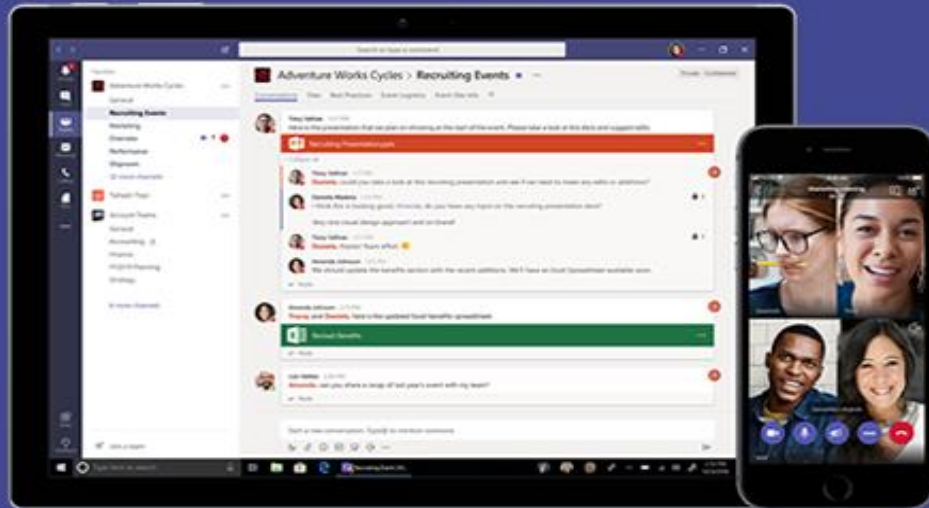# STATUS OF SHARED ITEM BANK
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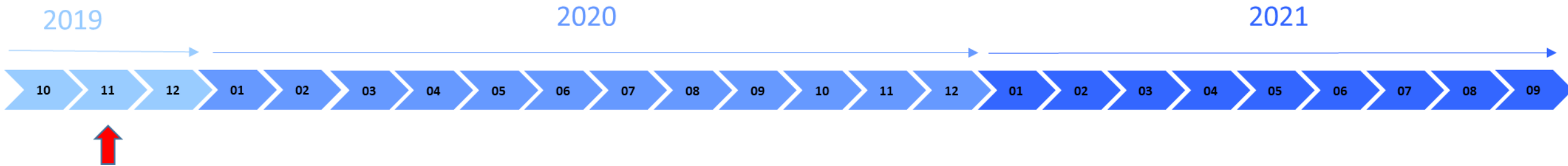
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Goals of Shared Item Bank

1. Reading & listening ANCHOR items for levels 1-3

2. Standardization

How did it all start?

2019 | 2020 | 2021

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- Testing Workshop in Tours in 2019 – idea of creating a Shared Item Bank (SIB) re-emerged

- Discussing feasibility

- Shared Item Bank questionnaire

- Working group formed (November 2019)

SIB Working Group

7 nations

Canada   Croatia   Estonia   Latvia   Slovakia
Slovenia   Romania

- Reading specifications drafted (Feb 2020)

- Metadata table designed

- Nations contributing items (March-August 2020)

- Piloting moderation practices at Testing Workshop 2020

Initial status-Aug 2020

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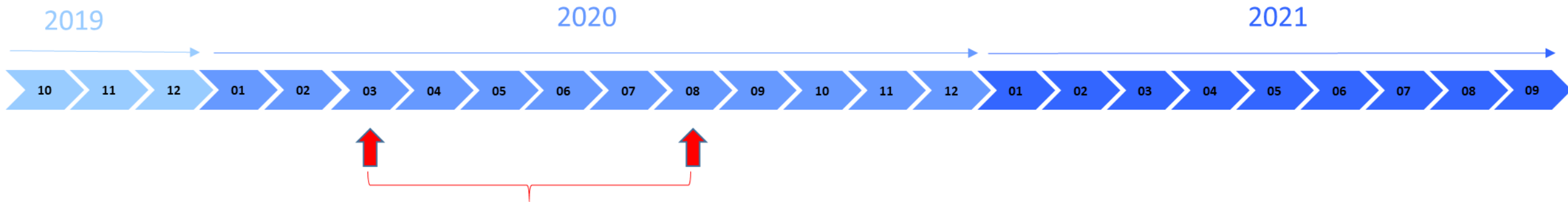
- First round of contributions: March-August 2020

