



Demonstration days at Haaga-Helia - collaborative learning in action

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Finnish students in higher education (Eurostudent 2016)

- work more often in the field of their education
- and
- begin their studies and graduate later than their European colleagues



Haaga-Helia alumni survey (2015)

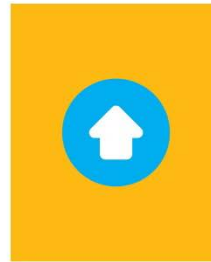
- ~ 80 % of the alumni have worked in their own field of education during studies
- ~ 80 % of them feel that work during studies has enhanced their professional development



Current problems in integrating work and studies

- Work during studies and the competence acquired at work is not adequately recognized as part of studies
- Higher education institutions do not have enough capability to validate the competence acquired at work





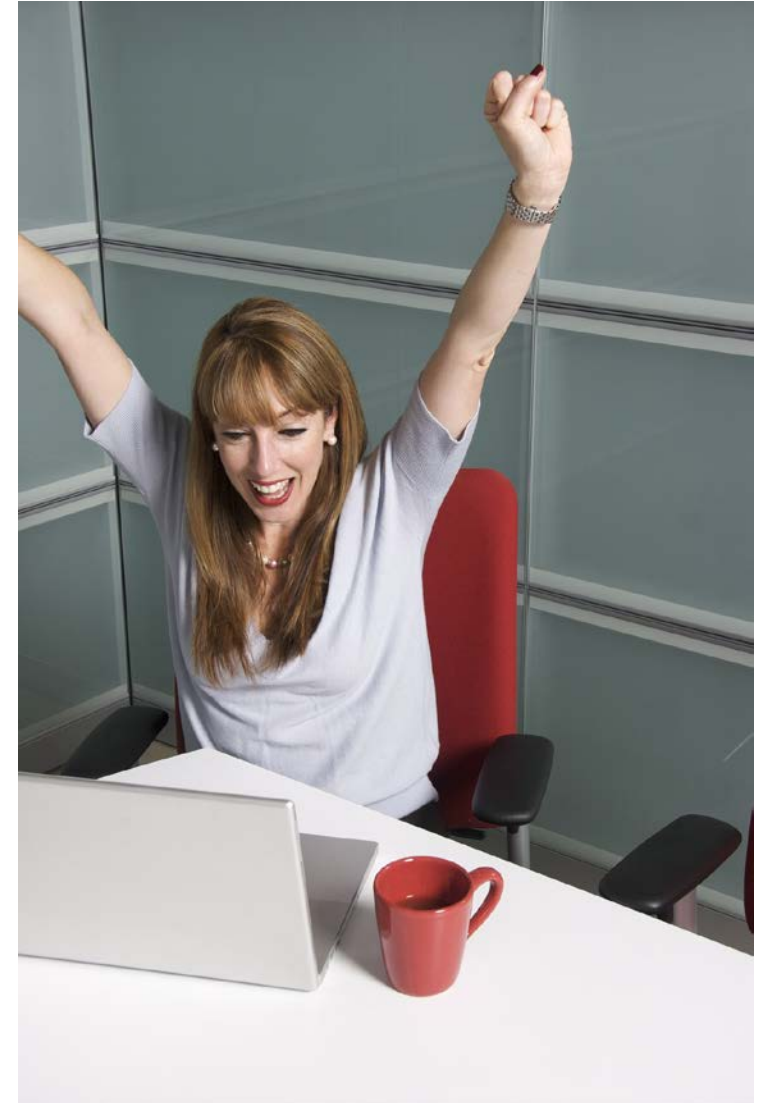
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- new forms of studification in
collaboration between HEIs and work



