Exercise "Collaborative Information Seeking"/Group Task

Situation:

You are planning a trip from Graz to Vienna over the weekend (starting Friday afternoon and coming back on Sunday evening). The plan is to stay in Vienna for two nights and go back to Graz afterwards.

On the one hand, it is important for you to spend as little money as possible for the journey and the accommodation. On the other hand, you want to see as much of Vienna as possible during your trip and therefor stay as close as possible to the city centre and the main attractions. Apart from the costs for travelling, you also have to keep in mind that you need money for food and sightseeing. In addition to figuring out the costs (travelling, hotel, sightseeing, food) you should plan your stay in Vienna with regard to the limited time and your wish to see as much of the attractions as possible.

Task:

Get together in groups of three or four people and plan the trip. For three people you have a maximum of 350 €, for four a maximum of 450 €. As a result, you should have

- ▪ *the planning of your trip*

- ▪ *a cost calculation*

➔ *all group members should have agreed to it*

Questions/discussion

- • Did you finish the task? Results?

- • What was your approach?

  - • In which way did you organize the search?

  - • Did you organize it at all?

  - • Difficulties?

- • Do you think it was (more/less?) efficient to search in the group?

- • If you could do the task again (or another CIS-task) what would you change?