

# PODCAST Workshop



### What is on the agenda today?

#### Podcast basics

- Idea
- Structure
- Recording
- Post-production
- Publishing







## The idea





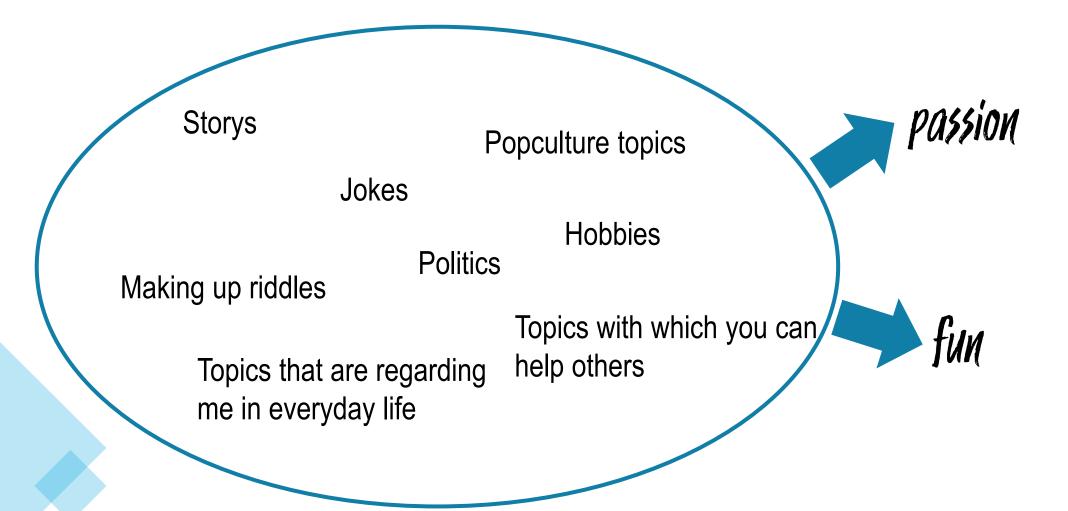
### The idea-Setting goals

- Do I want to do the podcast just for fun?
  - Do I want to built up a community or find new contacts?
    - Which target group do I want to reach with my podcast?
      - Maybe you even want to make money with it?



#### There are basically no limits for you regarding the topic

### The idea-Finding a topic





### What do you think are the most podcasts about?

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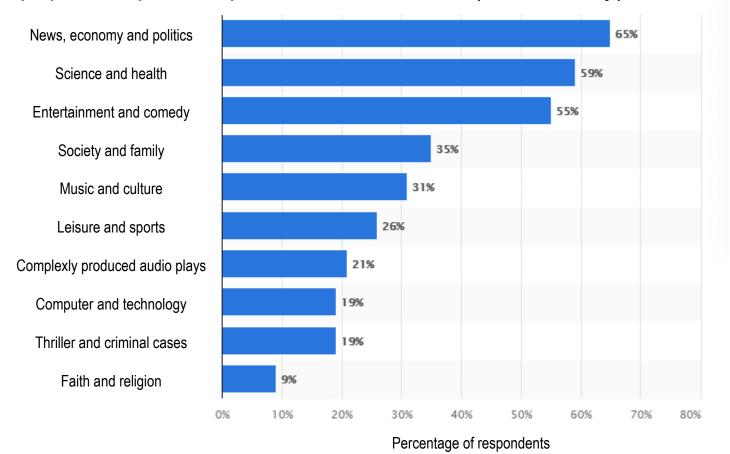
Go to menti.com

And enter the code: 3035 1307



#### The idea

#### Most popular topics for podcast use in 2020 (in Germany)



Quelle: https://de.statista.com/statistik/daten/studie/1076171/umfrage/beliebteste-themen-bei-der-nutzung-von-podcasts-in-deutschland/





### The idea- with whom do I create my podcast?

Soloshow	Interviewshow	Co-Hosting-Show
<ul> <li>Good for getting started</li> <li>Creative freedom</li> <li>Independence</li> <li>Changes according to own opinion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>♣ A change in guests can keep the freshness</li> <li>♣ Expert opinions</li> <li>♣ Always same structure → easy preparing</li> <li>♣ Various topics possible</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Better dynamics</li> <li>Work sharing</li> <li>You can motivate one another</li> <li>Possible to allocate roles</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Planning all content alone is more time consuming</li> <li>Less dynamic in the podcast, e.g. no speaking with one another about a topic/discussion</li> <li>→ can easily become kind of a lecture</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dynamics limited when changing cast</li> <li>Have to find someone to just participate once</li> <li>Need to find out before, how the interview partner acts in front of the microphone</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The chemistry must be right</li> <li>Creativity also connected to the other person</li> <li>Preparation can be more complex, when not doing it alone</li> </ul>