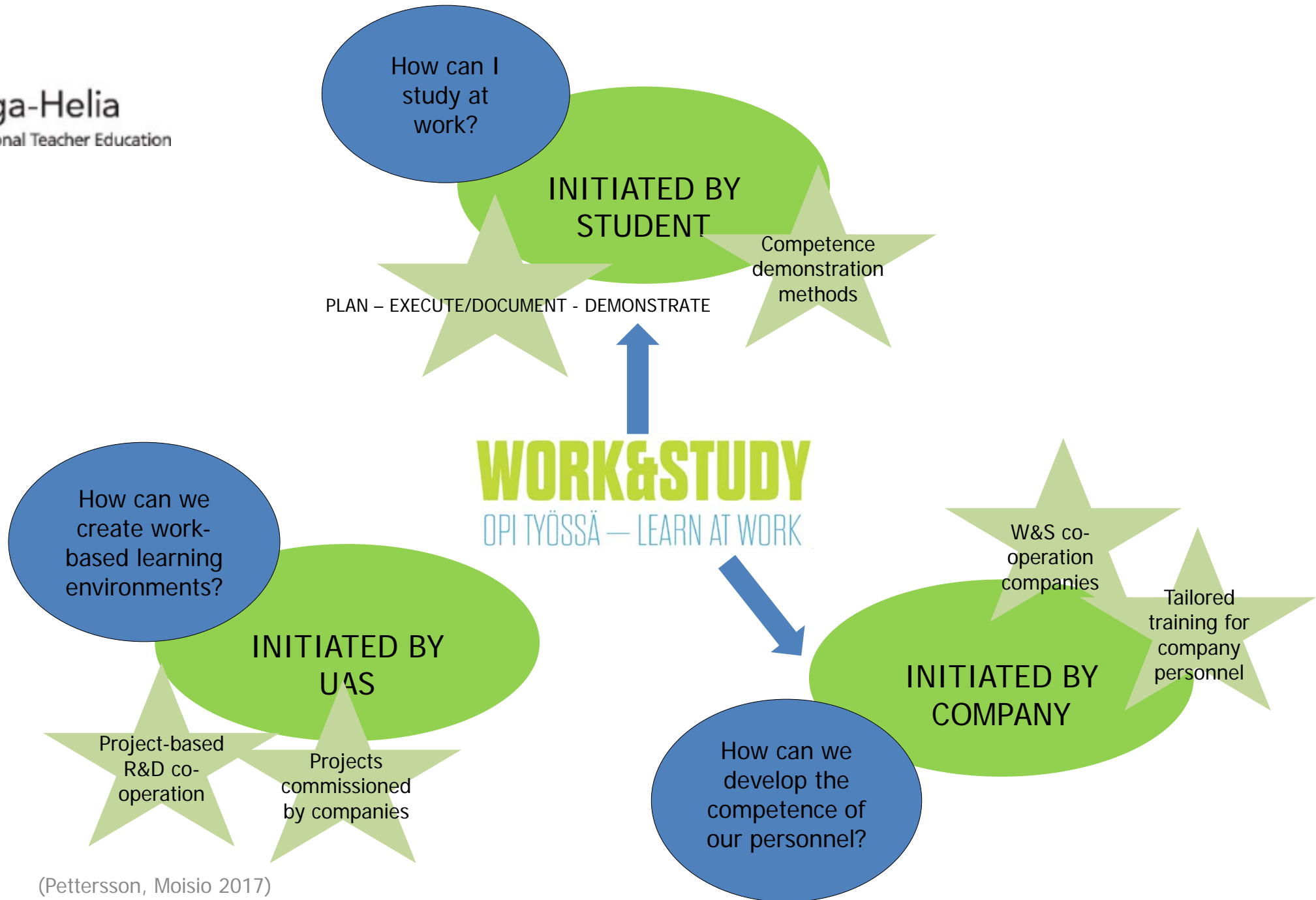
Studification

- Studification of work is an alternative way of studying in universities of applied sciences.
- Learning is taken from the classroom to workplaces. Competence required for a degree is acquired by working and connecting work experience with theoretical background of the substance.
- Studification of work enhances the professional development of the student, speeds up the progress of studies and graduation.