- Reading items only

- Total contribution: 46 tasks/49 items

Initial status - August 2020

	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	TOTAL
TASKS	12	16	18	46
ITEMS	12	17	20	49

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   General

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Online moderation

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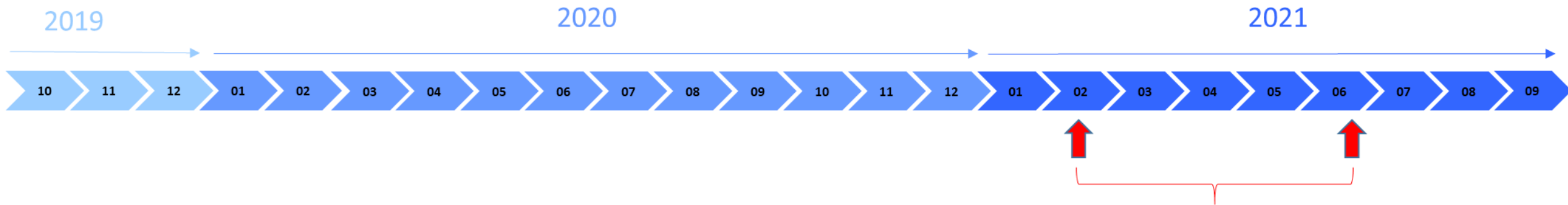
- February-June 2021

- 6 online sessions
  - Level 2 (February 2021)
  - Level 3 (May/June 2021)

Online moderation

Pre-moderation work:

- At national team level

- Sufficient time to moderate and process

- Posting and replying to comments

- Revision of items by national teams (if necessary)

From an article on drugs

The military is constantly using technology to build better ships, warplanes, guns and armor. Shouldn't it also use drugs to build better troops?

Troops have long taken drugs to help them fight. Amphetamines were distributed widely to American, German, British and other forces during World War II and to U.S. service members in Korea, Vietnam, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. In 1991, the practice was stopped. But the ban lasted only five years. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is trying to make troops "kill-proof" by engineering super-nutrition pills and substances to make them smarter and stronger. New drugs that reduce the need for sleep are being tested. Researchers are even looking into modifying service members' genes.

What if the drugs have dangerous side

effects? It's also important to realize that the risks from performance-enhancing drugs are not only to the service members who use them. In 2004, pilots in Afghanistan who accidentally dropped a bomb that killed four Canadian soldiers blamed their mistake on being hopped up on amphetamines.

Some commentators argue that the drugs' effects must be reversible, but troops may regard the advantages they get from the drugs as one of the benefits of being in the service. It could even be a recruiting incentive, like the prospect of being trained in a skill that can land them a good civilian job later.

Proper use of performance-enhancing drugs in the military could shorten wars and save lives. But with the development of more powerful drugs that increase strength and endurance and reduce the need for sleep and food, commanders need to carefully consider the risks to soldiers as well as the benefits for them and their mission.

With regard to the use of performance enhancing drugs, the author _____.

a) discourages it in the military
b) disagrees with it for recruiting purposes

Online moderation

Moderation

- On the spot revision

- Discussion on issues that arise
  (e.g. word limit, level of editing, etc.)

