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About the EmpowerHER Project

EmpowerHER Rural Business is a European project that supports women entrepreneurs and those with business ideas in rural areas to develop their entrepreneurial skills, digital visibility, and personal resilience.

Through practical training and tools for well-being, storytelling, and digital skills, the project supports the development of sustainable businesses and increases women's participation in local and European entrepreneurial ecosystems.

The project supports at least 25 women entrepreneurs in rural Transylvania (with a focus on Alba County), Romania, through:

- practical entrepreneurial development workshops
- digital skills for branding and promotion
- well-being and stress management tools
- access to a support and mentoring community and to the rural coworking space VIE HUB — a space for working on well-being, storytelling and digital visibility — as well as working meetings with specialists in related entrepreneurial fields.
- participation in a regional trade fair in Austria to increase the visibility of local businesses and to experience/learn other promotional methods practiced in the EU.

The project integrates entrepreneurial development with personal growth and storytelling, while strengthening resilience and preventing stress - thereby creating a sustainable environment for women in rural areas.

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Guide developed for women entrepreneurs in rural areas, with science-based elements

This guide is part of the EmpowerHER Rural Business initiative and offers practical tools to support entrepreneurial resilience, mental clarity, and the ability to adapt in today's economic environment.

The proposed approach combines insights from neuroscience, mindfulness practices, and the lived experience of rural communities. It supports women entrepreneurs in strengthening their inner stability, focus, and professional communication.

Through examples, exercises, and reflection questions, the guide encourages the development of sustainable businesses from the inside out — businesses that are connected to personal resources as well as to the resources of the community.

Mindfulness & Entrepreneurial Resilience

Topics and Practical Exercises present in the guide



01 Mindfulness & the Entrepreneurial Brain

How stress and mindful awareness influence business communication.

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Presence as a basis for clear decisions and sustainable business.

OTHER COMPLEMENTARY PRACTICES USED IN THIS GUIDE

Positive Psychology and Laughter Yoga



Positive psychology exercises and Laughter Yoga can activate participants, support wellbeing and strengthen group cohesion. They are based on principles from positive psychology and on research exploring the role of positive emotions in performance, resilience and professional environments.

In an entrepreneurial context, Laughter Yoga practices and principles of positive psychology can support the development of a constructive mindset. This may contribute to greater clarity in decision-making, increased confidence in professional interactions and more open, collaborative communication within business communities.

This guide briefly presents the theoretical foundations of Laughter Yoga, optimism and positive psychology, together with practical examples and exercises that can be applied individually or in groups. These practices can be integrated into daily work, professional meetings or collaborative working contexts, supporting energy, resilience and cohesion in teams and entrepreneurial communities.

Finding Calm Again

Emotional Self-Regulation in Entrepreneurial Situations

These micro-practices can be applied quickly in situations such as negotiations, conflicts or moments of exhaustion. They can support a calmer response, clearer communication and more balanced decision-making.

In entrepreneurial work, moments of pressure may occur frequently: challenging negotiations, conflicts or periods of exhaustion. In such situations, a few minutes of conscious self-regulation can help to regain clarity and inner balance.

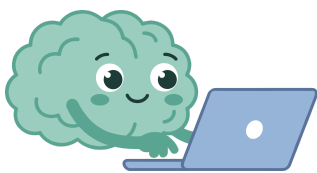
- Noticing the breath for more calm
- Pausing before responding in a tense situation
- Bringing attention back to the present moment for greater clarity



1. MINDFULNESS & THE ENTREPRENEURIAL BRAIN

How Stress and Mindful Awareness Influence Business Communication

In entrepreneurial work, the brain constantly processes information, emotions and external pressures. When stress arises, the nervous system may activate “fight-or-flight” responses, which can reduce clarity of thought, concentration and the quality of communication.



Mindfulness is the capacity to be aware of the present moment — including thoughts, emotions and sensations — in an open and non-judgemental way.