### The idea- How do I name my podcast?

The name should contain a keyword

example: "Gründungsgeflüster" (Founding Whisper): the topic is company founding / entrepreneurship

Not to narrow name (no restriction of topic)

example: "Poker Podcast" → better would be Card Games Podcast

**№** Often also fantasy names are chosen

example: Gemischtes Hack (mixed mince) -> can establish a "brand"

→ Chose an eye catching name









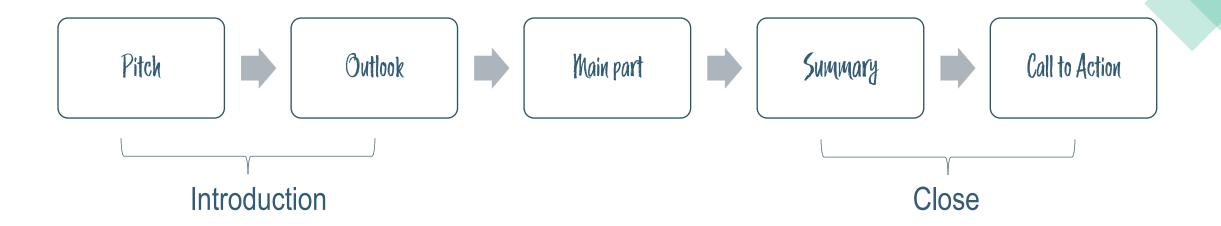
### The structure-how do I structure my podcast?

- **№** Podcasts involve a lot of speaking freely, however preparation is everything
  - Determine exact episode topic
  - Create episode script
  - Stick with the structure of a podcast

- → What should the listener take with him from this episode?
- → Do I have to prepare questions?
- → How can I sum up the topic?
- > How can I achieve audience interaction?



### The structure-how do I structure my podcast?



#### The structure-how do I structure my podcast?



- **Before starting with the actual topic:** 
  - Shortly introduce yourself
  - Shortly introduce the idea of the podcast
  - Shortly sum up what makes your podcast special
- If you want to you can also start with a quote, that fits to the show and always returns in each episode.
  - → Pitch = Self-marketing



#### Outlook

#### The structure-how do I structure my podcast?

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What will it be about?

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What will the listener learn from you?

Which exact problem will you solve for the audience?

What will the audience be able to do/know afterwards?

What will be the listeners benefit from listening?

- → With the outlook the listener knows, if the podcast will be of interest for him
- → Make the audience curious, but do not make any false promises

In this episode I will tell you, how you can...

Moreover, you will learn...

In the end you will get...



#### The structure-how do i structure my podcast?



#### **№ In this part it will be talked about the actual topic**

→ Per episode there should be exactly one topic, not multiple topics

#### **!** Episode script is important for the main part

- Mindmap with the most important points
- Questions, that should be asked
- → So that nothing is repeated or forgotten
- → Brings dynamic to the podcast

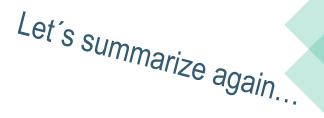




#### The structure-how do i structure my podcast?

#### **№ In this part everything will be summarized again**

- The most important aspects
- So that even the beginning of the podcast is back
- Listener can check, if everything is understood





#### The structure-how do i structure my podcast?

#### Draw attention to yourself and your podcast

- Where can more information to your podcast be found?
- Do you have a social media channel?
- How can you be reached?
- If you like, a small teaser, what will happen in the next episode

BUT: Preferably only one call to action per episode

Tune in again for the next

Visit my Facebook







#### **● OPTION 1**

- Condenser microphone via audio interface
- → Very high audio quality, but more sensitive to noise
- → connected via XLR
- Recording via computer software
- → Use for instance freeware, such as Audacity or Garage Band
- → Otherwise other software is also fine, such as **Audition**
- Use special microphones or microphones with the same type when recording with more than one person



#### **№ OPTION 2**

- USB Mikrophone
- → Connect directly via USB to computer
- Recording analogue to option 1



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#### **● OPTION 3**

- Connect microphone to smartphone or use the integrated microphone
- Cover microphone with pop shield
- Recording via app (e.g. Voice memo)
- If necessary put phone in flight mode to supress noise
- → Currently many smartphones are equipped with good microphones
- → Mobile and stationary recording possible





#### Always pay attention:

- Use a pop- or windshield for recording
- Use a quiet recording environment (if possible not to much reverb)
- Get cosy when recording, that makes it more relaxed
- If you say something wrong, record that part again
- Have fun!



