

Faculty of Impact

# Four tools to support your puzzle

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# Background







#### lectoraat innovatie publieke sector Hogeschool van Arnhem en Nijmegen





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Climate Launchpad





# **Faculty of Impact Program**

- 2 year fellowship to commercialize your research
- Researchers keep contract with university
- Open to researchers that work at a Dutch university
- Stay in their research group, keep lab access, etc
- Groups of  $\approx$  15 fellows
- Intense training & coaching for entrepreneurship skills



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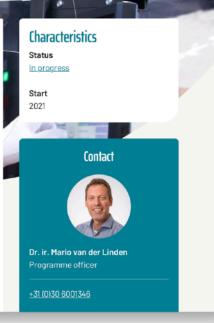
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### Faculty of Impact

One of the ambitions of the Netherlands is to ensure that scientific research is also used to address societal issues and realise economic growth. Many scientific discoveries do not reach the market, partly because researchers often lack the experience and knowledge needed to make an innovation market-ready and set up a commercial organisation. Therefore, the Faculty of Impact offers an intensive, two-year programme for scientists who want to make an impact with their research and start their own business.

Purpose and objectives	$(\pm)$
Budget and lead time	$(\pm)$
Partners	$(\pm)$
Commissions	$(\pm)$





# Your Puzzle

# **Definition of Entrepreneurship**

~ORIGIN early 19th cent. from French, from *entreprendre 'undertake'* 

~one who organizes, manages, and assumes the risks of a business or enterprise

-ial: ~not afraid to undertake a challenge

## Definition



# The pursuit of opportunities without regard to resources currently controlled

Stevenson, 1989





## Five main areas of managing resources

- Customers & Market
- Product & Technology
- Management, Team & Culture
- Financials & Funding
- Legal, IP, governance



# Tool 1 The Deal

## The Deal in short

- One sentence to describe the essence of your startup to an outsider
- Especially: the customer
- Looks easy, is actually quite hard

# The shortest pitch of your idea



# The Deal

The start-up: that's you

The customer: the one you're selling to (either business or consumer)



The product: what your selling

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The price: what the consumer pays you in return

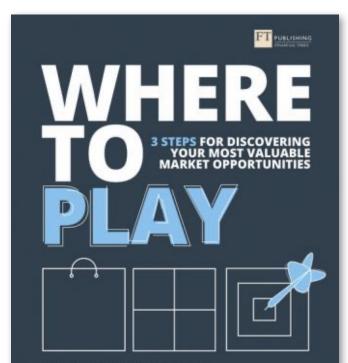




### Customer



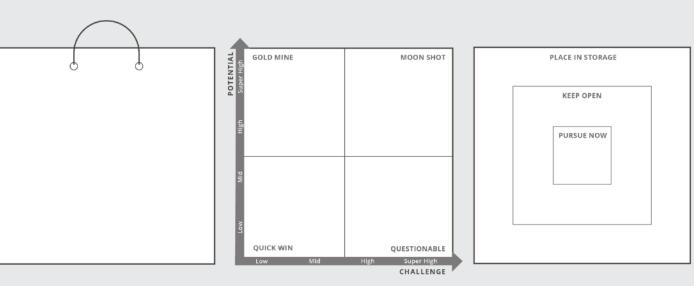
# Tool 2 Where to Play



#### Marc Gruber and Sharon Tal

'Enjoy discovering highly practical worksheets, maps and dartboards of tremendous interest to better identify, evaluate and strategise market opportunities.' Alex Osterwalder and Yves Pigneur, authors of the bestseller Buainess Model Generation

#### THE MARKET OPPORTUNITY NAVIGATOR



#### MARKET OPPORTUNITY SET

Use Worksheet 1 to identify potential market opportunities, and place them in the set

#### ATTRACTIVENESS MAP

2 Use Worksheet 2 to evaluate the atractiveness of each market opportunity, and place each one on the map

#### AGILE FOCUS DARTBOARD

NAME

3 Use Worksheet 3 to design your Agile Focus strategy, and mark it on the dartboard



market opportunity = any combination of application + customer Use sticky-notes™ to represent each market opportunity