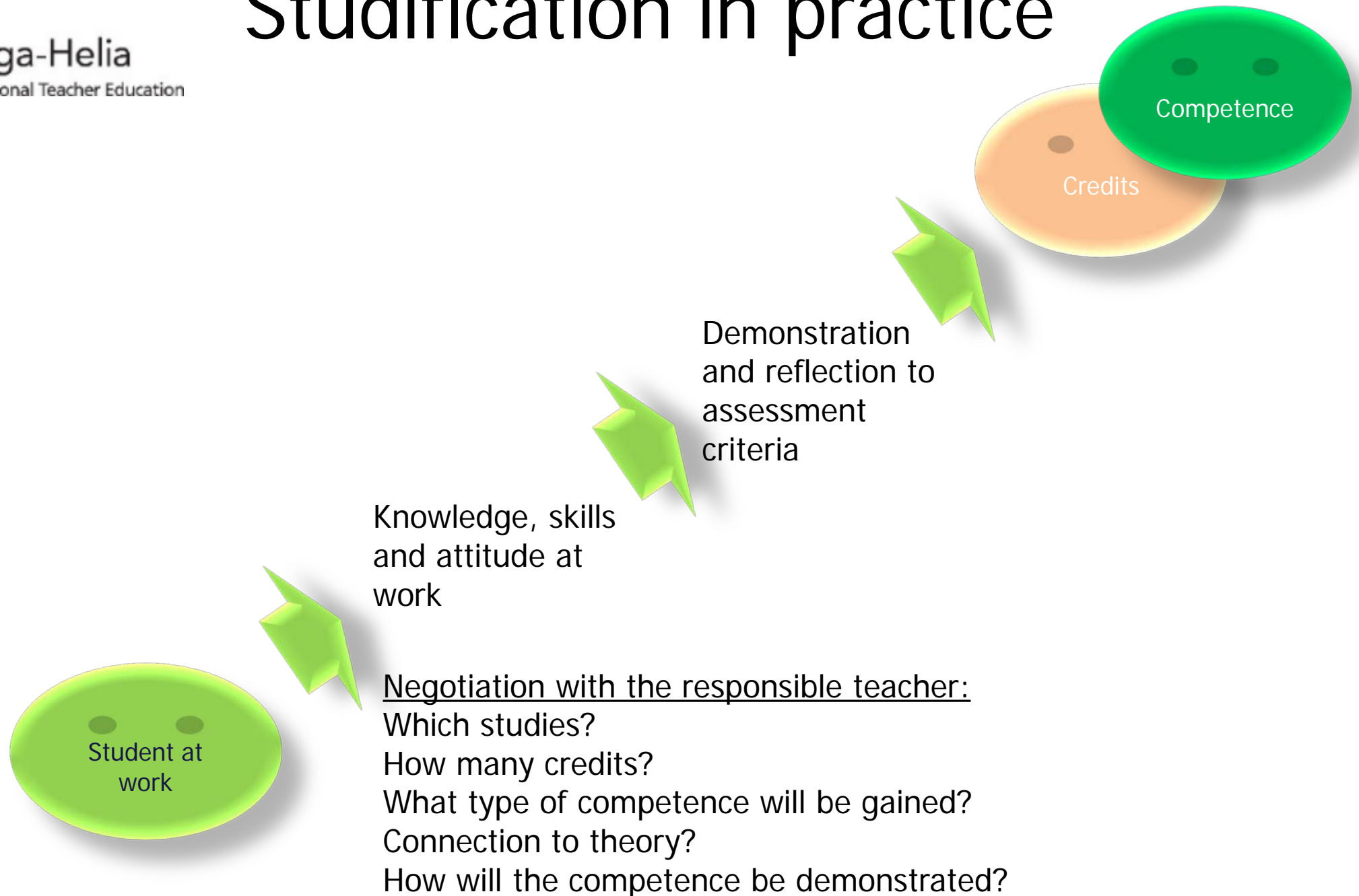


Project goals:

