



### Nice to meet you!

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#### Support Ukraine!

https://bank.gov.ua/ua/about/support-thearmed-forces



### DataArt Finding corporate culture through the wires of remote work

New York USA London UK Munich Germany Zug Switzerland

### Remote explosion in numbers

2022 **25%** 

**Remote employees** away from a location with an office 281

Locations across the world 1+ colleague

Before 2020 20%

**Fully remote** 80% visit office 2-3 times a week 2020 (COVID) 100% Remote + Work from home

Just like everybody else





1+ colleague

# 2021 (COVID) 75%

#### **Remote + work from home**

15% average attendance of offices according to COVID policies

### Problem statement

- Most of processes became ineffective: admin, PR&comms, HR, legal, infosec, compliance, L&D,
  - talent management etc.
- Availability of people and their collaboration: no electricity, personal matters require constant disengagement from work)
- New locations and time zones •
- Health and safety: bomb shelters, evacuations, medical insurance does not work properly •



### Problem statement

- Teams do not have a perspective when they will see each other
- Some people left: joined the Ukrainian army, decided to stay in Russia, guit after relocation)
- Loneliness in new locations, stress and absence of known routines
- Disengagement in communications: do not read mail, chats, do not participate in online events
- Mental health problems and emotionally charged reactions
- High demands from employer in care and ethics





# Shall we drag everyone to the office? Nooooooo!

#### No office, but what do we have left?

- Values. Different cultures, different backgrounds, same values
- **Global EVP and employee experience**
- Neutral topic based on interests (fits everyone, no conflict, diverse). Geek culture for IT
- Motto (both internal/external communications) At DataArt: "Stay True"
- Network of friends, strong human relationship with colleagues and clients
- **Distributed teams**
- United brand and marketing team



# Shine bright like a diamond!



Rihanna

Become a stable pillar of support in life while people have no support from the Government, society and quite often even family and friends

DataArt

## So who is a virtual employer?

- 1. Job security (performance, reviews, recognition, feedback)
- 2. Infrastructure (cloud services, devices, infosec, compliance)
- 3. Processes (asynchronic vs live)
- 4. Managers who work on remote
- 5. Development and growth
- 6. Learning and certifications
- 7. Wellbeing and health programs
- 8. Cultural integration: online events, comms, DEIB, sustainability, corporate volunteering





# Corporate culture promo tools

### Values based EVP and employee experience

#### People first

- + Long-term partnership approach
- + Your professionalism and personal qualities matter, your look does not
- + Minimum bureaucracy
- + Flex hours and work from home
- + Market compensation
- + Comfortable office
- + Sick leaves and med insurance
- + Well-organized system of admin services

#### Flexibility

- + Work contract with DA. not project based employment
- + Flat structure
- + Minimum rules
- + Rules and policies change with context, values stay the same
- + Easy movement among offices and relocation opportunities