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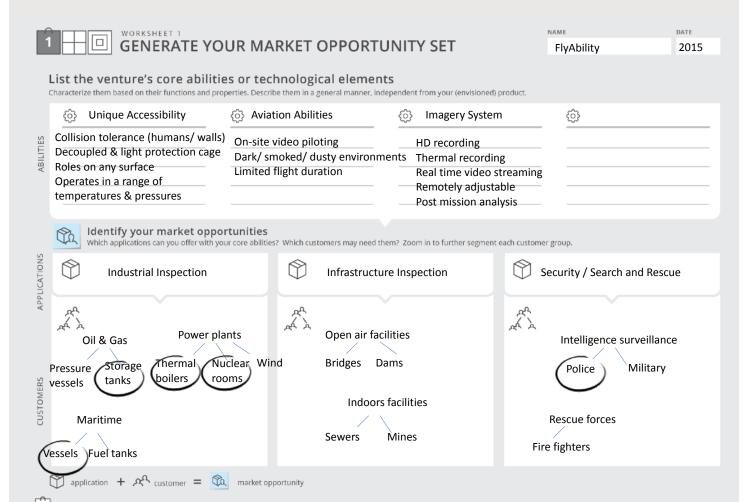
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Characterize them based on their functions and properties. Describe them in a general manner, independent from your (envisioned) product.

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	Identify your market opportunities Which applications can you offer with your core abilities? Which customers may need them? Zoom in to further segment each customer group.							
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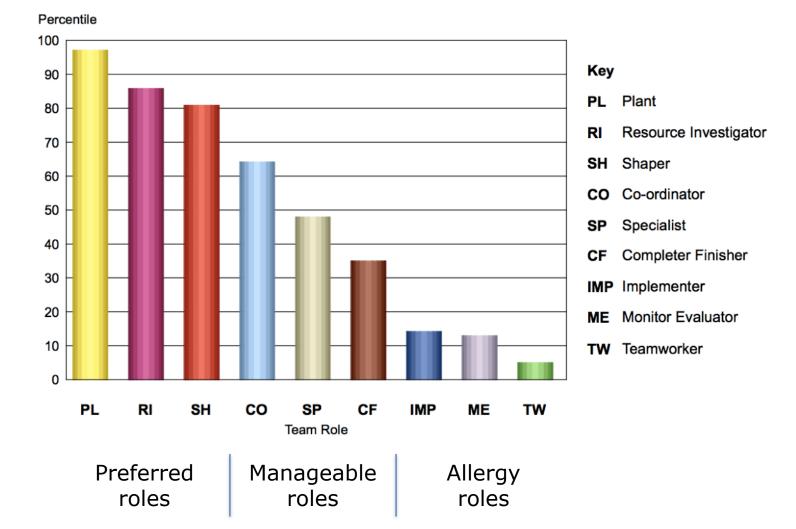
Place the market opportunities that you would like to evaluate in the Market Opportunity Set.



# Tool 3 Belbin

# Belbin in short

- Great way to get founders thinking started on diversity in the team
- Also a great way to think about roles that need to be played in a team, even if the team is <5 people</li>
- And a great way to learn to reflect on your strengths (and inevitable weaknesses)



# TED talk 'How to start a movement'



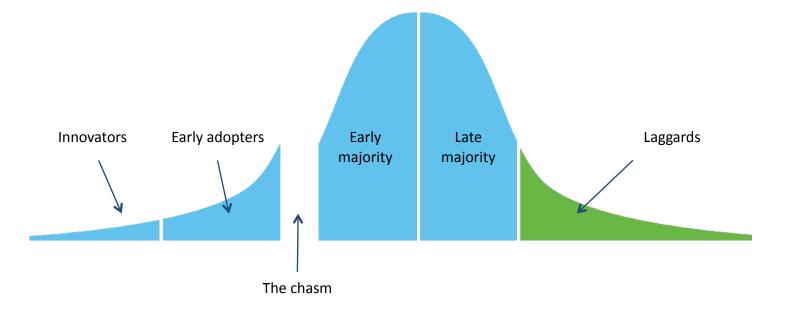


# Tool 4 The Mom Test

## Mom Test in short

- Interview technique
- Better understand one of your biggest risks: false positives
- Train yourself to listen, listen, listen
- Much (much much) more important that giving amazing elevator pitches

# Not everyone is your customer



# Focus on Early adopters

- Has a problem
- Is aware of having a problem
- Has been actively looking for a solution
- Has put together a solution out of piece parts
- Has or can acquire a budget

# Figuring out if they are your customer

- Identify potential customers in your beachhead market
- Set up meetings with them (in person, phone, Zoom, Skype, etc.)
- Find out if they have a pain
- Find out if they are early adopters

**Customer interviews** 

Interview set-up

- 1. Find out if they are the customer
- 2. Explore what keeps them awake at night
- 3. Get commitment or advancement

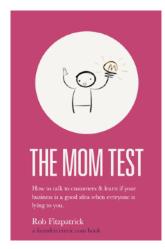
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# Everybody Lies!





(People tell us what we want to hear, if we ask the wrong questions)