Neuroscience research suggests that mindful awareness and mindfulness practices can support emotional self-regulation and may improve the way we make decisions in complex situations. The brain has a remarkable capacity to adapt, known as neuroplasticity. This means that repeated experiences and practices that help reduce stress can create space for new neural connections and new solutions to emerge.

Studies show that for around 47% of our waking time, the mind is not fully present, but oriented towards the past or the future. Bringing attention back to the present moment can support calmer responses and decisions made from a more settled inner space. For entrepreneurs, this capacity becomes an important skill: noticing automatic reactions and creating space for conscious choice. I respond instead of reacting automatically.

Exercise 1 – Mindful Breath Awareness

Duration: 1 minute

1. Notice how your breath flows in through the nose.
2. Feel the movement of your chest or abdomen.
3. Let the breath flow out again at your own pace, in a way that feels comfortable.
4. Repeat this a few times and keep your attention gently with your breath.



This simple exercise can support you in finding a little more calm and clarity before an important conversation or decision.

This exercise creates space and can be useful in situations where you need to feel more centred.

2. MANAGING ATTENTION

Focus and Prioritisation in a Life with Many Roles

In everyday life, many women in rural areas do several things at the same time. They take care of their family, household, business and community. The phone rings, someone asks for help, and a problem needs to be solved.

When too many things happen at once, the mind can become tired and attention may become scattered. In such moments, we may feel rushed, irritated or find it difficult to make clear decisions.

Mindfulness practice can help us return to the present moment and focus on one thing at a time. When we bring our attention back to what we are doing, the mind may become calmer and things can become clearer.

Managing attention does not mean doing more. It means doing things one step at a time, with more presence and calm.

Sometimes, just a few moments of noticing the breath or taking a short pause in nature can help the mind settle and allow us to return to our activity with greater clarity. Simple mindful awareness practices are used in many mindfulness programmes to support concentration and inner balance.

Exercise 1 – Mindful Listening

Duration: 1–2 minutes. Choose a moment when you can sit quietly.

1. Close your eyes or soften your gaze.
2. Listen to all the sounds around you.
3. Notice each sound without judging it: a noise, a voice, the wind, footsteps, a car...
4. Let the sounds come and go without holding on to them.

This exercise can help bring attention together and calm the mind.



Exercise 2 – Focusing on One Task

Duration: 1–2 minutes. Choose a simple activity, such as writing, reading, cooking, vacuuming, working on the computer, etc.

1. Decide to do only this one thing for a few minutes.
2. If other thoughts or distractions arise, gently return to your activity.

This exercise teaches us to work with more attention and less haste, which can support efficiency and the satisfaction of completing the task.



3. LISTENING WITHOUT REACTING

Compassionate communication becomes possible in the space of presence.

In rural communities, relationships between people are very important. We meet often, work together, collaborate, or discuss projects and ideas. However, in conversations, we often react quickly: we interrupt, rush to answer, or immediately interpret what the other person is saying.

Mindful listening is a skill that helps us be more present in conversations. Instead of immediately preparing our response, we learn to listen with attention and patience.

When someone feels truly listened to, the dialogue becomes calmer and clearer. This is especially important in small communities, where collaboration and trust are essential for developing a business.

Mindfulness teaches us to observe our reactions and create a small space before responding. From this space of PRESENCE, we can choose a calmer and more respectful response — perhaps even a lighter one — so that the moment, or even the day, may feel a little different.

Exercise: Listen Before You Respond

In a conversation:

1. Listen fully to what the other person is saying. Take a short pause before you respond.
2. Ask yourself: “Have I truly understood what they wanted to say?”
3. Continue listening... and ask yourself again: “Do I need to respond now, or can I listen a little longer?”
4. What might the other person truly need right now?

This small pause can gently change the way we communicate.



4. EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND LEADERSHIP



Trust, Empathy and Supportive Relationships in the Community — in Rural Areas and Beyond

In rural communities, people know each other and see each other often. We work together, collaborate, help one another, and sometimes have differing opinions. In these situations, the way we understand emotions—our own and those of others—becomes very important.