- Item status defined:
  final, to be revised, discarded

- Updating specifications

Online moderation-overview

NO.	TITLE	COUNTRY	ITEMS	SUB-SKILL	WORD C.	TEXT TYPE	CONTENT	TOPIC	COMMENTS	MODERATION DATE	STATUS
1	Public consultation	Canada	1	author's tone	242	opinion	civilian	Canadian approach to public issues		31.05.2021.	final
2	Gender equality	Canada	1	understanding argumentation	287	editorial	civilian	gender equality in workplace		31.01.2021.	final
3	Moral grandstanding	Estonia	1	understanding supported opinion, argumentation	236	multi-paragraph prose	civilian	society and social system, ethical issues		31.03.2021.	final
4	International relations	Estonia	1	understanding hypothesis and supported opinion	208	multi-paragraph prose	civilian	foreign policy		14.06.2021.	final
5	Insider threat	Estonia	1	understanding supported opinion and argumentation	228	multi-paragraph prose	civilian	leadership and values		31.05.2021.	final
6	Civility and politics	Estonia	1	understanding supported opinion and argumentation	185	multi-paragraph prose	civilian	values, society		31.05.2021.	final
7	Reintegration of military	Latvia	1	understanding supported opinion and implicit information	268	opinion article	military	the military		14.06.2021.	final
8	Liberties and lockdown	Latvia	1	understanding argumentation	277	opinion article	civilian	legal system/violation of rights		14.06.2021.	final
9	Enhancement drugs	Romania	1	implicit main idea	279	article	military	military performance		29.06.2021.	discarded
10	Video games	Romania	1	implicit main idea	204	article	civilian	video games		29.06.2021.	final
11	AI	Slovakia	1	inference	315	editorial	civilian	technologies		29.06.2021.	final
12	FreePress	Slovenia	1	understanding opinion	307	opinion column/argument	civilian	culture and media		14.06.2021.	final
13	Artificial intelligence	Slovenia	1	understanding opinion	217	opinion column	civilian	science and technology	change option C	14.06.2021.	final
14	New bills on free speech	Croatia	1	understanding argumentation	269	opinion article	civilian	law		14.06.2021.	final
15	Media industry	Slovakia	1	understanding argumentation	238	opinion article	civilian	media and culture	original text changed	29.06.2021.	final
16	The crossroads report	Croatia	1	understanding implicit information	150	science journal article	civilian	science/education		31.05.2021.	discarded
17	Democracy today	Croatia	2	understanding implicit information/emotional ove	272	opinion article	civilian	politics	extensive quoting, L2+ text	31.05.2021.	discarded
18	Dispersion	Latvia	1	understanding implicit information	286	opinion article	civilian	society and social system	problems with cohesion	14.06.2021.	discarded
19	UN report	Slovakia	1	author's attitude	246	editorial	civilian	legal issues			discarded
20	Non-partisan Mil	Slovenia	1	understanding supported opinion/argumentation	142	opinion column	civilian	domestic policy (political system)		14.06.2021.	discarded

Current status - September 2021

READING	READY FOR PILOTING	TO BE REVISED	DISCARDED	NEW ITEMS
LEVEL 2	14	1	2	0
LEVEL 3	14	0	6	4

Technicalities

- Duration of meetings: 2 hours

- Nations taking turns in hosting meetings (facilitator + note-taker)

- Meeting notes provided by the host nation

- Meetings recorded and stored on the platform

- Silent guests to the meeting

Advantages

- Time efficiency (flexible time and pace of work)

- Cost efficiency (more opportunities to meet at no cost)

- Learning from each other

- Standardization / possible backwash on national item design practices

- Multi-device accessibility: through application, browser or mobile device

- New perspective: feasibility of multinational co-operation for different purposes

Disadvantages/Challenges

- Technical:

  - internet connection quality

  - quality of MS Teams performance (overload)

  - accessibility through browser – offered fewer features than the app

- Human:

  - in person vs. online (less non -verbal communication; body language)

  - keeping focus in longer meetings

- Organizational:

  - availability of all participants: setting the date that suits everybody

  - limited number of participants

Future plans

- New level 3 reading items to be contributed

- Level 1 reading items to be moderated

- Piloting and analysis

- Listening items?

Thank you!