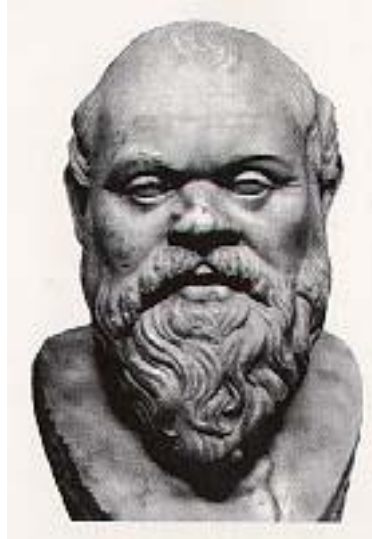


**International Masterclass Socratic Dialogue  
in Unconventional Settings  
3-5 July 2020, Ede (The Netherlands)**



Facilitated by Erik Boers & Kristof Van Rossem

**What?**

Learn how to:

- set up and lead a Socratic dialogue in small and in larger groups;
- facilitate long and short versions;
- be flexible and creative with the Socratic method;
- explore the levels of logos, pathos and ethos;
- use the liberal arts dialectics, rhetoric and grammar;
- articulate the theoretical background of the Socratic dialogue (epistemology, anthropology, logic and ethics);
- implement Socratic dialogues in unconventional settings;
- design Socratic exercises;
- develop your own style of facilitation.

**For whom?**

This seminar is meant for you when

- you are acquainted with the German tradition of Socratic Dialogue (Nelson/Heckmann);
- you are a facilitator of philosophical dialogues;

- you have followed a training course in SD facilitation;
- you are a researcher of Socratic Dialogues;
- you want to explore new ways of working with SD in organizations.

## **How?**

Preliminary Program :

### **Friday :**

10.00 : Welcome : introduction + questioning exercise in/and getting to know each other (Kristof + Erik)

12.30 : lunch

14.00 : essential requirements of questioning behavior : exercises in efficient and effective questioning (Kristof)

17.00 : break + dinner

20-22 : The 'midwife' attitude : exercises in suspending your judgement (Erik + Kristof)

### **Saturday :**

9.00 : Intro (Erik)

9.15-10u30 : full Socratic Dialogue : demonstration with observations (Erik)

10.30-10.50 : break

10.50 -12.30 : Exercise Socratic Dialogue one-on-one (Socratic Consultancy) : demonstration + observations (Kristof)

12.30 : lunch

14.00 : The Socratic style in questioning one person : exercises (Kristof)/Exploring short versions of Socratic Dialogues (Erik)

17.00 : break + dinner

20-22 : logic, epistemology, ethics and anthropology of the e Socratic Dialogue (Erik + Kristof)

### **Sunday :**

9.00 : The objectives of Socratic questioning : exercises (Kristof)

10.30 : Taking turns in facilitating SD : 2X 7 min. of facilitation with direct feedback on questioning behavior

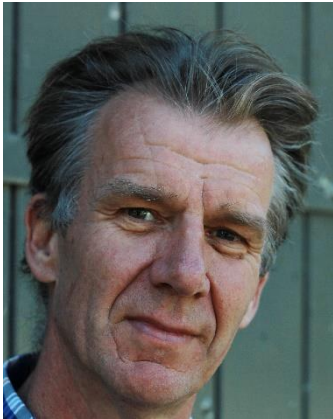
12.30 : lunch

14.00 : Taking turns in leading variants of SD in group (Kristof + Erik)

16.00 : back to everyday life : tips and tricks about special cases in organizations

17.00 : farewell drink

## Facilitators



Upon completing his studies in Philosophy and the Dutch language, **Erik Boers** (1960) decided to work in the area where philosophy and organisation intersect. He wished to provide structure for reflective conversation in the hectic reality of daily life. For that is his passion: conducting and facilitating interesting conversations; conversations which are relevant in an environment replete with special interests. For the past 25 years he has facilitated Socratic Dialogues for innumerable groups of professionals, individuals, management teams and boards of directors in profit and not-for-profit organisations. He is the author of several books and articles in this field. In spring 2020 his PhD thesis “From science to conscience; the Socratic Dialogue revisited” will be published.

Erik is member of the GSP (Gesellschaft für Sokratisches Philosophierens).

[www.hetnieuwetrivium.nl](http://www.hetnieuwetrivium.nl)



**Kristof Van Rossem** is Master in Science of religions and Master in philosophy. He works as an independent trainer in different organisational settings. He is specialized in the art of questioning and in applying variations of Socratic dialogue in reflection- and coaching processes. He is leading an annual training course in Socratic dialogue facilitation at the ISVW (International School for Philosophy - Leusden, the Netherlands). He is teacher in Business Ethics at Odisee University College of Brussels and he is teacher trainer in the department of philosophy of the University of Leuven.

[www.socraticdialogue.be](http://www.socraticdialogue.be)

**When?**

Date: 3, 4 & 5 July 2020

**Where?**

Location: The training takes place in Ede, The Netherlands. We stay in Akoesticum, a venue where musicians rehearse, close to the beautiful National Park Hoge Veluwe.

<https://www.akoesticum.org/en/>

**How much?**

Price:

€ 675,- excl. vat incl. accommodation when you enroll before the 1st of March 2020

€ 695,- excl. vat incl. accommodation when you enroll before the 1st of May

€ 725,- excl. vat incl. accommodation when you enroll after the 1st of May 2020

Minimum: 8 participants (one facilitator)

maximum: 20 participants

**How to enroll?**

Send an e-mail to [info@hetnieuwetrivium.nl](mailto:info@hetnieuwetrivium.nl) with your contact details

**Background Literature:**

*From Science to Conscience; the Socratic Dialogue revisited* by Erik Boers (2020)

*How to lead a Socratic Dialogue* by Kristof van Rossem in: Detlef Staude & Eckart Ruschmann eds. *Understanding the other and oneself* (2018)

*Free Space: Field Guide to Conversations* by Jos Kessels, Erik Boers & Pieter Mostert (2009)

*Socratic Dialogue and Ethics* by J.P. Brune & D. Krohn Eds. (2005)