Emotional intelligence is the ability to observe, understand, and manage emotions. When we are aware of what we are feeling, we can communicate more clearly and avoid impulsive reactions.

Research in neuroscience discusses mirror neurons — brain cells that are associated with understanding other people's actions and possibly also their emotions. They may become active when we observe a person's facial expressions, tone of voice, or state of mind. That is why we sometimes immediately sense if someone is sad, tense, or happy.

This natural capacity for empathy helps us build relationships based on trust and respect. For women entrepreneurs in rural areas, such relationships are essential for collaboration, support, and community development.

Exercise – Practising Empathy in Dialogue

Duration: 2–3 minutes



When a person is upset or tense, try not to give advice on how things should be different. Instead, try to notice what is present in this moment.

- “I can sense that this is really affecting you.”
- “I hear a lot of sadness in what you are saying.”
- “I can see that this situation is important to you.”

Then you can add a sincere appreciation: “I remember many moments when you showed great strength and kindness.”

This way of communicating creates space for understanding and can reduce tension in conversations.

A person does not always need advice. Sometimes, they need compassionate listening and presence.

5. Communication and Presence in Business

A calm voice, eye contact and clear messages in professional conversations

In entrepreneurship, communication is present every day: when we speak with customers, present a product, discuss prices, or negotiate a collaboration. The way we communicate can influence trust and the outcome of a conversation.

Mindful communication means being present and calm in dialogue, listening with attention, and clearly expressing what we want to say. The tone of voice, body posture, and eye contact often communicate just as much as words.

In negotiations, people respond not only to the price or the offer, but also to the energy of the conversation. A calm voice, a clear message, and an open attitude can turn a tense discussion into a constructive dialogue.

When we slow down the pace of the conversation, pause briefly before responding, and express our ideas simply, communication can become clearer. This is especially useful in situations such as negotiations, setting prices, or presenting an offer.

Exercise – Clarifying Your Message in Negotiation

Duration: approximately 2 minutes

Prepare how you will explain an offer or a price. In this exercise, breath awareness can support you in speaking more calmly and clearly.

1. Notice your breath before you begin speaking.
2. Briefly say what you offer.
3. Take a short pause.
4. Explain the value of your product or service.
5. Notice your breath once again.
6. State your proposal clearly, including the price or the terms of collaboration.



A simple example:

“This product is handmade and takes several hours to complete.” (short pause)

“I have chosen natural materials and paid close attention to detail.” (short pause)

“My price for this product is ...”

These short pauses can support calmer speaking and help you express your message more clearly during a negotiation.

In this way, you can truly stand behind your product and your price.

6. RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF UNCERTAINTY

Adapting to economic changes and unpredictable circumstances

In entrepreneurship, things don't always go exactly as planned. Price fluctuations, periods with fewer customers, delays, or unexpected situations can arise. In rural areas, these changes may also be linked to the season, the weather, or the market.

Resilience means the ability to stay steady and keep moving forward even when difficulties arise. It doesn't mean that problems disappear, but that we learn to view them with more calm and find solutions step by step.

Mindfulness can support us in observing the situation with less panic and asking ourselves: What is the next possible step? This approach can help reduce pressure and support clearer decision-making. For women entrepreneurs, resilience also means trusting in one's own resources, in accumulated experience, but also in the support of the community and other women.

Exercise 1 – The Backup Plan



Think of a situation that may arise in your work. Examples: a cancelled booking, a delayed order, higher material costs. Ask yourself:

1. What could be a possible alternative?
2. Who could I contact for another perspective?
3. What can I adjust here?

This exercise can support flexible thinking and help you prepare for unexpected situations.

Exercise 2 – The Value of My Work

Duration: 2 minutes

When doubt arises, or when you feel pressured to lower the price too much:

1. Remember the work behind your product or service.
2. Think of the time, experience and attention you invest.
3. Silently repeat ten times: "My work has value."

This exercise can help you maintain confidence and clarity during more challenging periods.



