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## 5 reasons why your company should block access to social networks

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## \_Overview

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- > 5 critical factors to consider before the company allows or blocks access
- > Conclusions & Q&A



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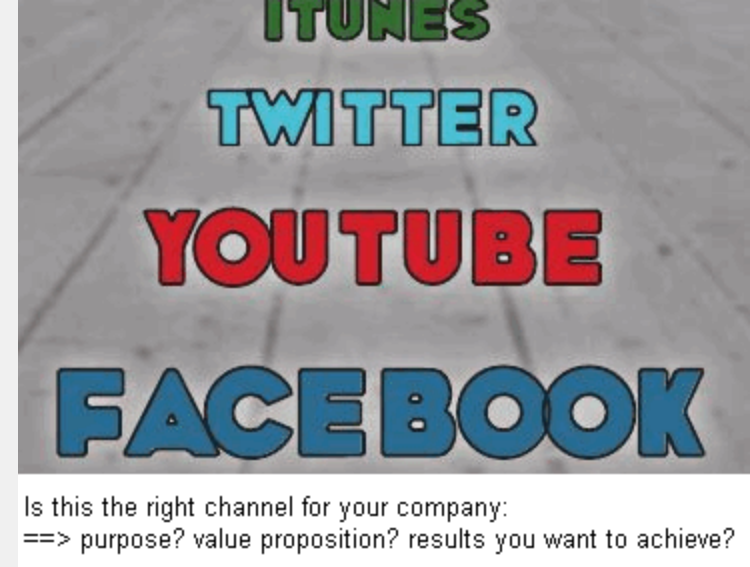
## \_Overview

> Goals for this webinar

- 1 Understand differences about social networks
- 2 Being able to answer the 5 critical questions ...



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## 1 What type of SM channels does the company use?

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| 1 Collaborative work | corporate blogs, wikis, etc.                                   |
| 2 Networking         | LinkedIn, Xing, Viadeo, etc.                                   |
| 3 Sharing info       | Twitter, Naijapulse, Identi.ca, YouTube, SlideShare, Vimeo, IM |
| 4 Socializing        | Facebook, Second Life  |

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## 2 How do the country's labor laws look at this challenge?

- 1 Actions/behaviors – things that are tolerated are permitted (e.g., phone calls)
- 2 If rules are established they must be applied (SM = 20 minutes a day)
- 3 If person violates rules or social media policy what are the consequences? <http://info.cytrap.eu/terms-privacy/sm-policy>

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### 3 Could resistance be futile?

- 1 How widely is social media used by the public?
- 2 How extensively do customers use social media?
- 3 Do customers reach out to employees via social media (e.g., Facebook message, Direct message on Twitter and SMS or eMail)?
- 4 Do employees reach out to customers via social media to foster better engagement?



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## 4 Can greater collaboration increase know-how?

- 1 Can the company learn from internal expertise (e.g., from wikis)?
- 2 Can the team learn from external expertise (e.g., joining groups on Xing)?
- 3 Will the team be quicker in spotting trends?

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## 5 What is the context – economy, culture & industry?

- 1 How affordable and prevalent is mobile Internet for employees
- 2 Does a government employee (e.g., tax inspector, unemployment counsellor) need to leave comments on „clients“ Facebook wall?
- 3 How important is SM in the construction business or will bricklayers start to update their Twitter status right from the construction site (is that a safety hazard)?

## \_Access versus blocking social networks

Poll – restricting access

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### > Goals for this webinar

1 Understand differences about social networks  
(Collaborative work, Networking, Sharing info, Socializing )

2 Being able to answer the 5 critical questions ...  
(SM channels, labor laws, futility of resistance, better know-how, context => matter)



## \_Conclusions

- Using 20 minutes for social media each day requires a lot of discipline
- Writing a comment on a customer's Facebook wall is the beginning of establishing a relationship
- Employees tend to find a way around rules, fewer is sometimes better



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