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- ♣ A small DIY "Add-on" for Homerecordings
- "The microphone shield" for better sound

You need:

- 2 folders
- foam
- hot glue





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# The post-production

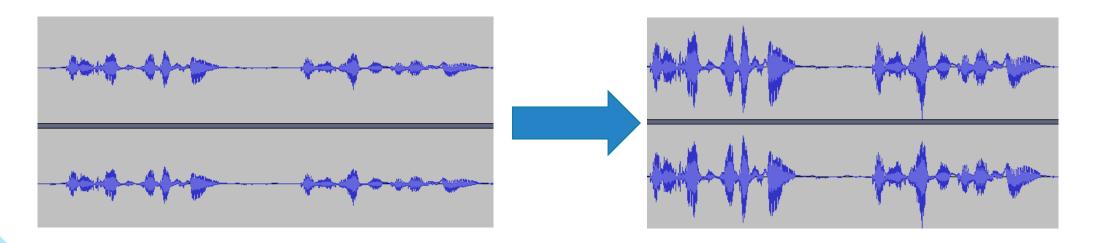
### The post-production

- Cut out parts that you do not like
- **<b>!** Cut out breaks inbetween
- Play jingle in the beginning and at the end
- Adjust sound quality
- **№** Match audio tracks to each other (e.g. in an interview)



#### The post-production-Cutting elements

#### **§** Use compressor



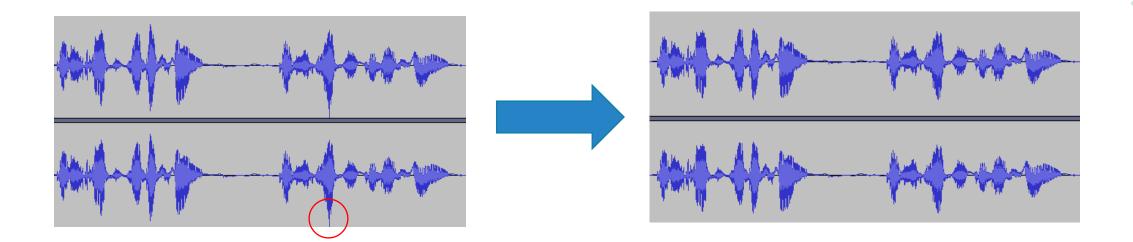
- Edits "dynamic range" of the recording (it will be "compressed")
  - → Difference between "loud" and "quiet" places in music or speech will be reduced



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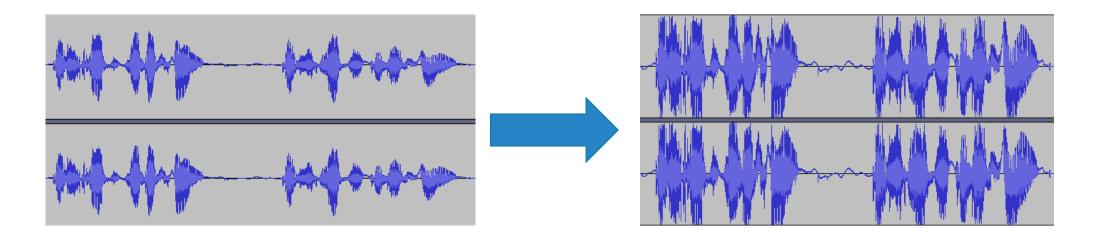
- Samples level peaks and cuts them out



#### The post-production-Cutting elements



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- Increasing the amplitude without overdriving
  - → Evens volume

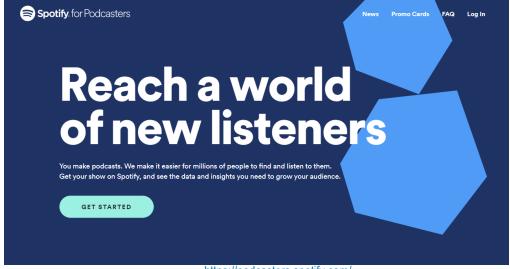






### The publishing

- Output file from software (e.g. as .mp3 or .wav)
- Chose podcast hosting platform and upload
  - e.g. Spotify for Podcasters, Soundcloud, Podcaster.de ...
- **§** Spread podcast
  - e.g. send out links, use Social Media channels
  - → Use podcast directories
  - → Raise awareness through cooperation with others



https://podcasters.spotify.com/







#### Feel free to check here for more information:

- https://www.mikrofon-test-podcast.de/
- **№ ZDF Tipps für deinen Podcast**
- Blogs verschiedener Podcaster
- <u>https://podcast-agentur-hamburg.de/</u>