7. CONFIDENCE IN PUBLIC SETTINGS

Managing Emotions Before Presentations and Professional Meetings

For many women entrepreneurs, moments of public speaking can bring up strong emotions. This may happen when presenting a product at a fair, explaining an idea in a meeting, or discussing a collaboration with a client.

It is normal for emotions such as fear or insecurity to arise. The body may respond with faster breathing, tension, or rushed thoughts. In these moments, breath awareness and a simple structure for the message can be helpful.

A very useful tool in such situations is storytelling — the next theme of our project — and the ability to briefly tell the story of your product or idea at any time, clearly and naturally. An authentic story helps people better understand your work and creates a natural connection with those who are listening.

Instead of trying to explain many technical details, you can share how the idea came to life, how you work, and what this activity means to you. This way of presenting is easier to express and easier for listeners to remember. And it is unique.

Public Speaking Exercise

Before speaking about your product or service in public, notice your breath calmly and bring your attention to the present moment. Create a sense of space around you. Then reflect on three key questions and three answers that feel meaningful to you before you begin speaking:

01) What do I truly enjoy about what I do?

What brings me joy or inspiration in this activity? Notice your breath and answer the question for yourself.

02) What resources do I use to create this product or service?

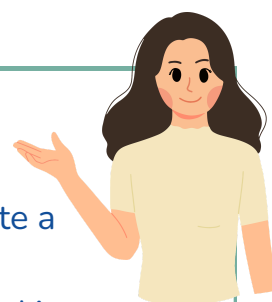
How much attention, time, and skill do I put into my work? Notice your breath and answer the question for yourself.

03) What value does this product or service bring to people?

How does my product help them, or what does it offer them? Notice your breath and answer the question for yourself.

These questions and answers can support you in speaking calmly, authentically and clearly about your work. In this way, your story can become more natural and create a genuine connection with those who are listening.

When the connection with yourself feels authentic, personal strength can emerge.



8. Nature as a Space for Clarity

Breath Awareness and Contact with Nature Can Support Mental Clarity

For many women in rural areas, nature is already a natural part of everyday life. The garden, the nearby forest, the fields, or the hills can become not only places of work, but also spaces for calm and reflection.

Research from recent decades suggests that time spent in nature can have a positive effect on well-being. In Japan, the practice known as Shinrin-yoku — also called “forest bathing” — has been studied in universities and medical centres since the 1980s. This practice involves spending time in the forest consciously, with attention to breathing, scents, sounds, and bodily sensations.

Some studies, including work by researchers such as Dr Qing Li from Nippon Medical School in Tokyo, suggest that slow walks in the forest may support relaxation and wellbeing. Other research in the field of environmental psychology suggests that nature can support attention restoration and mental clarity, especially when the mind is tired from intense activities, digital demands, or stress.

Moments of connection with nature can open spaces for reflection, breath awareness, observation and new clarity.



Exercise – Forest Bathing and Arriving in Nature

Duration: 3–5 minutes

This exercise can be done outdoors or, if this is not possible, near an open window.

1. Notice your breath slowly and observe the nature around you: trees, the sky, light or sounds.
2. If it feels comfortable, close your eyes for a moment and allow your thoughts to settle on their own. Imagine that the earth receives what you do not need to hold on to right now.
3. If possible and comfortable, stand barefoot on grass or soil and feel the contact with the ground.
4. At the end, allow yourself to feel connected with the nature around you: the forest, a tree or the small patch of grass in front of your window.

A simple practice in nature can help you slow down and bring more clarity and ease into the way you look at decisions. Nature can support wellbeing.



9. Nature's Rhythm and Business Growth

Mindfulness, Patience and Business Growth Cycles

Through mindfulness practices, the concept is simple: we observe and learn from nature that every process has its own rhythm. Seeds need time to sprout, plants grow gradually, and the harvest comes after many stages of care.

The same is true in entrepreneurship. A business doesn't grow overnight. It takes patience, consistency, and continuous learning. Sometimes there are busier periods, and other times quieter moments when things seem to move more slowly. You can't pull on the grass to make it grow faster!