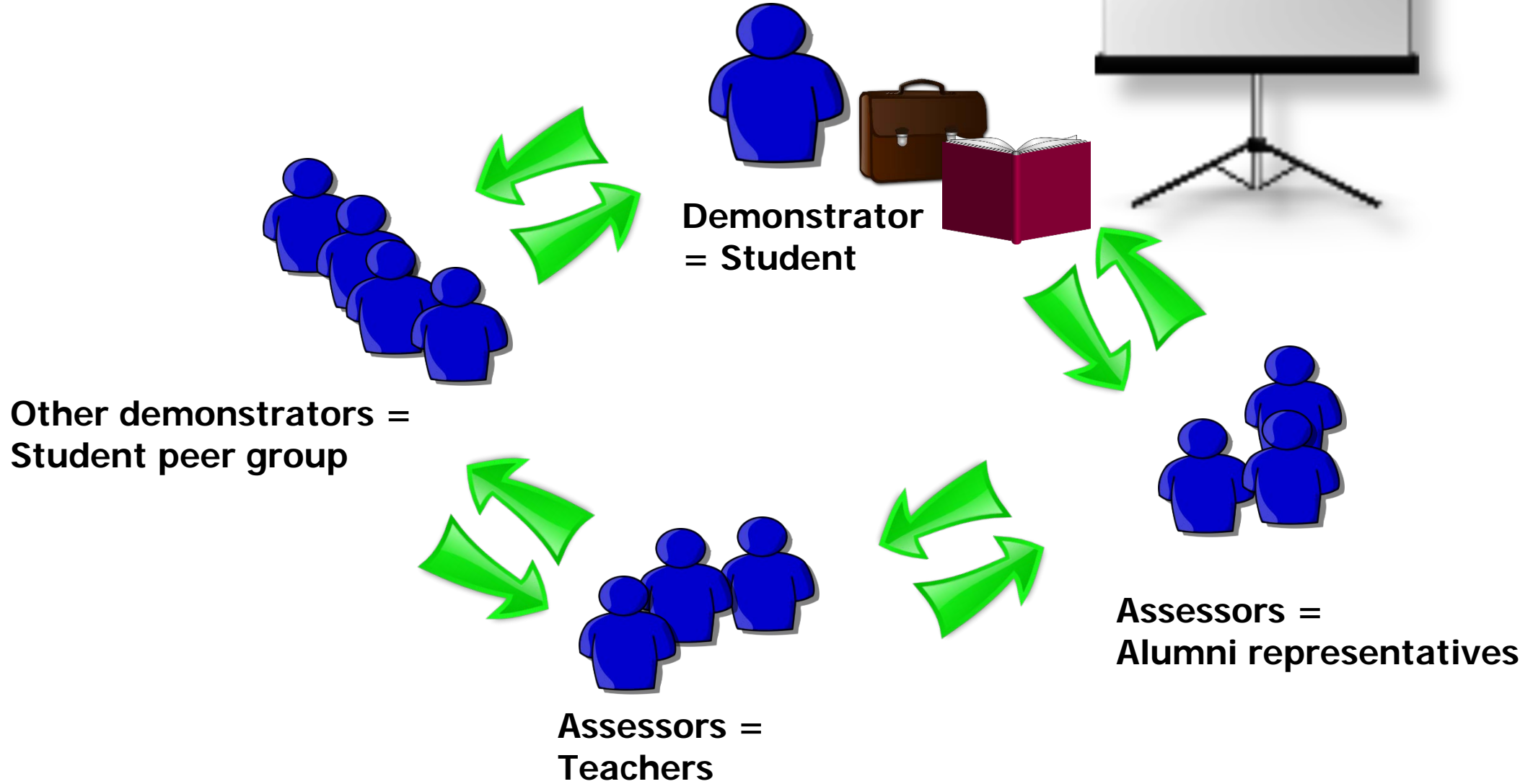
- 1. to recognize and develop new practices to studify work during studies**
- 2. to disseminate and establish studification as a mode of studying in higher education**
- 3. to advance development of flexible study processes at higher education level to enable studification**
4. to develop new forms to integrate work and studying, in addition to traditional work placement
5. to improve transitional phases between education and work plus services that support equality in education
6. to deepen partnerships between higher educational institutions and business



Studification in practice



Demonstration day



Methods for demonstrating competence

- Presentations
- Structured interviews
- Role plays
- Group assignments
- Recommendations from an employer
- Portfolios, physical or virtual
- Authentic work evidence with reflective discussion
- Project work
- Reflective essays
- Learning diaries
- (Exams)



A student perspective

"I would not have graduated from Haaga-Helia without the demonstration day concept."

- Kalle, Business Degree student and serial entrepreneur

3 years studying at school = 100 cr
1 year learning at work = 78 cr

