquire an efficient work methodology
- Learn how to adjust to change





# The AVARAP program requires commitment and the right mindset

- A 3-month commitment to the group
- A positive attitude
- A regular attendance
- A thorough and rigorous work during each step and each workshop.





### The cost per participant

#### **Participation Fees**

ESCP Europe Alumni members

€ 450 (£ 340)

Non members +

Non ESCP Europe Alumni

€ 590 (£ 440)

Please note: this amount will not be refunded if you leave the group.





#### Timetable of an AVARAP group