For women entrepreneurs in rural areas, this connection to the rhythm of nature is essential. Farming, tourism, or artisanal production often follow the seasons and natural cycles. There is a wisdom of nature that rural women remember and follow.

Understanding these rhythms and sensing them in our bodies can help us approach business development with more patience and balance. Instead of getting discouraged when results come more slowly, we can see these periods as times for preparation, learning, and consolidation.

EXERCISE – OBSERVE YOUR RHYTHMS

Duration: 3 minutes

Draw a circle on a sheet of paper and divide it into four sections, like the seasons. Fill in each section with ideas from your daily life:

Spring – *When do new ideas and fresh energy emerge?*

Summer – *When do I feel most active and creative?*

Fall – *When do I see results and draw conclusions?*

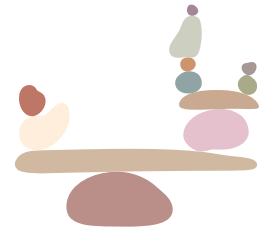
Winter – *When do I feel the need for rest and quiet?*

Allow yourself to have a different rhythm!

Notice how rhythms can be influenced by the seasons, the lunar cycles, and your own inner rhythm. Just as in nature, life too has moments of growth, withdrawal, and regeneration.



10. Inner Balance and Sustainable Business



Presence for Clear Decisions and Sustainable Business

In entrepreneurial work, situations of pressure often arise: negotiations, financial decisions, client relationships or periods of uncertainty. In these moments, the way we manage our attention and emotions can influence the quality of our decisions.

A state of presence means being aware of what is happening now: the breath, the body, emotions and the context we are in. When we are able to return to this state for a few moments, our responses can become calmer and our thinking may become clearer.

Research in the fields of mindfulness and neuroscience suggests that short moments of presence can help reduce impulsive reactions and support cognitive processes related to analysis, planning and decision-making.

For women entrepreneurs, this capacity becomes an important resource. Inner presence can support clear communication, emotional stability and more balanced business decisions.

Exercise – How Do Others Perceive Me?

A sustainable entrepreneur is often perceived as a calm, steady and trustworthy person.

One simple way to understand how others see us is to ask for feedback.

Choose two or three people you work with: a client, a collaborator and/or a friend.

Ask simply:

- How do you experience me when we work together?
- Do I come across as calm in my communication?

Listen to the answers without rushing to explain, add anything or correct them.

This exercise can offer valuable insight into your professional presence and how inner balance may shape business relationships.



SMILES AND LAUGHTER

Small Signals with a Strong Social Impact

Laughter is a universal human behaviour. People laugh across all cultures and at every age.

Researchers describe laughter as a response that involves the body, the brain and social interaction. Facial muscles move, the rhythm of breathing changes and emotional signals are processed in the brain.

Because of this connection, smiling and laughter are often studied in research on positive emotions and human interaction.



POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND LAUGHTER YOGA The Three Dimensions of Laughter

- The body: Facial muscles become active, and the rhythm of breathing changes.
- The mind: The brain processes emotional signals connected with smiling and laughter.
- Social interaction: People laugh more often when interacting with others than when they are alone. (Provine, 2000)

Because laughter involves the body, emotions and social interaction, it is often studied in research on positive emotions and human connection.

A Positive Psychology Perspective

Positive psychology studies the factors that contribute to human wellbeing, positive emotions and personal strengths.

In this field, humour and laughter are often described as personal and social resources that can support positive interactions and resilience in everyday life.

A THREE-MINUTE MORNING RITUAL

Worksheet: Applying the Three Elements

Small moments in the morning can influence the way we begin our day. This short ritual connects the three dimensions of laughter presented on the previous page: the mind, the body and social connection.

Try these three simple moments as part of your morning routine.

Minute 1: A Smile Before You Get Up (The Mind)

Before you get out of bed, take a moment to prepare yourself for the new day. Smile gently and think of one positive thing for the day ahead.

Example:

“I am curious to see what today will bring.”

“I will approach today step by step.”