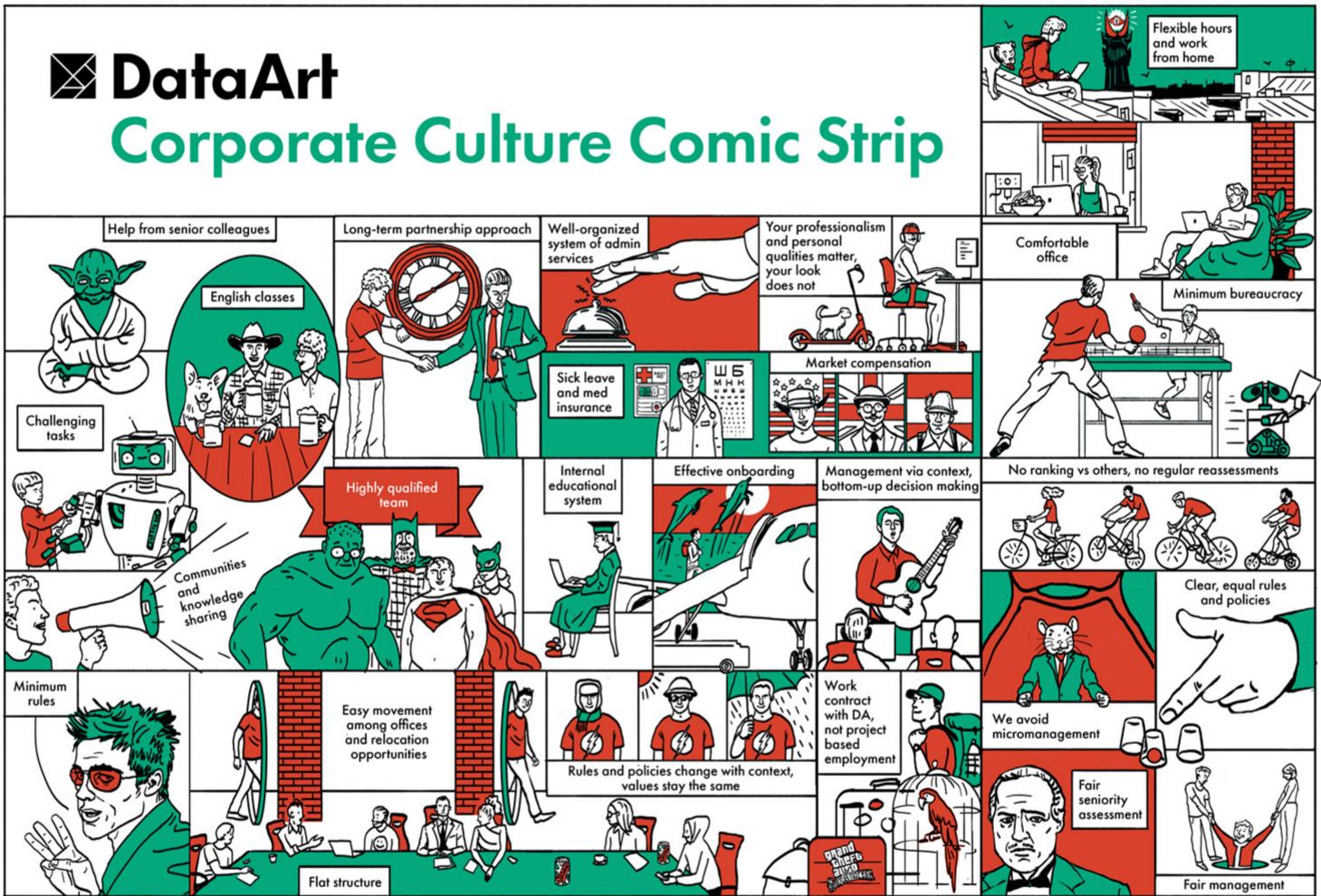
#### Expertise

- + Highly qualified team
- + Challenging tasks
- + Help from senior colleagues
- + Internal educational system
- + English classes
- + Communities and knowledge sharing
- + Effective onboarding



#### Trust

- + Management via context, bottom-up decision making
- + We avoid micromanagement
- + Clear equal rules and policies
- + No ranking vs others, no regular reassessments
- + Fair seniority assessment
- + Fair management



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## VALUES: people first

- 1. People need job security
- 2. People-centric decision making
- 3. Be human in comms
- 4. Be the adult in the room
- 5. Do not overpromise



Commitment to people We believe that people are free and responsible individuals, and our mission is to learn how to cooperate and use the potential of each person to achieve the best results.

### Reuse, recycle, upcycle

- Brand ambassadors program. People move across the globe and become the best brand awareness distributors
- User generated **content** for Social networks (80 ppl Insta crew, speakers and authors)
- Helpline and wellbeing (we take care of colleagues and their wellbeing even if we've never met in person). Work/life balance is in our DNA, flexible hours and locations
- Mix of **online + offline** formats (most of initiatives are planned both in online and offline formats
- Alumni and referral
- Proactive and regular **communications** (global and local): town halls, meetings with Heads of Locations
- Informal ties among colleagues (communities, speakers travelling for conferences to different offices, hobby clubs, newcomers and relocants)
- Accessible management (regular AMA and couch meetings, regular visits to different locations, active management on social media)
- Cross-office teams of back office for unified employee experience





# Sum up

#### The wires are my veins!

- Wires is the new default
- Remote will not save you money
- Employee experience is King: same standard regardless of the location
- Max reuse of existing instruments (no budget)
- Image preservation
- Peer-to-peer connection preservation
- **Preservation of trust towards DataArt**
- Become remote from the top down