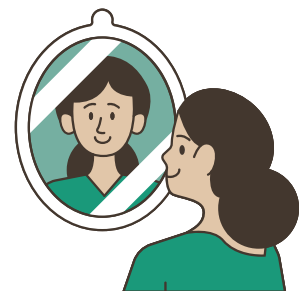
My Morning Thought:

Minute 2: A Smile in the Mirror (The Body)

While brushing your teeth or washing your face, look at yourself in the mirror and smile for a moment. This small physical gesture gently activates the facial muscles involved in smiling and laughter.

This can be a simple and kind way to start your day.

What is it like to greet yourself with a smile?



Minute 3: A Smile to Share (Warmer Connections)

Think of a person you might meet today. Imagine greeting them openly and with a smile. Shared smiles and laughter are natural signals of connection in human interactions.

Who could I share a smile with today?



A gentle reminder: small rituals are not about perfection. They are about creating small moments of awareness in everyday life.

Reflection: After practising this ritual for a few days, what did you notice about your mornings?

COMMUNITY LAUGHTER CIRCLE

A Short Exercise for the Group

Laughter often arises in social interactions. A short moment of laughter in a group can create a brief sense of ease and connection among group members.

Welcome:
Short greeting

Warm-up:
Light clapping
or movement

**Playful
laughter:**
Eye contact
& shared
laughter

Pause:
A short calm
closing moment

Participation is always voluntary. Each person takes part in the way that feels most comfortable for them.

FINDING CALM AGAIN

Emotional self-regulation in challenging entrepreneurial situations

In the world of entrepreneurship, moments of pressure are common: difficult negotiations, conflicts, fatigue, or important decisions. In these situations, the body can quickly become tense, and thoughts race.

Research in mindfulness and neuroscience suggests that bringing attention to the body and the breath can support the nervous system's natural calming processes. Even a few seconds of mindful awareness may help ease tension and support clarity.

These micro-practices are very brief and can be used anywhere: before a negotiation, during a tense conversation, or in a moment of exhaustion.

Exercise 1 – Gently rub your fingers

Duration: 30 seconds



Gently rub your thumb against your index finger or the other fingers. Notice the sensation of the skin and the movement of your fingers. Notice your breath calmly for a few moments. This small movement can help bring attention back to the body and may ease tension.

Exercise 2 – Closing Your Eyes for a Few Seconds

Duration: 30 seconds



Close your eyes consciously for a few seconds, then open them again in a relaxed way. Repeat this two or three times. Notice your breath slowly and observe whether your body becomes a little calmer. This short pause can help interrupt the flow of thoughts for a moment and bring attention back together.

Exercise 3 – A Hand on the Heart

Duration: 30 seconds



Place one hand on the heart area. Notice your breath calmly and observe the rhythm of your breath and the movement of your chest. Silently say to yourself: “I am here, and I am present with myself.” This simple gesture can support a sense of stability and safety in the body.

These micro-pauses of just a few seconds can support women entrepreneurs in returning to presence, clarity and inner balance, even in more tense moments of professional activity. Simple practices such as breath awareness, a short pause before responding in a tense situation, or bringing attention back to the present moment can support calmer communication and more balanced decisions.

AREAS INTEGRATED IN THIS GUIDE

The research consulted supports the use of the following practices presented in this guide within the entrepreneurial field:

- mindfulness and emotional self-regulation
- breathing and attention exercises
- practices for connecting with nature
- positive psychology
- Laughter Yoga and activities related to optimism and positive psychology

These approaches are used in adult education, leadership and wellbeing programmes and can contribute to the development of personal resilience and clarity in economic activities.

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PRACTICAL GUIDE

WELL-BEING, MINDFULNESS &
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This learning tool is dedicated to women in rural areas who want to develop their business or business idea in a sustainable way, starting from inner balance, clarity and confidence.

This guide is part of a series of three complementary guides:

- Wellbeing, Mindfulness & Resilience in Business
- Storytelling: The Story of Your Business, Ideas, Development and Community
- Digital Skills for Business Development, Canva & Online Tools

Together, they offer an integrated approach: from inner balance to strategic clarity and practical digital tools.

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